

2. The acts and conduct of Cascade County Commissioners James L. Larson and Joe Briggs alleged herein were undertaken in the ostensible course and scope of their office as Cascade County Commissioners.
3. The County of Cascade, Montana, is a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Montana existing in Cascade County, Montana.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The alleged actions and conduct occurred in Cascade County, Montana.
5. This Court has jurisdiction under Sections 2-3-114 and 2-3-213, MCA, and Article II, Section 8 of the Montana Constitution.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

6. On information and belief, agendas for regular and special Commission meetings are required to be posted at least 48 hours before the scheduled meetings. Supporting documents are required to be posted at the same time as the agenda, but this did not always happen for Solid Waste meetings in September and October 2024.
7. Under Section 7-1-2121, MCA, Public Hearings require a Notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, two times, with at least 6 days separating each publication and includes publication of an agenda under Section 2-3-103, MCA. This did not occur for Solid Waste meetings in September and October 2024.
8. The Board of Cascade County Commissioners created a Special Improvement District for Refuse Disposal known as the Cascade Rural Solid Waste District on April 2, 1971, via Resolution recorded as 37240 with the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder. The procedure for creating said district required publication of notice to the public, a protest time period, and a Public Hearing. *Exhibit A: Resolution of Creation.*

9. The District costs shall be met by an assessment levied upon each user of the collection services provided by the County under Section 7-11-1025, MCA. On information and belief, said assessments are placed on the property owner's tax bill.
10. Cascade County Commissioners assumed the duties as the governing body for the Cascade County Solid Waste District on November 27, 2007. *Exhibit B: Resolution 12-60.*
11. The last time the Board of County Commissioners lawfully increased the special assessments was via Resolution 12-60 on August 31, 2012, recording number R0259754 CRS with the Cascade County Clerk and Recorder dated September 7, 2012. *Exhibit B: Resolution 12-60.*
 - a. The increase in assessments complied with Section 7-11-1025, MCA requiring a notice of the proposed increase in the solid waste disposal fees published on August 19 and August 26, 2012, informing the public that the proposed assessments were available for review at the office of County Commissioners and that a public hearing on the proposed assessments would be held on August 31, 2012.
 - b. A public hearing on the proposed increase was held on August 31, 2012, for the period of July 1, 2012, to June 20, 2013, setting the fees for the District according to the fee schedule in Attachment A to Resolution 12-60.
 - c. The fee schedule lists approximately 57 different codes, each with a distinct assessment dollar amount.

- d. The process of increasing assessments was done in conjunction with the County's general budgeting process as authorized by Section 7-11-1025(6), MCA.
12. On July 17, 2024, Cascade County Commissioners held a meeting titled "Discussion on Solid Waste Program." On July 26, 2024, Cascade County Commissioners held a meeting titled "Discussion on solid Waste Price Increases." On information and belief, neither meeting was properly noticed with an agenda and no minutes were taken. Therefore, no Public Comment was allowed. *Exhibit C: Main Calendar website screenshot.*
13. During a Special Meeting on September 5, 2024, Cascade County Commissioners adopted the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual budget. *Exhibit D: September 5, 2024, Agenda.*
 - a. During the public comment period of the meeting, Petitioner stated there is more to the Special Assessment District process that was not conducted during the budget process and recommended not including the overall budget assessment increase. *Exhibit E: Cascade County Commission September 5, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device); and hereinafter referred to as "Official Records of September 5, 2024, Meeting."*
 - b. The Solid Waste Fund budget stated a 50% increase to the Rural Special Assessment District (RSID) revenue; said increase totaled an additional \$575,000 to be imposed on rural Cascade County property owners/taxpayers. *Exhibit F: September 5th CFO Solid Waste figures.*

- c. During the Commission discussion, Commissioner Larson stated that a Special meeting would be held in September to further address the Solid Waste program. *Exhibit E: Official Records of September 5, 2024, Meeting, Minutes @ approximately 1:19:00 time stamp on audio recording.*
 - d. The vote was 2-1, with Commissioners Larson and Briggs voting for Resolution 24-37 adopting the budget. Commissioner Grulkowski voted against it.
Exhibit G: Resolution 24-37.
14. On September 19, 2024, a Special Meeting was held at 6:30 pm. The first item on the agenda was “Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program.” The second item on the agenda was “Resolution 24-39: A resolution for User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increase for the Cascade County Dump Sites.” *Exhibit H: September 19, 2024, Agenda.*
- a. On information and belief, no supporting documentation was made available to the public at the time of the agenda posting.
 - b. During Public Comment, Petitioner again advised the Commission that the proper process was not being followed and read aloud portions of Section 7-11-1025, MCA, to reinforce her statements. *Exhibit I: Cascade County Commission September 19, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device); and hereinafter referred to as “Official Records of September 19, 2024, Meeting.”*
 - c. Petitioner’s reading of the statute to the Commission included the Notice and publication provisions required to be performed prior to the Public Hearing for

Assessments, none of which were done prior to this meeting in compliance with Section 7-1-2121, MCA. *Exhibit I: Official Records of September 19, 2024, Meeting.*

- d. Commissioners Larson and Briggs ultimately approved Resolution 24-39 (R0461109), increasing the Solid Waste Fee from \$120 a year to \$175 a year for all county residents that own property and/or businesses outside of the City of Great Falls, Black Eagle, the town of Belt and the Town of Cascade and to adjust User Fees per Exhibit A to the resolution. Commissioner Grulkowski voted against it. *Exhibit J: Resolution 24-39.*
15. On October 3, 2024, Cascade County Commissioners held another Special Meeting at 10:00 am. An agenda was posted 48 hours prior to the meeting, stating: “Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program” again. The second item was “Resolution 24-43: A resolution amending Resolution 24-39, R0461109, clarifying the User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites.” *Exhibit K: October 3, 2024 Agenda.*
- a. Again, on information and belief, no supporting documentation was made available to the public at the time of the agenda posting.
 - b. Petitioner spoke again, explaining the process for Special Assessments and that this Resolution did not comply with Section 7-11-1025, MCA, which clearly outlines the process for establishing the rates for the Cascade County Rural Solid Waste District rates. *Exhibit L: Cascade County Commission October 3, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial*

meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device).

- c. Again, on information and belief, no prior notice and publication provisions were performed, and no public hearing for assessments was held at this meeting.
- d. Ultimately, Commissioners Larson and Briggs approved a 45% increase over the Fiscal Year 2013 rates for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great Falls and the city limits of Belt, as listed in Exhibit B to the resolution. Additionally, the User Fee increase schedule was adopted as Exhibit A to the resolution. Commissioner Grulkowski voted against it. The final version of Resolution 24-43 was completed after the meeting. *Exhibit M: Resolution 24-43.*

CONCLUSION

- 16. On July 17, 2024, and July 26, 2024, Cascade County Commissioners violated the State of Montana open meetings laws and public participation laws by failing to properly notice the meetings held to discuss the Solid Waste Program.
- 17. The September 5, 2024, meeting adopted the final Fiscal Year Budget for 2025 but failed to properly increase the Cascade County Rural Solid Waste District Special Assessments by separate resolution.
- 18. The subsequent meeting held on September 19, 2024, also failed to properly increase the Special Assessments, failed to give proper notice to the public, failed to incorporate a Public Hearing as required by statute, and was conducted after the Annual Budget

deadline to submit to the Special Assessments to the Department of Revenue to be included on the property tax bills.

19. The final meeting held on October 3, 2024, again failed to properly increase the Special Assessments, failed to give proper notice to the public, failed to incorporate a Public Hearing as required by statute, and was conducted after the Annual Budget deadline to submit to the Special Assessments to the Department of Revenue to be included on the property tax bills.
20. Property Tax bills are typically mailed to taxpayers by the end of October, with a deadline of November 30th for payment submittal to the County Treasurer.
21. Cascade County property tax bills include the Solid Waste Special Assessment charges.
22. On October 29, 2024, the Cascade County Treasurer announced publicly to Jenn Rowell of The Electric that Cascade County Property Tax bill mailing will be substantially delayed. The payment deadline will be adjusted accordingly. *Exhibit N: October 29, 20204, article The Electric.*

COUNT ONE

Violation of Article II, Section 8 of the Montana Constitution

23. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 22 by reference as if fully set forth herein.
24. Article II, Section 8 of the Montana Constitution provides that “The public has the right to expect governmental agencies to afford such reasonable opportunity for citizen participation in the operation of the agencies prior to the final decision as may be provided by law.”

25. Cascade County Commission failed to provide proper notice of public meetings and public hearings, failed to properly inform the public of their proposed intent, and failed to allow public hearing participation in all matters regarding the Solid Waste Special Assessment Increase.
26. The Right of Participation is fundamental, and public policy favors that Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43 be held null and void.

COUNT TWO

Injunctive Relief Under MCA Section 2-3-114

27. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 26 by reference as if fully set forth herein.
28. Section 2-3-114, MCA states, “The district courts of the state have jurisdiction to set aside an agency decision under this part upon petition of any person whose rights have been prejudiced. A petition under this section must be filed within 30 days of the date on which the person learns, or reasonably should have learned, of the agency’s decision.”
29. Cascade County Commissioners Larson and Briggs violated Section 7-6-4013, MCA, Fees for Service – Hearing and Resolution by failing to properly notice and subsequently hold a Public Hearing as required by Section 7-1-2121, MCA.
30. Cascade County Commissioners Larson and Briggs violated Section 7-11-1025, MCA, Notice of Resolution for Assessment regarding Solid Waste District Assessments by failing to properly notice and subsequently hold a Public Hearing as required by Section 7-1-2121, MCA.
31. Under Section 2-3-114, MCA, the Court should set aside Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43.

COUNT THREE

Void Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43 Under Section 2-3-213, MCA

32. Petitioner re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs 1 through 31 by reference as if fully set forth herein.
33. Section 2-3-213, MCA provides that “Any decision made in violation of Section 2-3-203, MCA, may be declared void by a district court having jurisdiction. A suit to void a decision must be commenced within 30 days of the date on which the plaintiff or petitioner learns, or reasonably should have learned, of the agency’s decision.”
34. Cascade County Commission failed to provide proper notice of meetings, failed to allow public participation, and failed to properly record their proceedings regarding the Solid Waste Special Assessment Increase, specifically regarding the July 17, 2024, and the July 26, 2024, meetings.
35. Under Section 2-3-213, MCA, the court should Void Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43.

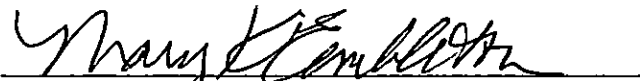
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, Mary K. Embleton, prays for relief as follows:

1. For the Court to set aside Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43 as allowed by MCA Section 2-3-114.
2. For the Court to VOID Resolutions 24-39 and 24-43 as allowed by MCA Section 2-3-213.
3. For the Court to restore the Solid Waste Assessments to the level established by Resolution 12-60.
4. For the Court to issue a decision before the issuance of the 2024 Property Tax bills being mailed to rural county property taxpayers.

5. For the Court to order the Cascade County Treasurer to issue refunds in the amounts of the increase only to any and all property owners who may have paid the increased Solid Waste District Special Assessment on their 2024 Property Tax bill.
6. For the Court to assess such reasonable costs as prescribed by Section 2-3-114(2), MCA, “A person alleging a deprivation of rights who prevails in an action brought in district court to enforce the person’s rights under Article II, Section 8 of the Montana constitution may be awarded costs ...”
7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of November 2024.


Mary K. Emberton, Petitioner Pro Se

State of Montana)
County of Cascade) : SS

Mary K. Embleton, being first duly sworn, upon oath, deposes and says as follows: I am the Petitioner in the foregoing Petition. I have read the foregoing Petition, and the facts of the matter contained herein are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mary K. Embleton
Mary K. Embleton, Petitioner Pro Se

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 4th day of November, 2024.



Kali Meadors
(Signature of notary public)

List of Exhibits to Petition:

Exhibit A: Resolution of Creation of a Special Improvement District for Refuse Disposal, Cascade County, Montana; Number 37240 dated April 2, 1971.

Exhibit B: Resolution 12-60 a Resolution Increasing the Fees of the Cascade County Rural Solid Waste District dated August 31, 2012.

Exhibit C: Main Calendar website screenshot from Cascade County's official website showing July 17, 2024, and July 26, 2024, meetings regarding Solid Waste, but no agenda.

Exhibit D: September 5, 2024, Agenda for Special Commission Meeting listing a Public Hearing and 4 resolutions; Proof of Publication; No notice or action is listed for the Solid Waste District.

Exhibit E: Cascade County Commission September 5, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device. Draft minutes of the September 5, 2024, meeting show the time stamps of each action taken and each speaker's statements; The Public Hearing was closed at the beginning of the meeting, followed by a Public Comment period. These minutes were subsequently approved at the September 25, 2024, meeting.

Exhibit E [short form]: Official Records of September 5, 2024, Meeting.

Exhibit F: September 5th CFO Solid Waste budget figures. Two pages of the documents submitted by the Chief Financial Officer at the September 5, 2024, meeting listing information regarding the Solid Waste District budget; No additional details were provided and the figures submitted were a simple calculation of increasing the prior year's revenue budget estimate by 50%.

Exhibit G: Resolution 24-37 In the Matter of Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Formalizes completion of the Budget process dated September 5, 2024.

Exhibit H: September 19, 2024, Agenda for a Special Meeting listing a discussion of the Solid Waste program followed by action on Resolution 24-39: A resolution for solid waste fee increases; No Public Hearing is listed, and no supporting documents were posted 48 hours prior to the meeting as required.

Exhibit I: Cascade County Commission September 19, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device). Draft minutes of the September 19, 2024, meeting show the time stamps of each action taken and each speaker's statements. These minutes were subsequently approved at the October 8, 2024, meeting.

Exhibit I [short form]: Official Records of September 19, 2024, Meeting.

Exhibit J: Resolution 24-39 In the Matter of User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites approved at the September 19, 2024, meeting, which is after Final Budget adoption; There is no reference to either statute that governs increases for Fees per MCA Section 7-6-4013 or Assessments per MCA Section 7-11-1025, both of which require a Public Hearing process.

Exhibit K: October 3, 2024, Agenda for Special Meeting listing another discussion of the Solid Waste program followed by action on Resolution 24-43: A resolution amending Resolution 24-39 clarifying the solid waste fee increases; No Public Hearing is listed, and no supporting documents were posted 48 hours prior to the meeting as required once again.

Exhibit L: Cascade County Commission October 3, 2024, Official Meeting Records, including draft meeting minutes, partial meeting transcript, and audio recording of meeting (separately submitted to this Court on a USB device). Draft minutes of the October 3, 2024, meeting showing the time stamps of each action taken and each speaker's statements. These minutes were subsequently approved at the October 22, 2024, meeting.

Exhibit M: Resolution 24-43 In the Matter of Amending Resolution 24-39 Clarifying User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites, approved at the October 3, 2024, meeting; Again, there is no reference to either statute that governs increases for Fees per Section 7-6-4013, MCA, or increases for Assessments per Section 7-11-1025, MCA, both of which require a Public Hearing process.

Exhibit N: October 29, 2024, article from The Electric showing statements made by Cascade County Treasurer Diane Heikkila that the 2024 Property Tax bills will be substantially delayed.

EXHIBIT A

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

CASCADE COUNTY,

STATE OF MONTANA.

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4) RESOLUTION OF CREATION
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6 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cascade County has
7 determined that it is necessary to provide for the creation of a
8 refuse disposal district in Cascade County, Montana to control
9 storage, collection and disposal of refuse, and,

10 WHEREAS, a resolution of intention to create such a district
11 co-extensive with the boundaries of Cascade County and including all
12 territory within said boundaries, except the incorporated cities and
13 towns of Belt, Cascade, Great Falls and Neihart has been published
14 for ten (10) consecutive days in a daily newspaper of general circula-
15 tion within said Cascade County and has been posted within the said
16 Cascade County in three public places and has been transmitted to
17 the executive heads of incorporated cities and towns within the
18 proposed district for consideration by the respective city or town
19 councils; and

20 WHEREAS, said notice described the general characteristics of
21 the collection system with the estimated costs, and designated a
22 time when and a place where the Commissioners would hear and pass,
23 upon all protests that may have been made against the maintenance
24 and operation of the said district, and

25 WHEREAS, the said notice was published beginning July 29, 1970,
26 stated that all property owners could file written protests to the
27 creation of the said district with the Cascade County Clerk &
28 Recorder on or before August 28, 1970 at five o'clock P.M. and
29 stated that a public hearing would be held on September 4, 1970 at
30 the District courtroom in the City of Great Falls, Montana to
31 determine the sufficiency of such protests, and

32 WHEREAS, very few protests were received by the Clerk and

1 Recorder prior to the deadline date and very few protestants
2 appeared at the hearing which was held on September 4, 1970 in the
3 District Courtroom at the Court House in Great Falls, Montana, and

4 WHEREAS, protests were not made by the owners of more than
5 fifty percent of the family units as defined by Section 69-6005,
6 R. C. M., 1947 as amended, and

7 WHEREAS, the Commissioners have found that the protests are
8 insufficient to terminate proceedings to create the said district
9 and that therefore, they have acquired jurisdiction to order
10 improvements under Section 69-6006, R. C. M. 1947, as amended, and

11 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cascade County, Montana
12 has conformed with the mandates of Sections 69-6001 to 69-6011, R.
13 C. M. 1947 as amended in other particulars preparatory and prior
14 to the creation of a refuse disposal district as described herein,
15 and it is the desire and intention of the said Board of County
16 Commissioners to create a refuse disposal district under the terms
17 of Section 69-6006 R. C. M., 1947 as amended,

18 NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by The Board Of
19 Commissioners Of Cascade County, State Of Montana, as follows:

- 20 1. A refuse disposal district, to be known as the CASCADE
21 RURAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, be and it hereby is,
22 created and established.
- 23 2. A Board of Directors be, and it hereby is established to
24 govern the CASCADE COUNTY RURAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT. The
25 Board of Directors shall consist of the City-County Board
26 of Health of Cascade County, Montana.
- 27 3. The boundaries of the Cascade County Rural Solid Waste
28 District shall be the same as the boundaries of Cascade
29 County, Montana as those boundaries are defined from
30 time to time in the Revised Codes of Montana and
31 shall exclude the areas defined by the boundaries of
32 the incorporated cities and towns of Belt, Cascade, Great
Falls and Neihart, as those boundaries are from time to
time designated. These incorporated cities and towns
may be included within the CASCADE COUNTY RURAL SOLID
WASTE DISTRICT upon resolution of their respective
councils and a transmission of the said resolution to
the Board of County Commissioners and upon publication
of a resolution of intention and of the concurrence
therein by the said city or town council according to
the statutes in such cases made and provided.

- 1 4. The collection service of the District shall be
2 scheduled and accomplished as the Board of Directors
3 may from time to time determine; when disposal sites
4 are not reasonably accessible, refuse shall be
5 disposed in bulk storage facilities.
- 6 5. The cost of the services provided by the district
7 shall be met by an assessment levied upon each
8 household within the district at a rate of from
9 75¢ to \$1.85 per household per month; as such
10 assessment shall be required; an adjustment for
11 business firms will be made by the Board of Directors
12 based on volume of waste produced; this assessment
13 shall be used to defray the cost of maintenance and
14 operation of the district, and the initial cost of
15 purchasing land and equipment; that portion of the
16 fee used to defray the initial cost of purchasing
17 land and equipment shall be applied in equal
18 installments over a period not to exceed twenty years.
- 19 6. In case the Board of Directors should establish a
20 program for disposal of refuse only, those who
21 utilize such a program and do not participate in both
22 collection and disposal services, shall be assessed
23 at a rate not to exceed one-half of the fee for both
24 collection and disposal of a party similarly situated.

25 Done and dated this 2nd day of April, 1971

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

BY: [Signature]
BY: [Signature]
BY: [Signature]

ATTEST: [Signature]

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STATE OF MONTANA, } ss.
County of Cascade.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office on
MAY 28 1971

Date
at 10:15 o'clock a M.

J. L. LENNON
County Clerk and Recorder.

By *J. L. Lennon*
Deputy

No fee

EXHIBIT B

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**RESOLUTION INCREASING THE
FEES OF THE CASCADE COUNTY
RURAL SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

**RETURN TO COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 12-60**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Section 7-1-203, MCA, the Board of Cascade County Commissioners (Commissioners) assumed the duties as the governing body for the Cascade County Solid Waste District on November 27, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the services is met by an assessment upon each individual household and business within the District, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners may assess costs of running the District based upon the character, kind, and quality of services, taking into consideration the nature of the property or entity assessed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA Section 7-11-1025, the Commissioners must annually estimate the cost of operating the County Solid Waste District and adopt a resolution specifying the total Solid Waste District assessment, in an amount equal to the annual cost of the program, and

WHEREAS, notice of a proposed 33.3% increase in the solid waste disposal fees was published on August 19 and August 26, 2012, informing the public that the proposed assessments were available for review at the office of the County Commissioners, 325 2nd N., Great Falls, MT 59401, and that a public hearing on the proposed assessments would be held on August 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is Commissioners' intent to conduct the review of the increase in solid waste assessments in conjunction with the County's general budgeting process, as authorized by MCA Section 7-11-1025(6), and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 31, 2012, to consider objections to the adoption of a resolution finalizing the proposed increases in solid waste fee assessments, and

WHEREAS, after evaluating the data presented by staff and at the public hearing the Commissioners believe that the fees set forth at Attachment A are necessary and appropriate,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County, Montana, that the fees of the Cascade County Rural

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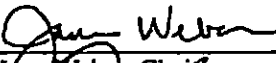
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Solid Waste District for the period July 1, 2012 to June 20, 2013 shall be set according to the fee schedule at Attachment A.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CASCADE COUNTY



Jane Weber, Chairman



Joe Briggs, Commissioner



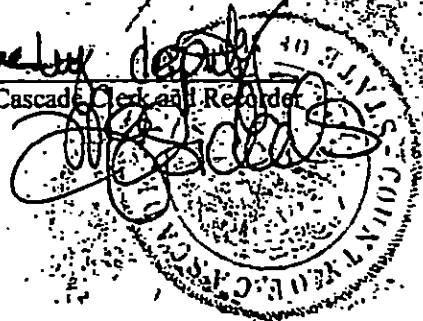
Bill Salina, Commissioner

ATTEST

On this 1st day of Sept, 2012, I hereby attest the above-written signatures of the Cascade County Commissioners.



Rina Fontana Moore, Cascade Clerk and Recorder



Current Code	Description	Current Charge	FY2013 33%	FY2013
			Unit Increase Increase	New Unit Rate
101	Cabin	30.00	10.00	40.00
201	Two Cabins	45.00	15.00	60.00
202	Small Clubs	45.00	15.00	60.00
204	Low Income	45.00	15.00	60.00
205	Post Office	45.00	15.00	60.00
206	Church	45.00	15.00	60.00
207	6 months only house	45.00	15.00	60.00
301	Regular House	90.00	30.00	120.00
302	Trailer House	90.00	30.00	120.00
304	Small Office	90.00	30.00	120.00
402	House & Post Office	135.00	45.00	180.00
403	Church & Parsonage	135.00	45.00	180.00
404	House & Low Income House	135.00	45.00	180.00
405	House & 2 Cabins	150.00	50.00	200.00
501	Two Houses or 2 Small Offices	180.00	59.00	239.00
502	Two Trailers	180.00	59.00	239.00
503	House & Small Office	180.00	59.00	239.00
505	House & Trailer	180.00	59.00	239.00
508	House & 5 Motel Units	180.00	59.00	239.00
509	Commerical Business	180.00	59.00	239.00
511	Vet Clinic	180.00	59.00	239.00
513	Equipment Company	180.00	59.00	239.00
514	Serv Station/ Garage/Junk Yard	180.00	59.00	239.00
515	Lumber Company	180.00	59.00	239.00
516	Packing Plant or Feedlot	180.00	59.00	239.00
517	Radio or Television Station	180.00	59.00	239.00
520	Cascade Industrial Properties	180.00	59.00	239.00
802	Two Units	180.00	59.00	239.00
9901	School District #85	268.00	88.00	356.00
701	Three Houses	270.00	89.00	359.00
705	Three Apartments	270.00	89.00	359.00
708	House & Commerical Business	270.00	89.00	359.00
709	House & Vet Clinic	270.00	89.00	359.00
717	Car Dealer	270.00	89.00	359.00
719	Bar	270.00	89.00	359.00
720	Restaurant or Café	270.00	89.00	359.00
721	Trucking Company	270.00	89.00	359.00
722	Const/MFGT/ or DOR Industrial	270.00	89.00	359.00
723	Grocery/Butcher/Mini Mart	270.00	89.00	359.00
724	Wholesale Store	270.00	89.00	359.00
803	Three Units	270.00	89.00	359.00
804	One House three Apartments	360.00	119.00	479.00

904	Motel with 20 Units	360.00	119.00	479.00
9902	School District #5 & #74	402.00	133.00	535.00
805	Five Units	450.00	149.00	599.00
806	Six Units	540.00	178.00	718.00
811	Bar & Café/Bar&Store/Bar&Rest	540.00	178.00	718.00
807	Seven Units	630.00	208.00	838.00
810	House/Bar&Café, Bar&Rest	630.00	208.00	838.00
808	One House & Construction Company	720.00	238.00	958.00
9904	St of MT, Sun River School	1,074.00	354.00	1,428.00
9905	School District #3	1,209.00	399.00	1,608.00
9906	Pleasant Valley Colony	1,253.00	413.00	1,666.00
9910	Quiet Day Manor	1,727.00	570.00	2,297.00
9907	Big Stone & Fairhaven Colony	1,879.00	620.00	2,499.00
9908	Cascade Colony	2,148.00	709.00	2,857.00
9909	Smith Loren, D	2,207.00	728.00	2,935.00
	Out of District Permits	110.00	36.00	146.00
	Pay per punch	2.50	1.00	3.50

EXHIBIT C

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EXHIBIT D

Cascade County
Special Commission Meeting
September 5, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m.
Commission Chambers, Room 105
325 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT

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Call to Order

Chair James Larson

Pledge of Allegiance

Close Budget Hearing for FY2025 Proposed Budget

Public Hearing

Resolution 24-35: Resolution Establishing FY 2024/2025 Elected Officials' Salaries

Resolution 24-36: Rural Lighting Districts Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Resolution 24-37: Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Resolution 24-38: Setting of Cascade County Tax Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

1. Motion to Approve or Disapprove

Resolution 24-35: Resolution Establishing FY 2024/2025 Elected Officials' Salaries

2. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 24-36: Rural Lighting Districts Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

3. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 24-37: Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025

4. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:

Resolution 24-38: Setting of Cascade County Tax Mill Levies - Fiscal Year 2024/2025

5. Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)

6. Adjournment

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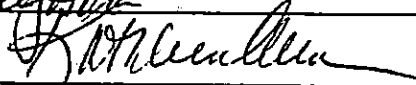
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Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget Hearings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County, Montana, has completed the proposed Budget for Cascade County, Montana for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and said budget will be placed on file in the County Commission office located at the Courthouse Annex, 325 Second Avenue North, Room 111, Great Falls, Montana and be open for inspection during regular business hours, commencing Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The Public Hearing will open on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue from day to day through Thursday, September 5, 2024. During this time any taxpayer may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget, prior to the time of fixing tax levies and setting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Public Hearing is for all funds, including, but not limited to:

County-Wide Mill Levied Funds
County Road & Reserves Mill Levied Funds
County Rural Mill Levied Funds
Permissive Medical Levied Funds
Sheriff Retirement System Mills
Lighting Maintenance Districts

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Room 111, Courthouse Annex, 325 Second Avenue North, Great Falls, Montana to conclude the Public Hearing, and take appropriate action to adopt the Cascade County Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and fix the tax levies.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

James L. Larson, Chair
Joe Briggs, Commissioner
Rae Grulkowski, Commissioner
#10479017 August 18, 25, 2024 MNAXLP

EXHIBIT E

CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 5, 2024
CHAMBERS MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM
10:30 AM

Commission Journal #64

Notice: Pursuant to MCA 2-3-212(1), the official record of the minutes of the meeting is in audio form, located at cascadecountymt.gov and the Clerk and Recorders Office. This is a written record of the meeting to reflect all the proceeding of the Board. MCA 7-2-2611 (2) (b). Timestamps are indicated below, in red, and will direct you to the precise location should you wish to review a specific agenda item audio segment. This written record is in draft form until officially approved on September 24, 2024.

Cascade County Commission: Commissioner Jim Larson, Commissioner Joe Briggs, and Commissioner Rae Grulkowski
Staff: Trista Besich, Carey Ann Haight, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marion Kieckbusch
Public Attendance: Richard Irving, Diane Brien, Cynthia Fike, Mary Embleton, Jenn Gallmeier, James J. Fenner, Mark Winters, and Brooke Winters
Zoom Attendees: April McLean, DH, John John, Mandy Grams, None Ya, The Electric, Guest, Dv, Terry Thompson, Guest, Guest,

Chairman Larson announced the special meeting item of business. 00:20

Close Budget Hearing for FY2025 Proposed Budget

Chairman Larson closed the recess from the August 26, 2024, Public Hearing at 10:34 a.m.

Public Comment on the Proposed Budget

Mark Winters spoke. 02:51 (See Exhibit A)

Comments by the Commission. 11:17-22:42

Mary Embleton spoke. 25:01

Comments by the Commission. 28:44-41:00

James Fenner spoke. 41:19

Close to the Public Hearing:

Chairman Larson closed the Public Hearing at 11:17:18 a.m.

Open new Public Hearing:

Chairman Larson opened the new Public Hearing at 11:17:26 a.m.

Public Hearing

Resolution 24-35: Resolution Establishing FY 2024/2025 Elected Officials' Salaries
44:40

Resolution 24-36: Rural Lighting Districts Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
45:08

Resolution 24-37: Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 45:16

Resolution 24-38: Setting of Cascade County Tax Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 45:28

Waive Reading of Public Notice:

The reading of the Public Notice was waived without objection. 45:42

(See Exhibit B)

Trista Besich read the Budget Summary. 46:18

Commissioner Grulkowski commented. 1:02:02

Comments by Staff and Commissioners. 1:35:00

Chairman Larson called for a short break at 12:09 p.m.

Return from break at 12:19 p.m.

Call for Proponents:

Chairman Larson called for Proponents three times with no response. 1:37:15

Call for Opponents:

Chairman Larson Called for Opponents one time. 1:37:39

Mark Winters spoke. 1:37:47

Mary Embleton spoke. 1:39:18

Chairman Larson called for Opponents twice more with no further response.
1:43:52

Call for Informational Witnesses:

Chairman Larson called for Informational Witnesses three times with no response. 1:44:04

Close to Public Meeting:

Chairman Larson closed the Public Hearing at 12:27 p.m.

Return to Agenda for Action:

1. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove**

Resolution 24-35: Resolution Establishing FY 2024/2025 Elected Officials' Salaries 1:45:26

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** that the Commission approve Resolution 24-35 Establishing FY 2024/2025 Elected Official's Salary, effective July 1, 2024.
1:45:30

Commissioner Grulkowski commented. 1:46:47

Mary Embleton spoke. 1:46:35

Motion carries 3-0. 1:47:41

2. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Resolution 24-36: Rural Lighting Districts Assessments for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 1:48:57

Commissioner Grulkowski made a **MOTION** that the Commission approve Resolution 24-36, to levy and assess upon all property within designated rural

improvement lighting districts the costs of maintaining the lighting district effective on the 2024/2025 tax levy. 1:48:1

Motion carries 3-0. 1:48:48

Motions numbers 3 and 4 were switched during the discussion.

4. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Resolution 24-38: Setting of Cascade County Tax Mill Levies - Fiscal Year 2024/2025. 1:49:08

Commissioner Grulkowski made a **MOTION** that the Commission approve 24-38: Setting of the Cascade County Tax Mills for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. 1:49:16

Motion carries 3-0. 1:49:48

3. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Resolution 24-37: Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 1:49:59

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** that the commission approve Resolution #24-37: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for Cascade County. 1:50:10

Commissioners and Staff discussion. 1:50:39-1:52:45

Mary Embleton spoke. 1:53:16

Mark Winters spoke. 1:56:54

Commissioners and Staff discussion. 1:57:31-2:02:21

Commissioner Briggs revised the **MOTION** to read that the Commission approve Resolution 24-37, adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for Cascade County, with the amendment to Resolution 24-37, replacing the word Appropriation with Budget Authority and with the striking of the place holder within the Library Funding of \$40,000 Expense Funding. 2:02:30

Motion carries 2-1 with Commissioners Larson and Briggs voting for and Commissioner Grulkowski voting against. 2:03:31

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103): None

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned the special meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Cascade County Commission Meeting – September 5, 2024

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00:00:13Speaker 1

OK. Thank you. Hey, good morning, everyone.

00:00:14Speaker

Good morning.

00:00:24Speaker 1

We will have got a number of things here to go over this morning, so I will call this meeting.

00:00:32Speaker 1

Special Commission meeting to order.

00:00:36Speaker 1

If you all stand and join me in the.

00:00:38Speaker 1

Pledge of Allegiance.

00:00:43Speaker 3

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Thank you.

00:00:45Speaker 2

Of the United States of America stands one nation under God, individual justice.

00:01:05Speaker 1

So at this time.

00:01:10Speaker 1

We have been in recess of the.

00:01:14Speaker 1

Fiscal year 2025 budget public hearing.

00:01:21Speaker 1

From.

00:01:22Speaker 1

From that special Commission meeting of August 26th of 2024.

00:01:29Speaker 1

UM.

00:01:33Speaker 1

The budget.

00:01:35Speaker 1

Has been open here in the Commission since that time.

00:01:42Speaker 1

Since August 26th and so.

00:01:46Speaker 1

Today is the day that we.

00:01:50Speaker 1

I'll try to get this thing closed up.

[00:01:54 – 00:24:39 OMITTED]

00:24:44 Speaker 1

OK. Any other public comments?

00:24:58 Speaker 5

Good morning, commissioners.

00:24:59 Speaker 1

Good morning. Good morning.

00:25:00 Speaker 5

Mary Embleton, 74 2nd St.

00:25:03 Speaker 5

I apologize for being linked.

00:25:05 Speaker 5

I'm not quite.

00:25:06 Speaker 5

Sure. Where we're at in the in the process. So we for or against or what we're we're.

00:25:12 Speaker 1

We're just having public comment on the open budget that was out here.

00:25:16 Speaker 5

This is just so.

00:25:17 Speaker 5

We're really varying varying from the normal process.

00:25:17 Speaker 3

Yeah.

00:25:21 Speaker 1

We will have some more when we get into the regular.

00:25:25 Speaker 5

OK, so this is subject to the 7 minutes I hope.

00:25:25 Speaker 1

Meeting.

00:25:28 Speaker 6

Yeah.

00:25:29 Speaker 5

Because that should be my predecessor and I commend.

00:25:34 Speaker 2

Mr. Winters on his thorough.

00:25:36 Speaker 5

Evaluation of some of the highlights of this I am extremely frustrated with this process. It's varied so much from the established processes. I don't know why.

00:25:49 Speaker 5

There shouldn't be a. There should have been any variation.

00:25:53 Speaker 5

There was not an opportunity to review.

00:25:58 Speaker 5

Any updated information?

00:26:01 Speaker 5

So I I am protesting that.

00:26:06 Speaker 5

That's one of the reasons I was late I was!

00:26:08 Speaker 2

Trying to go over.

00:26:10 Speaker 5

The massive amounts of material that it requires.

00:26:15 Speaker 5

To kind of get an informed.

00:26:18 Speaker 5

Opinion.

00:26:20 Speaker 5

As you can tell.

00:26:22 Speaker 5

Mr. Winters even had the wrong final number. I believe the final number is over \$109 million budget.

00:26:30 Speaker 5

UM.

00:26:32 Speaker 5

The information was.

00:26:35 Speaker 5

Very sketchy, not complete at all!

00:26:40 Speaker 5

The mills.

00:26:41 Speaker 5

Don't look right.

00:26:43 Speaker 5

There's various other.

00:26:47 Speaker 5

Problems with this budget, so.

00:26:51 Speaker 5

This isn't ready and do the solid waste after the fact.

00:26:55 Speaker 5

That's unacceptable, too. That's your recording. The statute. All of this.

00:26:59 Speaker 5

Has to be done by the time budget.

00:27:01 Speaker 5

And all you have to do an actual modification. So if you're going to do that, then you better take the 50% out of this budget until you decide decide what you're going to do. You already bankrupt solid waste. That's unacceptable.

00:27:17 Speaker 5

What? What's the hold up. What are the problems here?

00:27:22 Speaker 5

To me it looks like it's a competency.

00:27:25 Speaker 5

Catching the compensation board.

00:27:29 Speaker 5

The.

00:27:30 Speaker 9

Salaries for the elected officials.

00:27:33 Speaker 5

That's just incompetency. That resolution is typically done.

00:27:39 Speaker 5

At the conclusion of the compensation board meeting, which was when?

00:27:48 Speaker 6

I'd have to look for the exact date, but it was in May may 31st that time.

00:27:54 Speaker 5

Plenty of.

00:27:54 Speaker 5

To have that resolution.

00:27:57 Speaker 5

Ready to go whenever.

00:28:00 Speaker 2

What's the problem?

00:28:04 Speaker 5

And and I also see where look.

00:28:06 Speaker 5

The one thing I did mention that I was able to catch.

00:28:10 Speaker 10

On.

00:28:13 Speaker 5

On the budget about the transferring the match dollars.

00:28:17 Speaker 5

For the EMT grant, that wasn't corrected, that needs to be corrected. That can't come from emergency medical services. That's a special revenue fund. It is not to be used.

00:28:30 Speaker 5

For federal grant match dollars for emergency services, for for the whole DES program.

00:28:38 Speaker 5

It's unacceptable that won't work.

00:28:40 Speaker 5

Last year.

00:28:42 Speaker 6

Well.

00:28:43 Speaker 5

Give me an explanation.

00:28:45 Speaker 6

After you raised the issue, I checked with the. There's now a a individual at Maaco who is a past CFO of Lewis and Clark County. Who is the Technical Support person on that and I ran your concerns by her and she confirmed that there is nothing wrong.

00:29:04 Speaker 6

With what we are doing, so there's a difference of opinion between you and Nancy about what is appropriate.

00:29:11 Speaker 5

OK.

00:29:13 Speaker 6

But I did check on.

00:29:14 Speaker 5

Now, why was she CFO?

00:29:17 Speaker 6

15 years, something like that.

00:29:27 Speaker 5

No.

00:29:27 Speaker 5

Necessarily the county, but the government accounting, so I suppose it's open for

00:29:35 Speaker 5

Interpretation, just like everything else, but I still disagree. Why? Very why? Why deviate from what had?

00:29:42 Speaker 5

Been past practice.

00:29:44 Speaker 5

With the general fund, what was the what was the thinking last year?

00:29:48 Speaker 6

The thinking was because we try very hard to make the tax statements representative of where the money is actually being spent.

00:29:55 Speaker 6

And so we had a large transfer coming out of the general fund makes it look like it's general government when we have an account we already tax for DES as a specific line item within our tax structure. So for transparency purposes, so when somebody looks at their tax bill, they actually know what DES is.

00:30:15 Speaker 6

Is costing. It makes more sense to move those mills to DES because they're all within the county wide flex mix.

00:30:23 Speaker 6

That's a that's an arbitrary discrimination that we use. We could be like other jurisdictions and just bill taxpayers and a total amount.

00:30:33 Speaker 6

For county wide mills, we choose to not do that. We break it up so that people can see where their money is going.

00:30:39 Speaker 6

And by transferring from the General Fund on a routine basis to cover part of the costs of DEF.

00:30:44 Speaker 6

Yes.

00:30:46 Speaker 6

We're blurring how much of the money is actually going to DES. That was my logic why I changed that from being a transfer out of the.

00:30:53 Speaker 6

General fund to.

00:30:54 Speaker 6

Being a direct allocation of mills from the county wide mills into DES.

00:31:00 Speaker 5

So then what was your reasoning for again last year transferring quite a few little mills from health department up into Rd. materials where I see Rd. materials is operating in the red ended up in the red cash balance last?

00:31:17 Speaker 5

Year.

00:31:18 Speaker 5

No.

00:31:19 Speaker 5

Easily for that.

00:31:20 Speaker 6

Actually you asked that question last year and I'll give you the same answer.

00:31:26 Speaker 6

The city of Great Falls many years ago.

00:31:30 Speaker 6

Locked their allocation towards the city County Health Department to be \$250,000. The county residents, those who live outside the city of Great Falls, have been making up that difference every year as the cost of the health department have increased. So the city residents, the 60,000 people in the city, have only been paying \$250,000.

00:31:51 Speaker 6

Year towards the health.

00:31:54 Speaker 6

The 23 thousand of us who live in the county have been paying over \$1,000,000 a year in our taxes to support the city county health.

00:32:02 Speaker 6

So last year what I did is I took the \$250,000 contribution that the City made.

00:32:08 Speaker 6

Created, transferred that down to be a per capita contribution. So of the 60,000 people in this in the city we're paying and I don't remember what the math works out off the top of my head, 60,000 people in the in the city were paying only \$250,000. So I made that up per capita. So the rural people only paid the same per capita.

00:32:30 Speaker 6

Out of rural mills and the general fund made-up the rest of it because I thought that was far more fair than continuing this long period of time where the city residents are being subsidized by the county residents.

00:32:44 Speaker 6

That's that same reason why that was done last year that I explained to you at the meeting is the same reason it was done this year.

00:32:51 Speaker 2

So.

00:32:51 Speaker 5

The burden was shifted.

00:32:53 Speaker 5

From away from health to roads.

00:32:56 Speaker 6

It has nothing to do with that, because the roads were the roads were getting a backfill out of the

general fund.

00:33:04 Speaker 6

This is a different issue, but yes, but the money that when you were doing the budget, we were overcharging the people outside the city limits for the health department and then we were using general fund money to bolster the road department. What I did is I evened up how much was coming out of the rural mills.

00:33:22 Speaker 6

For the people outside the sitting rooms, paying and instead of the money coming out of the general fund to bolster roads, those mills in the rural fund went to bolster roads, which is far more appropriate than using general fund money.

00:33:36 Speaker 5

However, the general fund.

00:33:38 Speaker 5

Still heavily subsidizing. Well. Yeah. No, I didn't see a much lesser extent. So, but that's you know that those are the questions that the public doesn't have any idea. So now if if the health department.

00:33:56 Speaker 5

Now has.

00:33:59 Speaker 5

A higher burden to meet with.

00:34:02 Speaker 5

Making sure that it gets enough money, but I didn't see that \$1,000,000 being subsidized from the account from the general Fund.

00:34:12 Speaker 5

To them.

00:34:14 Speaker 5

I didn't see an equitable transfer of subsidy.

00:34:19 Speaker 5

From general to the health department to make up that difference.

00:34:23 Speaker 5

So how so? There must be having to make it up in a different way and I would just. And so how are they making a difference?

00:34:31 Speaker 6

From, well, there's a. There's a couple of different partial answers to that question. #1 the reserve level of the mill funds this year was going to exceed 33 1/3% in the health department.

00:34:44 Speaker 6

And so we reduced how much is going into the health department. That's a combination of longer term savings.

00:34:51 Speaker 6

And as you know, the health department has a lot of deliverable grants.

00:34:56 Speaker 6

And so the money comes in in big chunks. One of the things that happened is and over the course of the last couple of years, we've gotten.

00:35:03 Speaker 6

An extremely large amount of money from the federal government for immunizations, which they need to burn down.

00:35:11 Speaker 6

Because it's some of it's ARPA based money.

00:35:14 Speaker 6

And so this year, there is an intentional effort to burn down the monies that have to be expended before the end of the year so we don't get into a.

00:35:24 Speaker 6

A deal next year of where they've got to spend it.

00:35:28 Speaker 6

And they don't spend it well.

00:35:30 Speaker 6

So basically the cost of all the immunizations, because now we're having to pay for immunizations during COVID immunizations were free from the federal government, so there was a basically an unrecognized subsidy coming into the health department in that regard. Now, the Health Department has to purchase all those immunizations.

00:35:49 Speaker 6

And so that will burn down some of those immunizations, specifically required funds that have to be spent.

00:35:57 Speaker 6

And then, like I said, just in general, their reserves were getting over the legal limit. So we had to make an adjustment in how many mills we gave them this year in order to keep from violating that law.

00:36:09 Speaker 5

This club, as I had coached.

00:36:12 Speaker 5

During my tenure year, anytime we would approach, which wouldn't happen often.

00:36:17 Speaker 5

The.

00:36:19 Speaker 5

Reserve limitation. Then you increase the appropriations and move that money over into capital reserves. That's how you build capital reserves. When was the last time the health department got any?

00:36:32 Speaker 5

Increase in their capital reserves.

00:36:36 Speaker 5

Doesn't.

00:36:38 Speaker 5

So fundamentally, there's there's been too much shifting, in my opinion of these fundings.

00:36:47 Speaker 5

With your direction and not with a lot of input from other people who know are.

00:36:51 Speaker 5

Knowledgeable about this stuff.

00:36:53 Speaker 9

To.

00:36:55 Speaker 5

To come up with whatever political statement they're making and not being this one with the health department, was a political statement for the fact that the city hasn't been contributing its

fair share to the health.

00:37:10Speaker 5

So that's what I have to say about that. There are other issues. So I'm thinking that this budget is not even false, being ready for finalization. And I do believe that it needs further review and.

00:37:28Speaker 5

Again, I protest that there was not.

00:37:31Speaker 5

Information posted when when was the when were they?

00:37:36Speaker 5

Nothing was posted to the website.

00:37:40Speaker 8

Last yesterday.

00:37:42Speaker 5

What time?

00:37:44Speaker 9

Get back to you.

00:37:46Speaker 5

It had to been last night.

00:37:49Speaker 5

Because I check.

00:37:51Speaker 5

At 8:00 and it wasn't there last night.

00:37:52Speaker 2

Yeah.

00:37:54Speaker 8

38.

00:37:58Speaker 9

Are you talking? Are you talking the resolutions are you talking?

00:37:58Speaker 5

Get in.

00:38:00Speaker 5

Yeah, all the supporting documents.

00:38:03Speaker 5

Typically.

00:38:03Speaker 8

All I had was the resolutions, no.

00:38:07Speaker 1

That, that those.

00:38:10Speaker 1

That public comment can come to in the next part.

00:38:13Speaker 1

Of the meeting.

00:38:14Speaker 1

This we're talking about the open budget.

00:38:16Speaker

OK.

00:38:19 Speaker 5

Not enough information to be able to thoroughly analyze it, so better be better job than in the future.

00:38:28 Speaker 8

Mary, I do want to comment on your health department issue. I did visit with that department head.

00:38:34 Speaker 8

Because I see some concerns there as well, and I understand, Commissioner Briggs, what we did last year with that.

00:38:41 Speaker 8

But there is a reserve of eight about 8 to \$900,000, and that is COVID money that that she is going to work with this year. But then next year we are she is concerned about and.

00:38:55 Speaker 8

We are concerned about how the health department will have.

00:39:00 Speaker 8

We'll maintain. So I think this gets us through this coming this fiscal year. But next year, yeah, there's some things that have to definitely be addressed and using the capital fund is something that the department had it already had addressed as well your reasoning.

00:39:20 Speaker 8

To bank there start banking there.

00:39:24 Speaker 8

So your your ideas are spot on with what I hear from our department.

00:39:31 Speaker 2

Thank you. Thank you.

00:39:33 Speaker 5

And solid waste. That's going to have it should have been done by now. Should have been done. We knew for years that.

00:39:41 Speaker 10

The solid waste.

00:39:43 Speaker 5

Has been.

00:39:45 Speaker 5

Meeting review the whole program, the whole program.

00:39:50 Speaker 5

Needs to be.

00:39:50 Speaker 5

Reviewed and that's a process and I'm not sure anyone here is familiar with that process. Maybe Joe, I don't know. When was the last time now?

00:40:00 Speaker 5

That's \$120.00 a year, and if it's a solid.

00:40:05 Speaker 5

And if the distro.

00:40:07 Speaker 5

Then there are certain rights that must be followed and.

00:40:13 Speaker 5

When it can be used, how to do it?

00:40:17 Speaker 5

We got to use.

00:40:18 Speaker 5

More research online you see where they have already.

00:40:21 Speaker 5

Reviewed there and send it correctly with the with the resolution of the.

00:40:28 Speaker 5

And in the public hearing.

00:40:29 Speaker 5

To make sure that the public is.

00:40:31 Speaker 10

Fully aware of what that's going to.

00:40:33 Speaker 5

Be so you.

00:40:33 Speaker 5

Better take that 50% out of.

00:40:35 Speaker 5

This because that's.

00:40:37 Speaker 5

That is now, then presenting away overly inflated budget and I'm not sure you can do a 50% increase all at once at one time for a special assessment district.

00:40:52 Speaker 1

Thank you. Thank you any other.

00:40:56 Speaker 1

Public comments.

00:41:00 Speaker 7

Good morning.

00:41:02 Speaker 1

Try to stay within 7 minutes and.

00:41:04 Speaker 7

Yes, Sir, I will.

00:41:05 Speaker 6

Try to make short 3 as possible.

00:41:07 Speaker 3

Thank you.

00:41:09 Speaker 7

My name is James Benner. My address is 1538 4th Ave. Northwest APT 2. I just had a few questions. I did put in a foyer request for financials regarding Montana Expo Park. Year after year. I owes see the.

00:41:28 Speaker 7

Generated revenue, but I do not see the operating expenses.

00:41:33 Speaker 7

And without the operating expenses, I don't have a clear idea or bottom line of what was made as far as profitability. It's kind of like left in the dark. You know, as if you like, go in front of a judge and they ask you something and it's very one sided.

[00:41:52 – 01:03:25 OMITTED]

Was is in. This budget is going to increase the cost of that library operation.

01:03:32 Speaker 6

Uhm.

01:03:34 Speaker 6

Historically, we have well go back before Belt became.

01:03:40 Speaker 6

And in a library that that we no longer supply staffing for.

01:03:44 Speaker 6

We always had to increase our annual expenditures a little bit to compensate for the increase in this compensation.

01:03:54 Speaker 6

The town of Belt, of course, is now in that position because they are the employer of the librarian out there. And so the mayor has asked if we can increase how much we give them. Basically cover is increasing costs on employment and health insurance.

01:04:11 Speaker 6

I think it's a I think it's a natural issue.

01:04:16 Speaker 6

So when we were had mills and this, this is in the budget that's been on display for over a week.

01:04:25 Speaker 6

We basically took the increase in the value of the mill.

01:04:29 Speaker 6

And provided that into the library fund so that those funds could be expanded to cover the the increasing costs of the compensation for the librarians at the two rural libraries.

01:04:42 Speaker 6

And historically, we've just tried to balance that we give built the same amount of money in aggregate that we give Cascade, said. Bill no longer has a financial or no longer has an employee of the county there, so we give them more in the base contract for them managing the.

01:05:00 Speaker 6

Library and we do cascade, but I think we still have to be cognizant of.

01:05:05 Speaker 6

That our cost in cascade because that's an county employee are going out. So we should also accommodate that in built. So we don't get out of balance with those two compensations.

01:05:19 Speaker 8

I didn't realize.

01:05:20 Speaker 8

Any.

01:05:23 Speaker 8

Link to staff.

01:05:26 Speaker 8

Funding with this increase last year, we did not recognize.

01:05:30 Speaker 8

As the libraries as an increase, I believe this was placed here as an anchor because as I said on the library board in a meeting months ago, it was mentioned that the library intended to approach the county for more money.

01:05:48 Speaker 8

And they brought that back to the Commissioners. But there was no further discussion about it. And they haven't approached us.

01:05:55 Speaker 8

So that is where I believe this showed up on our budget.

01:06:01 Speaker 8

But the ASK hasn't been made and I when I look at our contracts for these libraries, I can't follow how we.

01:06:12 Speaker 8

I haven't until yesterday after we had discussion, Commissioner Briggs.

01:06:16 Speaker 8

Been able to follow our authority or where our contracts lie to know where we are now and how we move forward with.

01:06:28 Speaker 8

More money contribute.

01:06:30 Speaker 8

More money.

01:06:31 Speaker 8

So that needs to.

01:06:35 Speaker 8

In my mind, that needs to be given more thought.

01:06:38 Speaker 8

This I wasn't under any impression that this had to do with staff.

01:06:44 Speaker 8

The staff salary.

01:06:47 Speaker 6

And it also has to do with insurance, because we carry the insurance, a portion of our Mako insurance is also tied to the employment. So all the employment cost.

01:06:57 Speaker 6

And we have.

01:07:00 Speaker 6

As you know, we have a dollar amount contract with the town of Belt.

01:07:07 Speaker 6

UM.

01:07:10 Speaker 6

The Cascade Library and the City of Library, if we have contracts there or MU's, they're quite old.

01:07:18 Speaker 6

I would just point out that there is a downside to contracting for a specific amount of money that we guarantee to give them every year, and that is if we have a reduction in the mill value or we have a large property tax protest which we have had in years past that gives us no ability to reduce.

01:07:36 Speaker 6

The like Great Falls Library is a good example. When you look back in the history of what we paid them, there have been swings in that downward in what we give them because of tax protests, in particular the people. These we're what we're talking about here are rural mills. The only people who pay these are folks outside the city.

[01:07:56 – 01:38:39 OMITTED]

01:38:43Speaker 4

And also.

01:38:45Speaker 4

Think that given the conditions.

01:38:48Speaker 4

That people are living in, with inflation going up by 25% over the last few years.

01:38:54Speaker 4

For the county to Max out what they're spending because they can.

01:38:59Speaker 4

Does not.

01:39:01Speaker 4

Show much of A.

01:39:02Speaker 4

Sensitivity to the people that live in your community.

01:39:05Speaker 2

Thank you.

01:39:07Speaker 6

Thank you.

01:39:11Speaker 1

Any other opponents?

01:39:17Speaker 5

Mary Embleton, 74, 2nd St. Centralia, Montana.

01:39:21Speaker 9

First of all.

01:39:21Speaker 5

I'd like to raise a point of order.

01:39:24Speaker 5

To this process, we're doing a public hearing on all of these resolutions collectively.

01:39:31Speaker 5

Is that what we're doing? And then I would hope we're doing a well.

01:39:36Speaker 1

We'll be voting it. We'll be voting on them separate.

01:39:39Speaker 5

OK. OK. So on the resolution establishing the elected officials.

01:39:39Speaker 1

You can talk with everyone.

01:39:44Speaker 5

I posed that because I think 4% is too much. Last year was 8%. I don't care what.

01:39:52Speaker 5

It was delayed.

01:39:54Speaker 5

And the fact that no one knew what it was exactly because of the wrong information being posted on the.

01:40:01Speaker 5

Website That's a problem. And then also having.

01:40:07Speaker 2

The.

01:40:09Speaker 5

Non union.

01:40:11Speaker 5

And non elected people get the same raise with a few getting preferential raises based on nothing of merit is:

01:40:24Speaker 5

Through all that I've.

01:40:25Speaker 5

I've adjusted to that from the get go when I worked here before.

01:40:32Speaker 5

There is no.

01:40:35Speaker 5

Information available as there have been in the past as to what the impact of that is on the budget.

01:40:41Speaker 5

What personnel costs are overall for the county, it's.

01:40:46Speaker 5

That's always been provided, or at least it was when I was here as a certain percentage overall of the budget usually ran around 60, some 70%. That's a huge cost.

01:40:57Speaker 5

Don't have any idea what.

01:41:00Speaker 5

Any of those costs are.

01:41:02Speaker 5

That's a disservice to the public. Thank you Commissioner Gutowski for pointing that out earlier.

01:41:08Speaker 5

I also oppose the lighting district assessments because you have to make sure that you are budgeting for cash flow.

01:41:19Speaker 5

For that I had that straightened out before I left, but apparently last year got messed up.

01:41:24Speaker 5

Again, and this year, it's gonna be messed up again. So I object to that.

01:41:30Speaker 5

Adopting the overall budget for fiscal year 2025, this is not ready. Ladies and gentlemen, it's not ready for a final adoption. It's far beyond.

01:41:42Speaker 5

I mean it's.

01:41:43Speaker 5

There are so many errors and so many questions and so many unsettled things, and especially.

01:41:49Speaker 8

For.

01:41:50Speaker 5

Issues that have been known in the past library contracts contracts with the Republic.

01:41:59Speaker 5

UM.

01:42:01 Speaker 5

Differences in in the mills?

01:42:06 Speaker 5

We're hearing that the communications from Department of Revenue has been stating a deduction in.

01:42:14 Speaker 5

You need passable orders. Approve of that. Where is any documentation of that? Typically if there's something going on with that, you get a recertification, then you get a little more time to massage the budget and make sure you have those looked at. Where is that?

01:42:31 Speaker 5

There's nothing, nothing in the news now.

01:42:34 Speaker 5

Anywhere, so it's near saying to me. So inject to the to that, plus the mill levies, I believe object to those.

01:42:44 Speaker 5

They're not calculated correctly.

01:42:49 Speaker 5

Period.

01:42:51 Speaker 5

I also object to some of the transfers that I saw.

01:42:56 Speaker 5

The using the.

01:42:58 Speaker 5

Mental health mills for pre trial mitigation. A program that isn't even up and running yet.

01:43:07 Speaker 5

I I don't think that's the proper use, but yet I heard yesterday in the work session that we do. We gotta have a crisis intervention grant.

01:43:15 Speaker 5

Maybe that's proper use of that. There's just a lot of things wrong with this budget Commissioners, and it's not ready. I suggest strongly you postpone this. You won't meet the deadlines, but you're not meeting deadlines.

01:43:30 Speaker 8

Thank you.

01:43:36 Speaker 1

Second call for.

01:43:38 Speaker 1

Opponents.

01:43:43 Speaker 1

All boards.

01:43:48 Speaker 1

Seeing none on the zoom last call for opponents.

01:43:55 Speaker 1

OK.

01:44:00 Speaker 1

Are there any informational witnesses who would like to speak in either pro or con?

[01:44:06 – 01:52:05 OMITTED]

01:52:07Speaker 1

Passing of the torch there and in the middle of.

01:52:12Speaker 1

I don't mean to degrade anyone because this I thank both of them for all the work they did on this budget.

01:52:21Speaker 1

So.

01:52:25Speaker 1

Without any, yes.

01:52:27Speaker 10

I just wanted to clarify the motion based upon earlier comment.

01:52:32Speaker 10

And discussion regarding the increased potential library funding, that's that, that's the.

01:52:37Speaker 6

But that's true. Should I should have made that in as part of the motion? My apologies. Good clarification.

01:52:43Speaker 10

Thank.

01:52:43Speaker 3

You. Thank you.

01:53:02Speaker 1

OK. Any other?

01:53:04Speaker 1

Things from the staff.

01:53:10Speaker 1

Any comments from the public?

01:53:12Speaker 1

On this motion.

01:53:21Speaker 5

Commissioners Mary Embleton, 74 seconds, Montana.

01:53:28Speaker 5

Again, I would like to stress this is not ready to be adopted.

01:53:34Speaker 5

So:

01:53:37Speaker 5

Regardless of.

01:53:39Speaker 5

What was being said then and or taking into account of what was being said then apparently the.

01:53:47Speaker 5

Total amount would be 109 million.

01:53:50Speaker 5

\$225,982 less 40,000.

01:53:57Speaker 5

Is that correct?

01:53:59Speaker 5

And.

01:54:02 Speaker 5

Then I also would like to emphasize that according to these calculations which I question.

01:54:10 Speaker 5

The.

01:54:11 Speaker 5

Impact for the county wide mills on a home valued at 100,000 would be \$9.36!

01:54:21 Speaker 5

300,000 would be \$28.07 and 600,000 is \$56.13, according to this resolution that has been changed, but again, I question the math. I hope that it was!

01:54:37 Speaker 5

Proofread by someone who knows.

01:54:41 Speaker 5

And in light of what Commissioner Larson said, the clumsiness.

01:54:48 Speaker 5

Is on you 3.

01:54:52 Speaker 5

The clumsiness is on lack of having.

01:54:56 Speaker 5

Contracts reviewed and approved and ready to go.

01:55:00 Speaker 5

By this time.

01:55:01 Speaker 5

In the fall, our fiscal year started July 1st.

01:55:06 Speaker 5

July 1st.

01:55:08 Speaker 5

So these the issues that have been brought forward are issues that have been known for a while, especially solid waste.

01:55:16 Speaker 5

We know nothing was going South for years.

01:55:21 Speaker 5

No attempt was made to review it and get it straightened out before this train wreck happening before it went bankrupt last year at June 30.

01:55:30 Speaker 5

So the the contracts with the libraries, those are ongoing, there's all kinds of contracts going, there's new programs coming up that have been talked about for a couple of years.

01:55:41 Speaker 5

Pre mitigation.

01:55:43 Speaker 5

That program has been talked about for even before the public safety levy came along. I see some things in this budget where it's just, it's just not ready.

01:55:55 Speaker 5

The excuse of of a new CFO well.

01:55:58 Speaker 1

That wasn't an excuse.

01:56:01 Speaker 5

And it's.

01:56:02 Speaker 5

Sorry, I would like to correct that word. Thank you.

01:56:07 Speaker 5

Explanation of having a new CFO on board. I came on board on June 16th when I came on board and there was a mess straightened out.

01:56:19 Speaker 5

So it does have to do with skill sets, competency and experience. And there's a lot of experience sitting here at this table. So there is many.

01:56:32 Speaker 5

Like this?

01:56:33 Speaker 5

Needed to be so clumsy, so messy and so unread.

01:56:38 Speaker 5

Thank you.

01:56:39 Speaker 10

Thank you.

01:56:40 Speaker 3

Thank you.

01:56:45 Speaker 4

Mark Winters, 195 Big Bend Lane, so the the take away or the headline for me out of this meeting?

01:56:53 Speaker 4

Is that?

01:56:55 Speaker 4

The Commissioners have chosen.

01:56:57 Speaker 4

To take an additional \$3,000,000 out of the pockets of the cast.

01:57:02 Speaker 4

Taxpayers.

01:57:04 Speaker 4

During very trying times they have chosen to Max out.

01:57:09 Speaker 4

What they statutorily can take from our pockets.

01:57:14 Speaker 4

During these times.

01:57:16 Speaker 4

So I will thank you all.

01:57:16 Speaker 6

Thanks.

01:57:17 Speaker 4

For that in advance.

01:57:20 Speaker 8

Thank you.

01:57:24 Speaker 1

[01:57:30 – 02:02:40 OMITTED]

02:02:47 Speaker 6

Replacing the word appropriations with budget authority.

02:02:53 Speaker 6

And with the striking of the placeholder within the library funding of a \$40,000 expense item that work.

02:03:10 Speaker 3

Alright.

02:03:13 Speaker 1

We've gone through.

02:03:17 Speaker 1

Everything here we have a motion on.

02:03:20 Speaker 1

The floor to approve.

02:03:23 Speaker 1

Resolution 24-37.

02:03:27 Speaker 1

As amended.

02:03:31 Speaker 1

All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye.

02:03:33 Speaker 6

Hi.

02:03:35 Speaker 1

Opposed.

02:03:36 Speaker 8

Aye.

02:03:38 Speaker 1

Motion carries.

02:03:44 Speaker 1

OK, item number 5 today is public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda and that is within the public Commissioners jurisdiction.

02:03:57 Speaker 1

Any public comments?

02:04:00 Speaker 1

Outside of this meeting.

02:04:06 Speaker 1

None. You got any on new?

02:04:11 Speaker 1

Seeing none, we are adjourned. Thank you all.

02:04:19 Speaker 2

Thanks.

02:04:20 Speaker 2

Thank you. Appreciate it.

EXHIBIT F

Additional Items of Note FY25 Budget

Fund	Accounts	Budget Impact	Description
Taxable Revenues			
	31.1010 and 31.1020		Adjusted Estimated Taxable values down by another \$1M to a decrease of \$2.9M to reflect information from Dept of Revenue that projects Newly Taxable Revenue is overstated by \$2.9M
General Fund			
	1000-000 33.1050	40,000	Increased potential library reimbursements to reflect anticipated request for additional funding
Solid Waste			
	5410-000 36.3020	575,000	Solid Waste RSID Assessments currently budgeted reflecting the 50% increase tentatively discussed during last Solid Waste meeting



Budget Worksheet Report

Budget Year 2025

Account	Account Description	2023 Amended Budget	2023 Actual Amount	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual Amount	2025 Pre-Adoption/Approved	
Fund 5410	Solid Waste Disposal						
	REVENUE						
	Department 000 - Revenue						
	Charges for Services						
34.3044	Solid Waste Permits Sold	3,500.00	4,770.00	4,500.00	4,350.00	4,500.00	
	<i>Charges for Services Totals</i>	\$3,500.00	\$4,770.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,350.00	\$4,500.00	
	Miscellaneous						
36.2000	Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500.00	13,961.00	8,000.00	11,339.99	8,000.00	
36.3020	RSID Assessments	1,100,000.00	1,150,540.00	1,150,000.00	1,149,998.00	1,725,000.00	
36.3040	P & I Special Assessments	.00	8,712.90	.00	8,802.69	.00	
36.3050	Long/Short Adjustments	.00	.00	.00	2.23	.00	
	<i>Miscellaneous Totals</i>	\$1,105,500.00	\$1,173,213.90	\$1,158,000.00	\$1,170,142.91	\$1,733,000.00	
	Investment & Royalty Earnings						
37.1010	Interest Earnings	600.00	12,770.05	600.00	12,684.86	600.00	
	<i>Investment & Royalty Earnings Totals</i>	\$600.00	\$12,770.05	\$600.00	\$12,684.86	\$600.00	
	Department 000 - Revenue Totals	\$1,109,600.00	\$1,190,753.95	\$1,163,100.00	\$1,187,177.77	\$1,738,100.00	
	Department 518 - Recycling						
	Miscellaneous						
36.7010	Recycling	10,500.00	27,873.89	20,000.00	33,776.63	20,000.00	
	<i>Miscellaneous Totals</i>	\$10,500.00	\$27,873.89	\$20,000.00	\$33,776.63	\$20,000.00	
	Department 518 - Recycling Totals	\$10,500.00	\$27,873.89	\$20,000.00	\$33,776.63	\$20,000.00	
	REVENUE TOTALS	\$1,120,100.00	\$1,218,627.84	\$1,183,100.00	\$1,220,954.40	\$1,758,100.00	
	EXPENSE						
	Department 267 - Solid Waste Disposal						
	Function C0800 - Solid Waste Services						
	Supplies						
200.210	Office Supplies	.00	.00	258.00	258.29	300.00	
200.220	Operating Supplies	250.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	
	Budget Transactions						
	Level						
	Transaction						
	Pre-Adoption/Approved						
	Supplies						
					Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
					1.0000	250.00	250.00
					Pre-Adoption/Approved Totals		\$250.00
200.230	Repair & Maint. Supplies	500.00	.00	.00	.00	200.00	
	Budget Transactions						
	Level						
	Transaction						
	Pre-Adoption/Approved						
	Repairs for sites						
					Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	Total Amount
					1.0000	500.00	500.00
					Pre-Adoption/Approved Totals		\$500.00
	<i>Supplies Totals</i>	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$258.00	\$258.29	\$600.00	

EXHIBIT G

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE FINAL
OPERATING BUDGET AND SETTING
APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025**

RESOLUTION 24-37

WHEREAS, MCA § 7-6-4030 provides that the governing body shall adopt the final budget by resolution. The resolution must:

- (a) Authorize appropriations to defray the expenses or liabilities for the fiscal year;
- (b) Establish legal spending limits at the level of detail in the resolution; and
- (c) Include any increase in property taxes, including an increase authorized under MCA § 15-10-420(1) and the amount by which property taxes will increase on homes valued at \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$600,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-6-4020, the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County, Montana has prepared a preliminary annual operating budget;

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-6-4021, the Board of Cascade County Commissioners did cause a notice of a public hearing on the preliminary budget to be published in the *Great Falls Tribune*, the official newspaper of the County, and has subsequently held a public hearing on the proposed budget of Cascade County for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the said notice of completion of the Preliminary Budget as duly published in the *Great Falls Tribune*, specified that the budget was on file and open for inspection in the office of the County Commissioners beginning on Monday, August 26, 2024, and that the Board would meet on Thursday, September 5, 2024 for the purpose of fixing the final budget, and that any taxpayer could appear and be heard pursuant to MCA § 7-6-4024, for or against any part of said budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is considering adoption of the Preliminary Budget as presented which encompasses component budget responsibilities prescribed by MCA § 7-6-4020(3) as the Final Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (FY 2024/2025); and

WHEREAS, MCA § 7-6-4031 allows the Board of County Commissioners or their designated official to transfer appropriations between items within the same fund,

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the proposed budget, received the estimated ending cash balances for all county funds, made changes to the budget as deemed necessary following the public hearing(s) and from input by elected officials and department heads, and computed the estimated taxes, fees and assessments needed to fund the fiscal year 2025 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County that the Final Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (FY 2024/2025) after any amendments to the preliminary budget and after considering any public comment in the amount of \$109,106,002 is hereby formally approved and adopted, and warrants shall be issued in accordance with the budget and relevant laws.

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Cascade County, Sandra Merchant - Clerk & Recorder



This resolution authorizes:

- (a) Appropriations to defray the expenses or liabilities for the fiscal year.
- (b) It sets the legal spending limits at the county fund level. Fund level detail is stated in the formal budget document and established in the County's accounting system.
- (c) An increase in property taxes due to the calculations required pursuant to MCA § 15-10-420, of all County wide Mills including permissive, general purpose and permissive of \$9.36, \$28.07, and \$56.13, respectively for a home valued at \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$600,000 is included in this fiscal year budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County that the effective date of this Resolution is July 1, 2024, even though this Resolution is adopted after July 1, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FINALLY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cascade County that for the duration of FY 2024/2025, authority is delegated to Trista Besich, the Chief Financial Officer for Cascade County, to transfer budget authority between items within the same fund upon the request of the Department Head or Elected Official responsible for that fund, and without increasing the amount appropriated to that fund.

Passed and Adopted this 5th day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA


James L. Larson, Chair


Joe Briggs, Commissioner

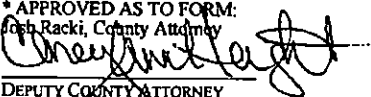

Rae Grulkowski, Commissioner

Attest

On this 5th day of September, 2024, I hereby attest the above-written signatures of the Cascade County Commissioners.


Sandra Merchant, Cascade County Clerk & Recorder

 Deputy


* APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

* THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS PROVIDED ADVICE AND APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT LANGUAGE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND NOT ON BEHALF OF OTHER PARTIES OR ENTITIES. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS CONDUCTED SOLELY FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE AND FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CASCADE COUNTY. OTHER PARTIES SHOULD NOT RELY ON THIS APPROVAL AND SHOULD SEEK REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE COUNSEL.

EXHIBIT H



Cascade County
September 19, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
Commission Chambers, Room 105
325 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT



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Please note the agenda order is tentative and subject to change by the Board without prior notice.
Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to be in attendance at the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.
Public comment during public participation is limited to a maximum seven (7) minutes.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman James L. Larson

- 1. Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program**
- 2. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**
Resolution 24-39: A resolution for User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites.
- 3. Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)**
- 4. Adjournment.**

EXHIBIT I

CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 19, 2024
CHAMBERS MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM
6:30 PM

Commission
Journal #64

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Cascade County Commission: Chairman Jim Larson, Commissioner Joe Briggs, and Commissioner Rae Grulkowski

Staff: Trista Besich, Michele Levine, Bonnie Fogerty, and Marion Kieckbusch

Public Attendance: Mckenna Dickey, Mary Embleton, Matt Hudson, Mark Winters, Brooke Winters, Ginny Rogliano, Tom Van Tighem, Brett Mills, Kathie Hanson, Ron Carpenter, and Leslie Mills

Zoom Attendees: Andy Watt, D. Brien, Richard Liebert, Sandra M., Guest, The Electric, Guest, Tony Gonzales, and Mary Embleton

Chairman Larson announced the special meeting item of business. 01:20

1. **Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program**

Chairman Larson read the background for this item. 01:32

Trista Besich provided additional information. 05:41 (See Exhibit A)

Discussion by Commissioners and Staff. 12:33 (See Exhibit B)

Public comment:

Mark Winters spoke. 49:41

Mary Embleton spoke. 54:22

Brett Mills spoke. 1:02:33

Leslie Mills spoke. 1:03:50

Kathy Hanson spoke. 1:06:38

Tom Van Tighem spoke. 1:11:30

Ron Carpenter spoke. 1:12:59

Public comment on Zoom:

Richard Liebert spoke. 1:16:23

2. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Resolution 24-39: A resolution for User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites.

Michele Levine commented. 1:20:41

Discussion by Commission and Staff. 1:23:53

Commissioner Briggs made a **MOTION** to increase the rates by Forty-five percent (45%) for this year and in the next few months do an examination of not only the Republic operation, but whether a different fee structure that is more heavily based on usage, rather than a flat fee. 1:32:36

Discussion by Commission. 1:32:40

Public comment on the Motion:

(See Exhibits C & D)

Mary Embleton spoke. 1:37:11

Motion carries 2-1 with Commissioners Larson and Briggs for and Commissioner Grulkowski against. 1:39:25

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103): None

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned the special meeting at 8:11 p.m.

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00:04:20Speaker 1
OK.

00:04:22Speaker 2
Yeah. Yeah, so.

00:04:32Speaker 3
Good evening, everyone. Thank you for joining us tonight on this or for this special Commission meeting.

00:00:05Speaker 1
Hey, good evening, everyone. Thank you for joining us tonight on this or for this special Commission meeting.

00:00:15Speaker 1
If you all stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

00:00:22Speaker 1
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for.

00:00:25Speaker 4
The.

00:00:29Speaker 2
Which it stands.

00:00:30Speaker 3
I.

00:00:31Speaker 2
God, indivisible with liberty that.

00:00:35Speaker 1
Thank you.

00:00:40Speaker 1
Please for those in the audience, please sign the sheet in the back of the.

00:00:46Speaker 1
Room.

00:00:46Speaker 1
If you haven't already, please sign before you leave, so we have.

00:00:51Speaker 1
Your name on the record.

00:00:55Speaker 1
Also check your cell phones to see that they're muted or off, please.

00:01:08Speaker 1
Though I will call this meeting.

00:01:11Speaker 1
To order and our first item is a discussion on the Cascade County.

[00:01:19 – 00:54:07 OMITTED]

00:54:09 Speaker 1

Mark.

00:54:13 Speaker 1

OK, anyone else public comment?

00:54:27 Speaker 10

Good evening, commissioners. Mary Embleton, 74 2nd St. San Coona, Montana.

00:54:34 Speaker 10

Thank you for finally having your meeting.

00:54:39 Speaker 10

I have to tell you, I think that this whole process.

00:54:45 Speaker 10

Is incorrect.

00:54:47 Speaker 11

There are a:

00:54:47 Speaker 10

Lot of pieces missing.

00:54:50 Speaker 10

And comparing the old resolution.

00:54:55 Speaker 10

And the references to statute.

00:54:59 Speaker 10

Compared to this resolution and.

00:55:00 Speaker 10

References to statute.

00:55:03 Speaker 10

There's a lot of references to statute to solid click.

00:55:07 Speaker 10

And you pay County attorneys a lot of money to to help us get through these things and and CFO too. So it's just interesting that we come to this place already.

00:55:22 Speaker 10

But in the years I was budget officer, solid waste kind of held its own. And the reason I think it held its own, I never got to.

00:55:30 Speaker 10

The study:

00:55:32 Speaker 10

But the reason I think it held its own was because of the growth in the county.

00:55:36 Speaker 10

I think this whole process and the whole system of the solid waste district.

00:55:43 Speaker 10

Management.

00:55:45 Speaker 10

And how we do punch tickets and this and that needs to be reviewed and thoroughly.

00:55:54 Speaker 10

Taken over, talked about because that was disturbing to see what those invoice charges were.

00:56:03 Speaker 10

That's what that is tells me.

00:56:06 Speaker 10

So.

00:56:07 Speaker 10

But back to the process.

00:56:10 Speaker 10

These are special assessments.

00:56:13 Speaker 8

Yes.

00:56:13 Speaker 10

Special assessments and you have.

00:56:16 Speaker 10

User fee comment.

00:56:18 Speaker 10

Both of these processes have.

00:56:20 Speaker 10

To have been happened before and now.

00:56:23 Speaker 10

And over the processes required.

00:56:26 Speaker 10

Must have.

00:56:27 Speaker 10

Public hearing.

00:56:32 Speaker 10

I can cite you the statutes if you'd like attorney living.

00:56:38 Speaker 10

Would you like to know what to?

00:56:41 Speaker 10

I'm referencing I am referencing.

00:56:49 Speaker 10

7-11.

00:56:52 Speaker 10

10/25.

00:56:54 Speaker 10

Notice of resolution for assessment.

00:56:57 Speaker 10

And there's a whole it's a pretty big section here.

00:57:03 Speaker 10

But the governing body shall pass this.

00:57:06 Speaker 10

Is number 28.

00:57:07 Speaker 10

And finally, adopt A resolution specifying the special district assessment option and levying and assessing all the property within the special district with an.

00:57:19 Speaker 10

Amount.

00:57:20 Speaker 10

Equal to the annual cost of the program and improvements.

00:57:25 Speaker 10

That's provided in 764012 and 4013.

00:57:31 Speaker 10

#3.

00:57:33 Speaker 10

The resolution levying assessment to defray the cost of the special district must contain or refer.

00:57:40 Speaker 10

To a list that describes the larger parcel of land assessed with the name of the owner of the latter parcel if known, and the amount assessed.

00:57:51 Speaker 10

My house.

00:57:53 Speaker 10

Has a \$120.00 assessment on it.

00:57:56 Speaker 10

That's according to the past resolution.

00:58:00 Speaker 10

The colony.

00:58:02 Speaker 10

Pays a lot more. Why? Because garbage is based on volume, OK, types and volume as you referenced in the 75 title.

00:58:12 Speaker 10

But this title is really important because this has the process.

00:58:16 Speaker 10

Number six.

00:58:17 Speaker 10

Or #5A notice signed by the clerk.

00:58:20 Speaker 10

Of the governing body stating that the resolution levying a special assessment or changing the.

00:58:25 Speaker 10

Method of assessment.

00:58:27 Speaker 10

Is on file in the clerk's office and subject to inspection and must be published.

00:58:32 Speaker 10

As of seven 1/21/21.

00:58:37 Speaker 10

That didn't happen.

00:58:40 Speaker 10

The information was not available to the public until.

00:58:43 Speaker 10

Yesterday or this morning.

00:58:46 Speaker 5

This morning.

00:58:47 Speaker 10

Yeah, that's that's not.

00:58:51 Speaker 10

That's not letting the public participate as entitle 2 chapter 3 required public participation.

00:58:58 Speaker 10

Then it says the notice and hearing process may be included in the local governments governing general budgeting process, which typically that happens and believe me, in my career, I've been through a lot of special assessment hearings during the budget process, lighting districts, St. maintenance districts.

00:59:17 Speaker 10

Solid waste districts, they're all the same requirements for how you have to deal with this and.

00:59:23 Speaker 10

The timing of it.

00:59:24 Speaker 10

#7 at the time set the governing body shall meet and hear all objections that may be.

00:59:30 Speaker 10

To the assessment or any part of the assessment may adjourn from time to time and made by resolution modify the assessment.

00:59:38 Speaker 10

#8 a copy of the resolution certified by the Clerk of the governing body, which would be clerk reported.

00:59:45 Speaker 10

Must be delivered to the Department of Revenue by the latter of the 1st Thursday after the first Tuesday in September. Within 30 calendar dates.

00:59:54 Speaker 10

After receiving the tax for life so.

00:59:56 Speaker 10

This is late.

00:59:58 Speaker 10

And I tried to tell you about at the budget hearing.

01:00:02 Speaker 10

It's too late and the process wasn't done. Public hearing wasn't done. That notice has to be published 2 weeks in advance.

01:00:10 Speaker 10

Of the hearing.

01:00:12 Speaker 10

Or twice. Yeah, for two weeks.

01:00:14 Speaker 10

And the information.

01:00:17 Speaker 10

That you're going.

01:00:17 Speaker 10

To act on has to be available to the public. None of that has happened.

01:00:22 Speaker 10

Further.

01:00:25 Speaker 10

Your resolution only.

01:00:28 Speaker 10

Changes one level of the assessments you got the assessments and you got the punch.

01:00:34 Speaker 10

Tickets, two different things.

01:00:36 Speaker 10

As you did the math, Mr. Briggs.

01:00:40 Speaker 10

The assessment doesn't equal the number of punches.

01:00:43 Speaker 10

That's what those permits are for, for additional waste.

01:00:48 Speaker 10

You can buy permit to go take your tires to the downpour, take whatever extra branches.

01:00:53 Speaker 10

Whatever extra household you buy those permits.

01:00:57 Speaker 10

So there's two different things.

01:00:59 Speaker 10

They're not equal. The assessment is different. The assessment I pay \$120.00 for lets me take my trash to the dump once a week for 52 weeks.

01:01:09 Speaker 10

In a calendar year.

01:01:12 Speaker 10

Don't know why calendar year is, but that must be when the district was created, the district was taken over by the Commissioners in 2000.

01:01:18 Speaker 10

7 read that resolution 12-60. That's the type of format that should have been followed here. That list of all the code should have been updated with a proper amount instead of just saying I'm going to take last year's number of revenue per assessments times 50%.

01:01:37 Speaker 2

And that's what we're going to do.

01:01:39 Speaker 10

You failed Commission. Sorry, you failed legal.

01:01:43 Speaker 10

CFO, I'll give you a pass because you.

01:01:45 Speaker 10

Don't know anything.

01:01:47 Speaker 2

You're learning.

01:01:48 Speaker 10

I offered help.

01:01:50 Speaker 10

So this is not going to work. Thank you.

01:01:54 Speaker 10

I heard you do not act.

01:01:58 Speaker 8

Thank you.

[01:02:10 – 01:38:32 OMITTED]

01:38:37 Speaker 1

So.

01:38:39 Speaker 1

Excuse me.

01:38:41 Speaker 1

You have something else, Mary?

01:38:44 Speaker 1

Well, then hold it to yourself. Unless you're up here.

01:38:49 Speaker 1

Thank you.

01:38:51 Speaker 1

Uh.

01:38:56 Speaker 1

So.

01:38:57 Speaker 1

As far as legal is concerned, this meeting is in order with.

01:39:06 Speaker 7

Like I said, the Cassidy County Attorney's Office has previously given the Commission's guidance multiple times on public meetings and open meetings, and it is your prerogative to decide.

01:39:19 Speaker 6

Thank you.

01:39:20 Speaker 1

Do we have a motion on the?

01:39:22 Speaker 1

Floor.

01:39:24 Speaker 1

All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye opposed.

01:39:29 Speaker 4

Aye.

01:39:30 Speaker 1

Motion carries 2 to one.

01:39:36 Speaker 1

No, we have back to public comment again.

01:39:41 Speaker 1

Anyone care to have comment on anything that's not on the agenda for this meeting and as within the Commissioners jurisdiction?

01:39:53 Speaker 1

Any public comment please?

01:40:02 Speaker 1

Seeing none were adjourned. Thank you.

01:40:05 Speaker 1

Thank you all for joining us tonight.

EXHIBIT J

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF USER FEE AND SOLID
WASTE FEE INCREASES FOR THE
CASCADE COUNTY DUMP SITES**

RESOLUTION #24-39

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(1), a local government (defined as "a county, incorporated city or town, or solid waste management district organized under the laws of this state." MCA § 75-10-103(4)), may plan, develop, and implement a solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, under MCA § 75-10-103(7)(a) solid waste "means all putrescible and nonputrescible wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, refuse, ashes, sludge from sewage treatment plants, water supply treatment plants, or air pollution control facilities; construction and demolition wastes; dead animals, including offal; discarded home and industrial appliances; and wood products or wood byproducts and inert materials;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(15), and (17), within this county operated system, the county can cooperate with and enter into agreements with any persons in order to implement an effective solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, a county can "finance, design, construct, own, and operate a solid waste management system or contract for any or all of the powers authorized under this part." MCA § 75-10-112(15); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") has entered into a contract with Montana Waste Systems d/b/a Republic Services in order to provide effective solid waste management in Cascade County ("the County"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(10), to finance a solid waste management system, a county can assess taxes as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the County may "finance an areawide solid waste management system through the use of any of the sources of revenue available to the implementation entity for public works projects, by the use of revenue bonds issued by the city or county, or by fees levied by a solid waste management district, whichever is appropriate." MCA § 75-10-112(18);

WHEREAS, the Board has not adjusted the rates or charges for solid waste services in the County since 2012, with Resolution 12-60 (R0259754), making the current rates and charges wholly inequitable in proportion to the services and benefits rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Board recently renegotiated its contract with Republic Services and has recognized that an increase in customer rates and fees ("User Fee") is the next step in securing the future of waste management in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the benefit of knowledge of the rates and charges for solid waste charged at the Republic Services' Landfill ("Landfill"), which is located at 142 Powerline Rd., Floweree, MT 59440; and

WHEREAS the Board needs to adjust the User Fee for dumping at the County dump sites, so the rates and fees at the County dump sites more closely align with the Landfill rates; the adjustments are attached as *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, in securing the future of waste management in the County, the Board also needs to adjust the trailer sizes allowed at the County dump sites and the composition of the refuse that is accepted at the

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Cascade County, Sandra Merchant - Clerk & Recorder



RESOLUTION #24-39

County dump sites to ensure that the County dump sites are open and operable for their main intended use, to collect household refuse from County residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event trailer loads are too large, and the County dump sites are forced to close early, the entire purpose of the sites is voided, and thus new guidelines have been created and are referenced in the attached *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the County will continue to issue solid waste coupons which, in addition to cash and checks, will be acceptable forms of User Fee payments at the County dump sites; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to raise the Solid Waste Fee from \$120 a year to \$175 a year for all County residents that own property and/or businesses outside of the City of Great Falls, Black Eagle, the Town of Belt, and the Town of Cascade; and

WHEREAS, this Solid Waste Fee increase will allow the County to cover a majority of the costs of the disposal of solid waste, the payments for reasonable operations and maintenance of the County sites, as well as generate funds toward capital expenses associated with County site improvements and potential County site relocations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that effective for tax year 2025, the Solid Waste Fees will increase from \$120 a year to \$175 a year for all County residents that own property and/or businesses outside of the City of Great Falls, Black Eagle, the Town of Belt, and the Town of Cascade.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that the adjusted and updated User Fees have been amended and are attached and made part of this Resolution as *Exhibit A*. These User Fees will be implemented starting January 1, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that the size of trailers and the types of refuse that is allowed to be dumped at the County dump sites has been amended and is made part of this Resolution as reflected in the attached *Exhibit A*.

Passed and adopted this 16th day of September 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA


James L. Larson, Chairman

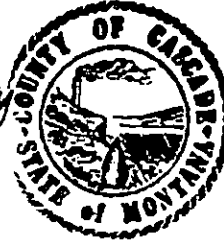

Joe Briggs, Commissioner


Rae Grulkowski, Commissioner

Attest

On this 19th day of September 2024, I hereby attest the above-written signatures of the Board of Cascade County Commissioners.

Sandra Merchant
by Ms. Kuehbusch Deputy
Sandra Merchant, Cascade County Clerk and Recorder



* APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Josh Racki, County Attorney

[Signature]
DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Transfer Site Charge and Punch Schedule

Site attendants will use their best judgement on the proper charge per load based on the following charts.

Pickup Cubic Yard	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Pickup up to 2' above box (est 2.0 CY)	\$ 15	3
Pickup long box, up to 2' above box (est 2.5 - 3.5 CY)	\$ 30	6
Pickup long box in excess of 2' above box (est 3.5+ CY)	\$ 40	8

Flat-Bed Truck or Trailer (Routine Household Waste)	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Truck or Trailer up to 8' long x 8' wide, up to 2' deep (est 4-8 CY)	\$ 45	9
Truck or Trailer up to 8' long x 8' wide, more than 2' deep (est 8+ CY)	\$ 90	18
Truck or Trailer up to 10' long x 8' wide, up to 2' deep (est 5-11 CY)	\$ 60	12
Truck or Trailer up to 10' long x 8' wide, more than 2' deep (est 11+ CY)	\$ 120	24

Miscellaneous Charges	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Passenger and Light Truck Tires (Charge per tire)	\$ 30	NA
Fridge with certification	\$ 60	NA
Fridge without certification	\$ 90	NA

The Following are NOT ALLOWED and will NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Hazardous waste or flammable liquids
- Construction material, roofing or demolition wastes
- Dead animals
- Hot ashes
- Tree limbs or boards in excess of 4'
- Large truck, heavy duty or heavy equipment tires
- Furniture (beds, couches, love seats, tables, hutches, etc)

All demolition, shingles, large trees debris and farm and ranch waste will be directed to the landfill and will not be accepted at the container sites

Solid Waste Rate Increase Assessment

34.3044	Solid Waste Permit Sales	4,350	4,500	4,500	4,500
36.2000	Miscellaneous Revenues <small>(collections at sites)</small>	11,340	8,000	8,000	8,000
36.3020	RSID Assessments	1,131,383	1,150,000	1,640,505	1,725,000
36.3040	P & I Special Assessments	8,803	-		
37.1010	Interest Earnings	11,782	600	7,500	7,500
36.7010	Recycling	33,777	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Revenue Totals	\$ 1,201,435	\$ 1,188,100	1,685,505	1,770,000

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Rou \$ 175 \$ 180

200.210	Office Supplies	258	300	300	300
200.220	Operating Supplies	-	100	100	100
200.230	Repair & Maint. Supplies	-	200	200	200
300.311	Postage	5,481	8,500	8,500	8,500
300.320	Printing Services	3,987	6,000	6,000	6,000
300.341	Electric	2,606	3,500	3,500	3,500
300.344	Heating Fuel <small>(as needed at 5 sites)</small>	2,144	3,500	3,500	3,500
300.345	Sanitation <small>(disposal, trucks, coupons)</small>	323,754	340,000	340,000	340,000
300.350	Professional Services <small>(compactors & Pacific Steel services)</small>	42,830	69,000	69,000	69,000
300.360	repair & maint. services <small>(Container and Site Maint)</small>	19,800	26,600	26,600	26,600
300.390	Other Purchased Services <small>(hauling & site attendants)</small>	1,045,166	1,090,000	1,090,000	1,090,000
500.510	Insurance	762	818	1,000	1,000
500.530	Site and Porta Rental <small>(5 sites, remaining 3 are owned)</small>	19,506	22,331	23,000	23,000
	Expense Totals	\$ 1,466,295	\$ 1,570,849	1,571,700	1,571,700

Revenue Totals	\$ 1,201,435	\$ 1,188,100	1,685,505	1,770,000
Expense Totals	\$ 1,466,295	\$ 1,570,849	1,571,700	1,571,700
Net	\$ (264,860)	\$ (382,749)	113,805	198,300
	Current			
Proj Cash on Hand at YE	\$ 8,967	\$ (373,782)	\$ 122,773	\$ 207,267

Solid Waste Rate Increase Assessment

34.3044	Solid Waste Permit Sales	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	
36.2000	Miscellaneous Revenues	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	
36.3020	RSID Assessments	1,640,505	1,640,505	1,640,505	1,640,505	1,725,000	1,725,000	1,725,000	1,725,000	
36.3040	P & I Special Assessments									
37.1010	Interest Earnings	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	
36.7010	Recycling	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	Revenue Totals	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	
200.210	Office Supplies	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	
200.220	Operating Supplies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
200.230	Repair & Maint. Supplies	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
300.311	Postage	8,500	8,500	8,925	8,925	8,500	8,500	8,925	8,925	
300.320	Printing Services	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
300.341	Electric	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
300.344	Heating Fuel	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
300.345	Sanitation	340,000	353,600	367,744	382,454	340,000	353,600	367,744	382,454	
300.350	Professional Services	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000	
300.360	Repair & Maint. Services	26,600	26,600	26,600	26,600	26,600	26,600	26,600	26,600	
300.390	Other Purchased Services	1,090,000	1,133,600	1,178,944	1,226,102	1,090,000	1,133,600	1,178,944	1,226,102	
500.510	Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
500.530	Site and Porta Rental	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	
	Expense Totals	\$ 1,571,700	\$ 1,628,900	\$ 1,688,813	\$ 1,750,681	\$ 1,571,700	\$ 1,628,900	\$ 1,688,813	\$ 1,750,681	
		\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,685,505	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	\$ 1,770,000	
		\$ 1,571,700	\$ 1,628,900	\$ 1,688,813	\$ 1,750,681	\$ 1,571,700	\$ 1,628,900	\$ 1,688,813	\$ 1,750,681	
	Net	\$ 113,805	\$ 56,605	\$ (3,308)	\$ (65,175)	\$ 198,300	\$ 141,100	\$ 81,187	\$ 19,319	
	Proj Cash on Hand at YE									
	As of 8/31 \$	8,967	\$ 122,773	\$ 179,378	\$ 176,070	\$ 110,895	\$ 207,267	\$ 263,873	\$ 260,565	\$ 195,390

Relocation of Armington/Belt Site

Acquisition of Real Estate for Site	120,000	130,000
Site Construction - Footings, Retaining Walls, Concrete Pad	190,000	(potential increase of cost depending on available property)
• Assumes County conducts work and mirrors design of current site. Site would not have power or compactor. Power is not currently near site and would be cost prohibitive to install		TBD
• Assumes no Engineering cost, if engineering is required, would significantly increase cost		TBD
Total Projected	\$ 310,000	\$ 130,000

Addition of Containers to Hardy Creek Site

Addition of Two Containers		
Additional Haulage - Double Haul Rate 1x per month \$753.30 x 4% increase x 12	9,401	
Addition of Power to Site		15,000
Acquire Compactor and Install		TBD
Total Projected	\$ 9,401	\$ 15,000

Combine Cascade and Hardy Creek Sites

Acquisition of Property - Two parcels located at intersection on Frontage Road increasing accessibility but property owner would require acquisition of both properties. 23 acres at \$8k an acre	184,000	
Site Construction (Using Belt construction assumption) Footings, Retaining Walls, Concrete Pad	190,000	
• Assumes County conducts work and mirrors design of current sites.		TBD
• Assumes no Engineering costs, if engineering is required, would increase cost		TBD
Total Projected	\$ 374,000	\$ -

Current Code	Description	Current Charge	FY2013	FY2013
			33%	New Unit Rate
			Unit Increase	
			Increase	
101	Cabin	30.00	10.00	40.00
201	Two Cabins	45.00	15.00	60.00
202	Small Clubs	45.00	15.00	60.00
204	Low Income	45.00	15.00	60.00
205	Post Office	45.00	15.00	60.00
206	Church	45.00	15.00	60.00
207	6 months only house	45.00	15.00	60.00
301	Regular House	90.00	30.00	120.00
302	Trailer House	90.00	30.00	120.00
304	Small Office	90.00	30.00	120.00
402	House & Post Office	135.00	45.00	180.00
403	Church & Parsonage	135.00	45.00	180.00
404	House & Low Income House	135.00	45.00	180.00
405	House & 2 Cabins	150.00	50.00	200.00
501	Two Houses or 2 Small Offices	180.00	59.00	239.00
502	Two Trailers	180.00	59.00	239.00
503	House & Small Office	180.00	59.00	239.00
505	House & Trailer	180.00	59.00	239.00
508	House & 5 Motel Units	180.00	59.00	239.00
509	Commerical Business	180.00	59.00	239.00
511	Vet Clinic	180.00	59.00	239.00
513	Equipment Company	180.00	59.00	239.00
514	Serv Station/ Garage/Junk Yard	180.00	59.00	239.00
515	Lumber Company	180.00	59.00	239.00
516	Packing Plant or Feedlot	180.00	59.00	239.00
517	Radio or Television Station	180.00	59.00	239.00
520	Cascade Industrial Properties	180.00	59.00	239.00
802	Two Units	180.00	59.00	239.00
9901	School District #85	268.00	88.00	356.00
701	Three Houses	270.00	89.00	359.00
705	Three Apartments	270.00	89.00	359.00
708	House & Commerical Business	270.00	89.00	359.00
709	House & Vet Clinic	270.00	89.00	359.00
717	Car Dealer	270.00	89.00	359.00
719	Bar	270.00	89.00	359.00
720	Restaurant or Café	270.00	89.00	359.00
721	Trucking Company	270.00	89.00	359.00
722	Const/MFGT/ or DOR Industrial	270.00	89.00	359.00
723	Grocery/Butcher/Mini Mart	270.00	89.00	359.00
724	Wholesale Store	270.00	89.00	359.00
803	Three Units	270.00	89.00	359.00
804	One House three Apartments	360.00	119.00	479.00

Landfill Direct

INVOICE

36832
 HIGHLANDS LANDFILL - 4871
 PO BOX 677839
 DALLAS, TX 75267-7839
 (406) 761-2545



**REPUBLIC
 SERVICES**

Invoice Date 06/03/2024
 Invoice No 4871-00000021
 Customer No 4-4871-0019100

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 Due Date UPON RECEIPT

2024-00000139

CASCADE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
 ATTN: ACCOUNTING
 121 4TH STREET N
 GREAT FALLS, MT 59401

Current Charges Total Amount Due

0.00 0.00

Please pay total amount due

5410-267-00800 300.345 Sanitation

Billing Questions? Call (406) 761-2545

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	TAX	TOTAL
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		Payments :				\$7,239.13
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6/26	AA	Reference:	BLK AT [REDACTED]				
6/26	AA	Vehicle:	PUNCH24				
6/26	AA	Contract:	2 GATE 2 AXLE				
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6/26	HA	Reference:	[REDACTED]				
6/26	HA	Vehicle:	PUNCH01				
6/26	HA	Contract:	4 TIRES WHOLE				
6/26	AA	MSW		01-824287	43.00	0.23 TN	\$25.00
6/26	AA	Reference:	[REDACTED]				
6/26	AA	Vehicle:	CASH01				
6/26	AA	Contract:	2 GATE 2 AXLE				
6/26	AA	MSW		01-824298	43.00	0.21 TN	\$15.00
6/26	AA	Reference:	[REDACTED]				
6/26	AA	Vehicle:	[REDACTED] BLUE 1500				
6/26	AA	Contract:	0 GATE VEHICLE				
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6/26	AA	Vehicle:	[REDACTED] TR8				
6/26	AA	Contract:	2 GATE 2 AXLE				
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6/26	AA	Contract:	0 GATE VEHICLE				



We'll handle it from here:

CASCADE COUNTY TRANSFER SITES

ACCOUNT # 3-0670-1210626
INVOICE # 670-000470361
INVOICE DATE 06/30/24
BILLING PERIOD 6/1/2024-6/30/2024

DATE	REF #	QUANTITY & DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
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Republic Services #670
PO Box 76829
Phoenix, AZ 85062-8829

ACCOUNT NUMBER 3-0670-1210626	AMOUNT PAID \$
INVOICE NUMBER 670-000470361	CHECK NUMBER

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
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CASCADE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
FINANCE OFFICE
121 4TH STREET NORTH
GREAT FALLS, MT 59401



Cascade County
 325 2nd Ave N
 Great Falls, MT

Attn: Cascade County Commissioners

Cascade County Amended Pricing Document Exhibit B to include all billed rates effective 08/01/2023.

Exhibit B

Cascade County Transfer Station Roll-off Rates				
Location	2023 Rates/Singles	2023 Rates/Doubles	2024 Rates/Singles	2024 Rates/Doubles
Armington (Belt)	\$413.05	\$658.61	\$429.57	\$684.95
Cascade	\$460.81	\$707.37	\$479.24	\$735.66
(Cascade Compactor)	\$521.67		\$542.54	
Compactor Maintenance (fixed)	\$750.00		\$750.00	
Fort Shaw	\$449.60	\$695.97	\$467.58	\$723.81
Hardy Creek	\$505.78	\$753.30	\$526.01	\$783.43
Monarch	\$592.85	\$842.20	\$616.56	\$875.89
Stockett	\$384.95	\$629.88	\$400.35	\$655.08
Ulm	\$365.20	\$609.84	\$379.81	\$634.23
Vaughn	\$373.68	\$618.39	\$388.63	\$643.13
(Vaughn Compactor)	\$429.92		\$447.12	
Compactor Maintenance (fixed)	\$750.00		\$750.00	
Site Container Maintenance (fixed)	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	
Site attendant Hourly Rate	\$33.60		\$34.94	
Landfill Disposal Rates	\$34.50		\$35.88	

2024 Haulage

Site	Roundtrip mileage	Single Rate	Rate per Mile (Sngl)	Double Rate	Rate per Mile (Dbl)	Inc from Prior Yr
Armington	66	\$ 429.57	6.51	\$ 684.95	10.38	\$ 659.61
Cascade	74	\$ 479.24	6.48	\$ 708.80	9.58	\$ 701.37
Cascade Compactor	74	\$ 642.54	7.33	\$ 821.87	11.11	\$ 821.87
Hardy Creek	93.6	\$ 526.01	5.62	\$ 783.43	8.37	\$ 605.78
Monahan	110.2	\$ 618.58	5.58	\$ 788.85	7.08	\$ 623.76
Stockert	54	\$ 400.35	7.41	\$ 855.08	12.13	\$ 384.95
Ulm	45	\$ 379.81	8.38	\$ 922.20	15.79	\$ 629.88
Vaughn	44	\$ 388.63	8.83	\$ 943.13	14.62	\$ 373.68
Vaughn Compactor	42	\$ 437.12	10.36	\$ 1286.00	25.92	\$ 619.39

June

Site	Singles	Double	Containers	Calculated	Haulage	Compactor	Container	Avg Cost per
Armington	1	10	21	\$ 6,999.15	\$ 2,340.83			\$ 444.76
Cascade Compactor	8	8	8	\$ 4,173.36	\$ 750.00			\$ 615.42
Cascade	8	8	8	\$ 4,173.36	\$ 750.00			\$ 615.42
Hardy Creek	3	5	13	\$ 6,283.84	\$ 1,374.14			\$ 512.15
Stockert	2	13	28	\$ 8,958.34	\$ 2,560.59			\$ 411.39
Ulm	6	11	17	\$ 4,311.77	\$ 1,111.11			\$ 314.94
Vaughn	13	4	21	\$ 7,331.40	\$ 4,043.08			\$ 541.64
Site Amenities			157	\$ 68,207.48	\$ 17,875.85	\$ 1,500.00		
Container Maintenance				\$ 1,800.00				
Total Attendat Hours								\$ 1,188.00

July

Site	Singles	Double	Total Containers	Calculated	Haulage	Compactor	Avg Cost per Container
Armington	1	13	27	\$ 9,333.82	\$ 2,959.74		\$ 455.32
Cascade Compactor	8		8	\$ 4,340.32		\$ 750.00	\$ 636.29
Fort Shaw	4	9	13	\$ 6,547.20			\$ 503.63
Hardy Creek	3	6	15	\$ 6,278.61	\$ 1,505.17		\$ 518.92
Stockett	2	12	26	\$ 8,661.66	\$ 2,625.34		\$ 434.12
Ulm	0	15	15	\$ 7,818.54			\$ 519.90
Vaughn	12	4	20	\$ 7,238.08	\$ 3,993.44		\$ 561.48
				\$ 62,246.03	\$ 18,951.81	\$ 1,500.00	
Site Attendants				\$ 35,149.84			1000.00 Total Attendant Hours
Container Maintenance				\$ 1,800.00			

August

Site	Singles	Double	Total Containers	Calculated	Haulage	Compactor	Avg Cost per Container
Armington	4	11	26	\$ 9,252.73	\$ 2,588.74		\$ 455.44
Cascade	8	1	10	\$ 4,340.32	\$ 2,318.46		\$ 636.29
Cascade Compactor	18		8	\$ 4,340.32		\$ 750.00	\$ 636.29
Hardy Creek	5	5	15	\$ 6,547.20	\$ 1,555.78		\$ 540.20
Munich	5	2	8	\$ 4,340.32	\$ 2,318.46		\$ 636.29
Stockett	0	13	26	\$ 8,516.04	\$ 2,447.73		\$ 421.68
Ulm	4	13	30	\$ 8,516.04	\$ 2,447.73		\$ 421.68
Vaughn	4	13	30	\$ 9,815.21	\$ 4,941.75		\$ 495.23
				\$ 67,228.92	\$ 20,038.98	\$ 1,500.00	
Site Attendants				\$ 35,149.84			1000.00 Total Attendant Hours
Container Maintenance				\$ 1,800.00			

May 2024

Vehicle Volumes by Hour

	7:30-8:00	8:00-9:00	9:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-1:00	1:00-2:00	2:00-3:00	3:00-4:00	4:00-4:30	Vehicles	Punches
Armington	37	79	66	78	80	70	72	65	90	73	561	1624
Cascade		80	80	104	112	116	101	94	95		891	1151
Fort Shaw		74	59	59	51	69	68	59	48		428	597
Hardy Creek		88	75	75	66	85	77	93	86		587	967
Monarch		55	35	35	31	30	15	14	13		193	291
Stockett		133	84	84	100	111	83	106	89		718	888
Ulm		172	128	128	116	94	96	102	88		806	1587
Vaughn	59	72	115	148	134	134	128	119	103	42	1055	1679

Vehicle Volumes by Day

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Total
Armington	150	102	102	110			189	561
Cascade	306	138	138	176			271	891
Fort Shaw	148			111			169	428
Hardy Creek	169	127	127	152		0	139	587
Monarch	138	55	55	147				193
Stockett	232	128	128	147			209	718
Ulm	247	143	143	155			281	808
Vaughn	356	175	175	211			313	1055

EXHIBIT K



Cascade County
Special Commission Meeting
October 3, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, Room 105
325 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT



The Board of Cascade County Commissioners will be broadcasting the Commission Meeting via Zoom.
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Please note the agenda order is tentative and subject to change by the Board without prior notice.
Therefore, members of the public are encouraged to be in attendance at the time the meeting is scheduled to begin.
Public comment during public participation is limited to a maximum seven (7) minutes.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman James L. Larson

- 1. Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program**
- 2. Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**
Resolution 24-43: A resolution amending Resolution 24-39, R0461109, clarifying the User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites.
- 3. Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103)**
- 4. Adjournment.**

EXHIBIT L

CASCADE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

October 3, 2024

CHAMBERS MEETING ROOM AND VIA ZOOM

10:00 AM

Commission
Journal #64

Notice: Pursuant to MCA 2-3-212(1), the official record of the minutes of the meeting is in audio form, located at cascadecountymt.gov and the Clerk and Recorders Office. This is a written record of the meeting to reflect all the proceeding of the Board. MCA 7-2-2611 (2) (b). Timestamps are indicated below, in red, and will direct you to the precise location should you wish to review a specific agenda item audio segment. This written record is in draft form until officially approved on October 22, 2024.

Cascade County Commission: Chairman Jim Larson, Commissioner Joe Briggs, and Commissioner Rae Grulkowski

Staff: Phoebe Marcinek, Trista Besich, Diane Heikkila, Sandra Merchant, Paige Smith, Bonnie Fogerty, and Desarea Valentine

Public Attendance: Beth Cummings, Jon Kadner, Matt Hudson, and Mary Embleton

Zoom Attendees: Andy Watt, Guest, Guest, John, Stacey Kohles, Guest, Guest

Chairman Jim Larson announced the special meeting item of business. 01:29

1. **Discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste Program 01:32**

2. **Motion to Approve or Disapprove:**

Resolution 24-43: A resolution amending Resolution 24-39, R0461109, clarifying the User Fee and Solid Waste Fee Increases for the Cascade County Dump Sites. 01:43

Commissioner Larson presented the background for this item. 02:22

Discussion by Staff and Commission. 05:49-22:54

Commissioner Grulkowski made a **MOTION** that the Cascade County Commission disapprove Resolution 24-43, for the 45% increase mostly, that increase is not necessary for the taxpayer and I don't approve of the additional taxing them to go above the 45% by way of rounding to the nearest five dollars. 24:22

Chairman Larson and Commissioner Briggs opposed the motion. 25:03-26:40

Public Comment:

Mary Embleton spoke. 27:02

Beth Cummings spoke. 30:38

Chairman Larson calls for a vote. 32:29

Commissioner Grulkowski commented. 32:33

Motion to disapprove Resolution 24-43 does not carry 1-2 with Commissioner Grulkowski voting for and Commissioners Larson and Briggs voting against. 33:11

Commissioner Briggs made a MOTION that the Cascade County Commission approve Resolution 24-43.

Chairman Larson requests an amendment to the motion. 33:39

Discussion by Staff and Commission. 34:19-46:21

Commissioner Briggs rescinds his first motion and makes a MOTION to adopt a forty-five percent increase for the next year and authorize staff to adjust Exhibits A and B to accommodate the changes, as both schedules will need to change. The rate set that's designated on Exhibit B as New Rate FY13. 46:24

Commissioner Grulkowski commented. 48:05

Mary Embleton spoke. 49:06

Motion carries 2-1 with Commissioners Larson and Briggs voting for and Commissioner Grulkowski voting against. 52:25

Public comment on any public matter that is not on the meeting agenda, and that is within the Commissioners' jurisdiction. (MCA 2-3-103): None

Beth Cummings spoke. 52:59

Comments by Staff and Commission. 54:33

Adjournment: Chairman Larson adjourned the special meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Cascade County Commission Meeting – October 3, 2024

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00:00:09Speaker 1

I'm sorry.

00:00:11Speaker 2

Not.

00:00:12Speaker 2

My stuff.

00:00:14Speaker 2

Fine.

00:00:32Speaker 3

OK. Good morning, everyone.

00:00:39Speaker 3

I'll call this special meeting of the Cascade County Commission to order.

00:00:46Speaker 3

At this time, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

00:00:54Speaker 4

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible.

00:01:08Speaker 3

Thank you for those in the room. Please sign the sheet in the back of the room before you leave and check your cell phones to see if they're on. Take your off, please. So this morning, our first.

00:01:28Speaker 3

Order of businesses discussion on the Cascade County Solid Waste program.

00:01:38Speaker 3

Classes 1 here in the matter of amending Resolution 24 Dash 39 recording number 0461109 clarifying user fee and solid waste fee increases for the.

00:01:54Speaker 3

Gaskey County dump sites.

00:01:58Speaker 3

OK.

00:02:10Speaker 3

OK.

00:02:11Speaker 4

All right.

00:02:12Speaker 5

There I'm just trying to find.

00:02:13Speaker 2

A document for three weeks.

[00:02:19 – 00:25:51 OMITTED]

00:25:57Speaker 3

I will oppose this motion as well.

00:26:03Speaker 3

Because there is some things that can be changed in this.

00:26:10Speaker 3

I mean it's callings and whatnot, but.

00:26:18Speaker 3

If we don't pass this and we go back to our regular rates, we will be in the red and certainly in trouble.

00:26:26Speaker 3

We haven't.

00:26:28Speaker 3

Really. Run anything in red or try not to run in red since I've been here in our budgeting so.

00:26:36Speaker 3

I wouldn't want to start now.

00:26:41Speaker 3

Anything else on the motion?

00:26:45Speaker 3

Anything from staff on the motion.

00:26:49Speaker 3

Any public comment?

00:26:51Speaker 3

On the motion itself.

00:27:01Speaker 2

Good morning, commissioners. Mary Embleton, 74 2nd St. San County, Montana.

00:27:07Speaker 2

You need to reconsider what you're thinking on. This whole process is.

00:27:13Speaker 2

There are several flaws to it. There's a lot of problems with it, and Commissioner Larsen, your statement saying that we don't run anything in the red is absolutely false and we know that because fleet always runs into the red except for one day every.

00:27:32Speaker 2

So.

00:27:33Speaker 2

There are a lot of problems with the.

00:27:34Speaker 2

Way you've done this.

00:27:36Speaker 2

You've known since May that this fund was in trouble. You got a budget amendment to get through the end.

00:27:42Speaker 2

Of last fiscal year.

00:27:43Speaker 2

You've had plenty of time to address it.

00:27:46Speaker 2

And now you're addressing it with multiple multiple problems with how.

00:27:50Speaker 2

You're doing it.

00:27:52Speaker 2

Mainly.

00:27:54Speaker 2

That you're just trying to do brush your blocks, but do a broad sweep of oh, we'll get going to just up at 45% and then you don't even do the 45% you're doing more than the 45%. You can't do that. These are special assessments.

00:28:10Speaker 2

You have to determine the methodology.

00:28:13Speaker 2

And then you have to apply it equally to all the users. That's not happening here.

00:28:18Speaker 2

To do a deep dive into it later, is it? It should have been done before now, but now you've got an opportunity. You've seen what's going. What's wrong with this? Do a deliberative and and deep dive throughout this next fiscal year and do it right next year because you've already passed the deadline. The Treasurer's office is already in in pressure.

00:28:38Speaker 2

Mode to get this.

00:28:40Speaker 2

Done, and now you're trying to patch it up and do it in many ways the wrong way. I urge you to don't do it. You need to rescind the previous resolution. Go back to the standard of what it is and even know it even knowing that's wrong because you've added multiple codes without any permission.

00:29:00Speaker 2

Action only the Commission can add code and change the assessments on this, not the Treasurer's office, not the clerk and Reporters office, no one except the Commission, and it has to go through the proper process of public notice, public hearing and do it during the budget process, the statutes.

00:29:21Speaker 8

Clear.

00:29:23Speaker 2

Title 7 is clear, not title 75. With all due respect to Phoebe, probably haven't done the homework as thoroughly as should have been done. Title 7 rules here because it has to do with putting it on the taxes or raising a fee. Monies that the public is paying for service.

00:29:44Speaker 2

And you can't do it the way you're doing it now. Both methods, whether you called it a theme or you called it an assessment, both must have public notice.

00:29:55Speaker 2

Advertised for two weeks public hearing.

00:29:59Speaker 2

And then done through the budget process, because this resolution was due to the Department of Revenue.

00:30:06Speaker 2

In September, at the same time as the budget.

00:30:09 Speaker 2

Can't do it this way.

00:30:11 Speaker 2

Don't don't go down this road, that track, regroup and do it the proper.

00:30:17 Speaker 2

Way, please sight urge you.

00:30:19 Speaker 2

Otherwise it's challengeable and will be challenged I suspect. So don't do this.

00:30:27 Speaker 3

Thank you.

00:30:30 Speaker 3

Any other public comments on the motion?

00:30:36 Speaker 2

My name is Beth Cummings with Cascade County and and I have a great issue that the public is not treated as well as some of these Commissioners are expected that they be treated. And yesterday I was getting in here about a discussion between two Commissioners and perhaps 3 involved.

00:30:54 Speaker 2

About giving plenty of time to discern or to study, or to look over a resolution that was proposed by.

00:31:00 Speaker 2

1.

00:31:01 Speaker 2

Six days was not adequate today.

00:31:04 Speaker 3

We we stay on the motion, please.

00:31:06 Speaker 2

Thank you. Lead up to that today I've been. I come here today for this particular issue and we did not receive any of this information online at all until we got here. OK. So the public is now again, when I talked to Mike yesterday, we're getting raped and.

00:31:26 Speaker 2

Filling in the pocketbook by a Commission that is lazy and has.

00:31:31 Speaker 2

Homework properly and just expected. Wash old bread and think there's nothing wrong with it. I agree with Miss Hamilton's head. I've looked at the law. I looked at 75. I reread it after I spoke with Evie yesterday. I have yet to find where there's any authority not to have known as in the.

00:31:51 Speaker 2

Public hearing to discuss this issue. This is not what taxpayers should be accepting at all, and so I'm going to ask also that this be put aside and be done properly so that again we don't put ourselves into perhaps another lawsuit or whatever.

00:32:09 Speaker 2

It's coming down the pipe so and.

00:32:11 Speaker 2

Thank you for your time.

00:32:13 Speaker 8

Thank you.

[00:32:20 – 00:48:37 OMITTED]

00:48:46Speaker 3

Seeing none all trying to follow into that.

00:48:54Speaker 3

Any public comment on the new motion?

00:49:06Speaker 2

Mary Embleton, 74, 2nd St. San Coona, Montana.

00:49:10Speaker 2

Well, you're doing the least amount of damage by doing that 45% straight up based on the actual existing.

00:49:24Speaker 2

Bonafide assessments that there are.

00:49:30Speaker 2

Again, it's a monumental task to try to equate the assessed value and boil it down into a punch kind of thing. So you've just exposed a lot of the problems and flaws with this whole program, and I have a question that the program that you were referring to that.

00:49:50Speaker 2

Generates the tickets.

00:49:52Speaker 2

First of all, it's got to be on a fiscal year, not a calendar year, because this is on a fiscal year.

00:49:58Speaker 2

And the second thing is who created that program?

00:50:02Speaker 2

If that's a question, I think that should be clarified and made part of the record as to where that program came from, who maintains it, is it a homemade program? I'm guessing? Is it a canned program because of my past experience? We had an assessment program.

00:50:21Speaker 2

That was created by a bona fide company that works with special assessments for local governments all the time might be a good time to think about that. That would help them.

00:50:33Speaker 3

You're kind of off of the motion. Yes, you're you are off the motion. You're.

00:50:35Speaker 2

Reducing the motion for the 45%, it would be easy to apply that code.

00:50:39Speaker 3

There are further motion, so give.

00:50:41Speaker 2

No, I'm not certain.

00:50:42Speaker 2

Thank you. Please let me speak and and so I'm trying to make some suggestions. We can improve all this because it's been messy and it gets messier still. Again, you're not following.

00:50:55Speaker 2

The proper codes.

00:50:56Speaker 2

Because again, this should have been done and it was even admitted by a statement by the CFO that you've been talking about this.

00:51:03Speaker 2

For three months, she had plenty of time to do something about it. So again, it's it's not as bad as what.

00:51:11Speaker 2

It was originally proposed.

00:51:13Speaker 2

But it's still going to probably be challenged, so.

00:51:17Speaker 2

Uhm.

00:51:19Speaker 2

Because people didn't know this was coming. No one knows this is coming, and they'll get it on their tax bill. So treasurer's office get ready and and I'm going to advocate that.

00:51:26Speaker

Yeah.

00:51:29Speaker 3

You're still off of the motion.

00:51:34Speaker 3

Yeah, because we're talking about passing. You're you're off on. Yes, you are.

00:51:36Speaker 2

Of 45% increase.

00:51:39Speaker 2

No, I'm not. But people will will be.

00:51:43Speaker 2

Upset with this kind of an increase regardless and naval.

00:51:45Speaker 3

They may. I'm sure they will be.

00:51:49Speaker 3

That's not all we're talking about.

00:51:49Speaker 2

So be prepared.

00:51:52Speaker 2

For a lot of phone calls, peaking and treasures.

00:51:53Speaker 3

Thank you. Thank you.

00:51:56Speaker 2

And you disrespected me. Mr. Larson needs to stop. I would appreciate it.

00:52:01Speaker 4

If you would do so.

00:52:04Speaker 6

I apologize. Thank you, Mary.

00:52:12Speaker 3

OK. Any more public comment on motion?

00:52:19Speaker 3

Seeing none, all those well, let me see if there's someone.

00:52:25Speaker 3

Seeing none, all those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed.

[00:52:32 – 00:54:51]

00:54:57Speaker 3

Any other public comment?

00:55:03Speaker 3

Seeing none. We're adjourned. Thank you.

EXHIBIT M

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING
RESOLUTION 24-39, R0461109
CLARIFYING USER FEE AND SOLID
WASTE FEE INCREASES FOR THE
CASCADE COUNTY DUMP SITES**

RESOLUTION #24-43

WHEREAS, resolution 24-39, R0461109 was approved September 19, 2024 at a special commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(1), a local government (defined as “a county, incorporated city or town, or solid waste management district organized under the laws of this state.” MCA § 75-10-103(4)), may plan, develop, and implement a solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, under MCA § 75-10-103(7)(a) solid waste “means all putrescible and nonputrescible wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, refuse, ashes, sludge from sewage treatment plants, water supply treatment plants, or air pollution control facilities; construction and demolition wastes; dead animals, including offal; discarded home and industrial appliances; and wood products or wood byproducts and inert materials;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(15), and (17), within this county operated system, the county can cooperate with and enter into agreements with any persons in order to implement an effective solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, a county can “finance, design, construct, own, and operate a solid waste management system or contract for any or all of the powers authorized under this part.” MCA § 75-10-112(15); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has entered into a contract with Montana Waste Systems d/b/a Republic Services in order to provide effective solid waste management in Cascade County (“the County”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 75-10-112(10), to finance a solid waste management system, a county can assess taxes as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the County may “finance an areawide solid waste management system through the use of any of the sources of revenue available to the implementation entity for public works projects, by the use of revenue bonds issued by the city or county, or by fees levied by a solid waste management district, whichever is appropriate.” MCA § 75-10-112(18);

WHEREAS, the Board has not adjusted the rates or charges for solid waste services in the County since 2012, with Resolution 12-60 (R0259754), making the current rates and charges wholly inequitable in proportion to the services and benefits rendered; and

WHEREAS, the Board recently renegotiated its contract with Republic Services and has recognized that an increase in customer rates and fees (“User Fee”) is the next step in securing the future of waste management in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the benefit of knowledge of the rates and charges for solid waste charged at the Republic Services’ Landfill (“Landfill”), which is located at 142 Powerline Rd., Floweree, MT 59440; and

WHEREAS the Board needs to adjust the User Fee for dumping at the County dump sites, so the rates and fees at the County dump sites more closely align with the Landfill rates; the adjustments are attached as *Exhibit A*; and

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WHEREAS, in securing the future of waste management in the County, the Board also needs to adjust the trailer sizes allowed at the County dump sites and the composition of the refuse that is accepted at the County dump sites to ensure that the County dump sites are open and operable for their main intended use, to collect household refuse from County residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event trailer loads are too large, and the County dump sites are forced to close early, the entire purpose of the sites is voided, and thus new guidelines have been created and are referenced in the attached *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the County will continue to issue solid waste coupons which, in addition to cash and checks, will be acceptable forms of User Fee payments at the County dump sites; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that all current rates will be assessed with a 45% rate increase for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great falls and the city limits of Belt; and

WHEREAS, the Board also needs to adjust the solid waste codes for the County, showing the 45% rate increase; the updated code list is attached as *Exhibit B*; and

WHEREAS, this Solid Waste Fee increase will allow the County to cover a majority of the costs of the disposal of solid waste, the payments for reasonable operations and maintenance of the County sites, and generate funds toward capital expenses associated with County site improvements and potential County site relocations; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste user fee increases, as referenced in *Exhibit A*, will be effective January 1, 2025. The 45% rate increase for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great falls and the city limits of Belt, will begin billing on the 2024 tax statements, which will be sent out in November of 2024. This increase is shown on *Exhibit B*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that all Solid Waste Fees will be assessed with a 45% rate increase for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great falls and the city limits of Belt. These updated codes are attached and made part of this Resolution as reflected in *Exhibit B*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that the adjusted and updated User Fees have been amended and are attached and made part of this Resolution as *Exhibit A*.

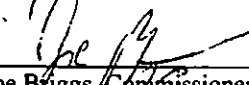
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that the size of trailers and the types of refuse that is allowed to be dumped at the County dump sites has been amended and is made part of this Resolution as reflected in the attached *Exhibit A*.

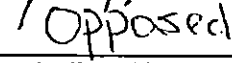
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Cascade County Commissioners that the solid waste fees assessed with a 45% rate increase will begin billing on the 2024 tax statements, which will be sent out in November of 2024. The solid waste user fee increases will be implemented on January 1, 2025.

Passed and adopted this 8th day of October 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

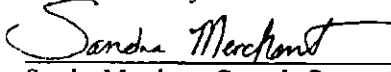
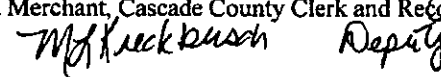

James L. Larson, Chairman


Joe Briggs, Commissioner


Rae Grulkowski, Commissioner

Attest

On this 3rd day of October 2024, I hereby attest the above-written signatures of the Board of Cascade County Commissioners.


Sandra Merchant, Cascade County Clerk and Recorder
 Deputy

* APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Josh Racki, County Attorney


DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Transfer Site Charge and Punch Schedule

Site attendants will use their best judgement on the proper charge per load based on the following charts.

Pickup Cubic Yard	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Pickup up to 2' above box (est 2.0 CY)	\$ 15	4
Pickup long box, up to 2' above box (est 2.5 - 3.5 CY)	\$ 30	9
Pickup long box in excess of 2' above box (est 3.5+ CY)	\$ 40	11

Flat-Bed Truck or Trailer (Routine Household Waste)	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Truck or Trailer up to 8' long x 8' wide, up to 2' deep (est 4-8 CY)	\$ 45	13
Truck or Trailer up to 8' long x 8' wide, more than 2' deep (est 8+ CY)	\$ 90	26
Truck or Trailer up to 10' long x 8' wide, up to 2' deep (est 5-11 CY)	\$ 60	17
Truck or Trailer up to 10' long x 8' wide, more than 2' deep (est 11+ CY)	\$ 120	34

Miscellaneous Charges	Cash Cost	# of Punches
Passenger and Light Truck Tires (Charge per tire)	\$ 30	NA
Fridge with certification	\$ 60	NA
Fridge without certification	\$ 90	NA

The Following are NOT ALLOWED and will NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Hazardous waste or flammable liquids
- Construction material, roofing or demolition wastes
- Dead animals
- Hot ashes
- Tree limbs or boards in excess of 4'
- Large truck, heavy duty or heavy equipment tires
- Furniture (beds, couches, love seats, tables, hutches, etc)

All demolition, shingles, large trees debris and farm and ranch waste will be directed to the landfill and will not be accepted at the container sites

EXHIBIT "B"

Cascade County Solid Waste Rate Increase FY25

Solid Waste Code	Description	FY13 New Unit Rate	45% over FY13
101	CABIN	40.00	58.00
201	CABINS (2)	60.00	87.00
202	SMALL CLUBS (Saddle/Shooting)	60.00	87.00
204	LOW INCOME	60.00	87.00
205	POST OFFICE	60.00	87.00
206	CHURCH	60.00	87.00
207	6 MONTHS ONLY - HOUSE	60.00	87.00
301	REGULAR HOUSE	120.00	174.00
302	TRAILER HOUSE	120.00	174.00
304	SMALL OFFICE	120.00	174.00
402	HOUSE & POST OFFICE	180.00	261.00
403	CHURCH	180.00	261.00
404	HOUSE & LOW INCOME HOUSE	180.00	261.00
405	HOUSE & 2 CABINS	200.00	290.00
501	TWO HOUSES OR 2 SMALL OFFICES	239.00	346.55
502	TWO TRAILERS	239.00	346.55
503	HOUSE & SMALL OFFICE	239.00	346.55
504	TRAILER & SMALL OFFICE	239.00	346.55
505	HOUSE & TRAILER	239.00	346.55
508	HOUSE & 5 MOTEL UNITS	239.00	346.55
509	COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	239.00	346.55
511	VET CLINIC	239.00	346.55
513	EQUIPMENT COMPANY	239.00	346.55
514	SERV STATION/ GARAGE/ JUNK YARD	239.00	346.55
515	LUMBER COMPANY	239.00	346.55
516	PACKING PLANT OR FEEDLOT	239.00	346.55
517	RADIO OR TELEVISION STATION	239.00	346.55
520	CASCADE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES	239.00	346.55
701	THREE HOUSES	359.00	520.55
705	HOUSE & COMMERCIAL BUSINESS	359.00	520.55
708	HOUSE & STORE	359.00	520.55
709	HOUSE & VET CLINIC	359.00	520.55

Cascade County Solid Waste Rate Increase FY25

Solid Waste Code	Description	FY13 New Unit Rate	45% over FY13
717	CAR DEALER	359.00	520.55
719	BAR	359.00	520.55
720	RESTAURANT OR CAFE	359.00	520.55
721	TRUCKING COMPANY	359.00	520.55
722	CONST/MFGT/OR DOR INDUSTRIAL	359.00	520.55
723	GROCERY/BUTCHER/MINI MART	359.00	520.55
724	WHOLESALE STORE / FLEET	359.00	520.55
802	TWO UNITS	239.00	346.55
803	THREE UNITS	359.00	520.55
804	FOUR UNITS	479.00	694.55
805	FIVE UNITS	599.00	868.55
806	SIX UNITS	718.00	1,041.10
807	SEVEN UNITS	838.00	1,215.10
808	ONE HOUSE & CONSTRUCTION CO	958.00	1,389.10
810	HOUSE/BAR&CAFE, BAR&STORE	838.00	1,215.10
811	BAR&CAFE/ BAR&STORE/ BAR&REST	718.00	1,041.10
812	TWELVE UNITS		-
904	MOTEL WITH 20 UNITS	479.00	694.55
9901	SCHOOL DISTRICT #82 or 85	356.00	516.20
9902	SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 (Centerville) & #74 (Vaughn)	535.00	775.75
9904	ST OF MT	1,428.00	2,070.60
9904	SUN RIVER SCHOOLS (#55)	1,428.00	2,070.60
9905	SCHOOL DISTRICT #3 (Cascade)	1,608.00	2,331.60
9906	PLEASANT VALLEY COLONY	1,666.00	2,415.70
9907	BIG STONE & FAIR HAVEN COLONY	2,499.00	3,623.55
9908	CASCADE & HILLCREST COLONY	2,857.00	4,142.65
9909	SMITH, LOREN D.	2,935.00	4,255.75
9910	QUITE DAY MANOR	2,297.00	3,330.65
	OUT OF DISTRICT PERMITS	146.00	211.70
	PAY PER PUNCH	3.50	

October 3, 2024

Resolution 24-43

Agenda Action Report
Prepared for the
Cascade County Commission

ITEM:

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING
RESOLUTION 24-39, R0461109
CLARIFYING USER FEE AND SOLID
WASTE FEE INCREASES FOR THE
CASCADE COUNTY DUMP SITES**

INITIATED AND PRESENTED BY: **The Board of County Commissioners**

ACTION REQUESTED: **Approval of Resolution 24-43**

BACKGROUND:

The Board of County Commissioners has entered into a contract with Montana Waste Systems d/b/a Republic Services in order to provide effective solid waste management in Cascade County. Resolution 24-39, R0461109 was approved by the Board on September 19, 2024, at a special commission meeting.

The Board needs to adjust the User Fees for dumping at the County dump sites so the rates and fees at the County Dump Sites more closely align with the Landfill rates. The Board also needs to adjust the trailer sizes allowed at the County dump sites and the composition of the refuse that is accepted at the County dump sites to ensure that the County Dump Sites are open and operable for their main intended use, to collect household refuse from County residents. The County will continue to issue solid waste coupons which, in addition to cash and checks, will be acceptable forms of User Fee payments at the County Dump Sites. The Board has also determined that it needs to adjust the solid waste codes for the County. The updated code list is attached to the Resolution as *Exhibit B*

In order to accomplish these objectives, the Board has determined that all current rates will be assessed with a 45% rate increase for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great Falls and the city limits of Belt. This is an amendment to clarify the language in the previous resolution that stated the "Board has determined that it is appropriate to raise the Solid Waste Fee from \$120 a year to \$175 a year for all County residents that own property and/or businesses outside of the City of Great Falls, Black Eagle, the Town of Belt, and the Town of Cascade."

Additionally, the Board has clarified that the solid waste user fee increases, as referenced in *Exhibit A* of the resolution, will be effective January 1, 2025. The 45% rate increase for all County residents that own property and/or businesses in the County of Cascade, except for those residents within the city limits of Great falls and the city limits of Belt, will begin billing on the 2024 tax statements, which will be sent out in November of 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution 24-43, amending and clarifying portions of Resolution 24-39.

TWO MOTIONS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

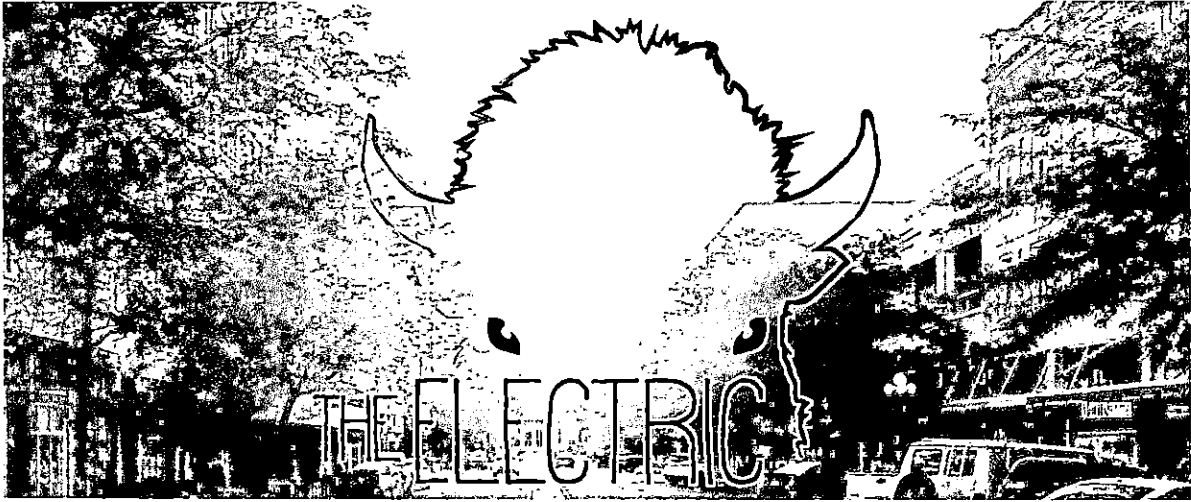
MOTION TO APPROVE:

"Mr. Chairman, I move Cascade County Commission **APPROVE** Resolution 24-43."

MOTION TO DISAPPROVE:

"Mr. Chairman, I move Cascade County Commission **DISAPPROVE** Resolution 24-43."

EXHIBIT N



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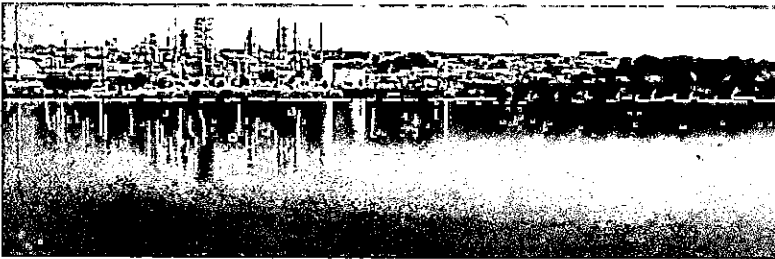
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GFPS, COUNTY ADJUSTING TAXABLE VALUES AFTER CALUMET REVISION; TAX BILLS DELAYED

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The Montana Department of Revenue notified Cascade County, Great Falls Public Schools, Great Falls Transit and the City of Great Falls officials on Oct. 25 of their revised certified taxable value due to an "industrial appeal settlement."

The adjustment appears to be related to the department's recent request for clarification of Calumet's tax abatement approved by the city and county rather than an actual appeal settlement, according to county officials.

DOR officials told GFPS officials this week that the adjustment was due to ongoing appeals with Calumet.

Calumet considers appeal of 2024 taxes

DOR has not yet responded to The Electric's Oct. 25 questions for clarification on what specifically was the reason for the adjustment.

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The city capped their 2022 tax abatement at \$50 million and did not receive a revised valuation with the the other local taxing jurisdictions on Oct. 25, according to the city finance office.

Calumet still has two pending appeals before the Montana Tax Appeal Board for 2022 and 2023 taxes and said in Oct. 18 filings that it is still considering whether to protest its 2024 taxes.

Montana Renewables, Calumet's subsidiary, has an appeal pending before the state tax board of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's decision not to certify the entire Great Falls facility as tax exempt.

Calumet announces \$1.4 billion federal loan for expansion as regional officials question wastewater, taxes

The Oct. 25 adjustment lowers the taxable values of each jurisdiction by about \$4 million.

It also delays the county's process to issue tax bills.

Diane Heikkila, county treasurer, told The Electric that they were hoping to send tax bills to the printers on Oct 4 and Oct. 11, but that's didn't happen so they're about two to three weeks behind.

She said her office has been awaiting final tax valuation numbers to process the tax bills.

Once the bills are sent to the printers, get proofs and make corrections, it's about 10 days before they're mailed out, Heikkila said.

GFPS board approves request to access protested Calumet taxes

She said if they can get information finalized and get the bills to the printer by Nov. 1, she's hoping to have bills to the taxpayers by Nov. 15.

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Due dates will be pushed back to accommodate the delay, she said.

The Great Falls Public Schools board voted during their Oct. 28 meeting to adjust their budget for the revised tax valuations.

The revision lowered the amount in the elementary district by \$4,130,446 and in the high school district by \$4,129,255.

Montana Renewables, Calumet have pending tax appeals before state board

That changes the district's taxable valuation that was issued by DOR in August, and used for the district's budget, from \$182,603,795 in the elementary to \$178,473,349; and \$185,329,633 to \$181,200,378 in the high school.

The district submitted their budget to the state in August and will be updated.

The adopted budget amounts won't change, but the the mills levied will increase due to the decrease in taxable valuation, creating "a tax shift from Calumet to the district taxpayers," according to Brian Patrick, GFPS' business operations manager.

The school board adopted a budget in August with a tax reduction of \$75.27 on a house with a \$300,000 taxable valuation, according to GFPS.

County board upholds state's revised tax valuation for Calumet

Taxpayers will still be paying less toward GFPS this year, but that reduction will be slightly less with the taxable valuation revisions.

Now, a taxpayer will pay \$53.59 less than last year on a house with a \$300,000 taxable valuation, according to GFPS.

On Oct. 30, the Cascade County Commission is scheduled to conduct a special meeting to address the tax revision.

Commissioner Joe Briggs said he believes the adjustment is the Calumet abatement issue DOR sought clarification for over the summer and that commissioners voted on Oct. 15.

Calumet appeals county tax board denial to state [2023]

He said that the adjustment is larger than the estimate DOR had provided, which was a \$2.9 million reduction in taxable valuation. Briggs said the county based their budget on that estimate so their budget officer is preparing an analysis of the impact.

"In each of the last few years we have had an adjustment downward in the taxable valuations after we have set the mills due to various tax appeals at the state level and we have not redone our mills, but have instead reduced spending as necessary and adjusted the budget as needed," Briggs said.

The revision impacts the county's general fund and countywide levies, which totaled 141.48 mills.

County requests tax recertification for GFPS budget, Calumet tax reduction [2021]

The revision translates to a reduction in revenue from what was budgeted of about \$125,000 in the general fund and about \$3,000 for the public safety levy.

The change only affected values in the newly taxable category, Briggs said, so it doesn't change the number of mills the county can levy and doesn't require a public hearing to adjust the mills.

Briggs said commissioners can modify the budget later if needed to reduce the spending levels to match the new tax estimates.

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