

PUBLIC MEETING
January 8, 2008

Chairman Ed Tinsley called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioners Andy Hunthausen and Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Kelly Blake, Cheryl Green, Nancy Everson, Rebecca Shaw, Dean Retz, Jim Cottrell, Ron Mercer, Tom Hoffman, and Maria Penna, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. Ron Alles reported on the consent agenda and recommended approval.

- a. Resolution 2008-1. Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid to D & K Motorsports in the amount of \$619.17 for tax years 2006 & 2007. (Cheryl Green)
- b. Resolution 2008-2. Establishing Hours of Operation for All Lewis And Clark County Offices. (Attached)
- c. Waterline Easements to City of Helena. Two 20 foot wide waterline easements over, under, and across the following-described property: Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds as described in document number 569722, recorded in Book M19, Page 8579 in the Office of the Clerk and Recorder of Lewis and Clark County. (Ron Alles)
- d. Montana Supreme Court-Office of Court Administrator. District Court Safety & Security Funding Application (application due 01/02/08 - nunc pro tunc-signed 12/31/07) (Laura Erikson) The State of Montana is offering grants to improve security services within the county courthouse.
- e. Agreement with City of East Helena. For assistance in completing the 2010 Census Bureau's Local Update of Census Address project. (Eric Spangenberg)

Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the consent agenda and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Public Hearing. Request For Tax Abatement-Summit Aeronautics Group. (Applicant, Summit Aeronautics Group, Owner BHAM Development) (Nancy Everson) BHAM Development had requested abatement for the expansion of the building occupied by Summit Aeronautics Group and owned by BHAM Development. Summit Aeronautics Group is requesting abatement for the purchase of new equipment at their plant located at 3200 Skyway Drive, Helena, Montana 59602. The estimated cost of the building expansion is \$4,361,743. The estimated cost of the new equipment for the building expansion is \$9,870,771. The property is legally described as a no-title building on airport property, GEO Code #1888-21-3-01-01-4036. The abatement, if granted, would run from tax year 2008 through tax year 2017.

Nancy Everson reported BHAM and Summit had met the criteria outlined in the statute (15-24-1401, MCA) to qualify for the tax abatement. The City of Helena considered and passed this tax abatement on January 7, 2008. Staff recommended approval of the tax abatement for BHAM Development and Summit Aeronautics.

Tom Hoffman, 6200 Willow Creek Road, stated Summit had 93 employees at the time the application was submitted in October. Right now, employment is at 108, so 15 new jobs have been added.

Ron Mercer, on behalf of the Airport Authority, supported the recommendation for tax abatement.

Hearing no other public comments, Commissioner Murray moved to render a final decision Thursday, January 8, at the regularly scheduled public meeting. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Commissioner Murray noted he would be out of the county on county business on Thursday and acknowledged support on this and if there were a question on the voting, he would like it continued until the following Tuesday so he may vote in favor of it.

Proposed Major Subdivision, Preliminary Plat To Be Known As Amended Plat of Lots 6 & 7 – Hillview Acres Subdivision. (Applicant JKM Development, LLC) (Planner, Rebecca Shaw) The applicant proposed creating eight lots, each for one single-family dwelling. The site is generally located north of Prairie Road, west of and adjacent to Hillview Drive.

Rebecca Shaw reported the applicant has requested a postponement until the external road issue is resolved, but sometime before April 7.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to postpone the subdivision presentation until March 27 to allow the applicant time to make adjustments. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion.

Commissioner Murray supported the motion and invited the HBIA developers in our community and anyone else to go with the county to the legislature and request authority for counties to levy up to 1 mill that would be used for roads and infrastructure improvements. This is a problem affecting development in our county as well as affecting the county itself. We do not have the money to totally solve road problems and will only do it if we receive legislative authority.

The motion carried 3-0.

Public comments on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

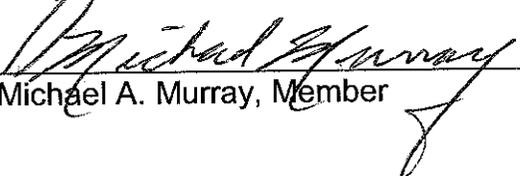
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Ed Tinsley, Chairman



Andy Hunthausen, Vice-Chair



Michael A. Murray, Member

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board