

**PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2012
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioners Mike Murray and Derek Brown were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Kelly Blake, Rebecca Shaw, Nancy Everson, Larry Hoffman, Keith Hatch, and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Affidavit of Assets Reported by the Treasurer/Clerk & Recorder as of June 30, 2010, in the Amount of \$65,196,971.43 and Affidavit of Assets Reported by the Treasurer/Clerk & Recorder as of June 30, 2011, in the Amount of \$68,210,960.38. (Paulette DeHart)
- b. Resolution 2012-19 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by David E. and Connie L. Rohr in the Amount of \$433.28. (Cheryl Green)
- c. Resolution 2012-20 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Curtis Thor & Kay Mason in the Amount of \$1,317.49. (Cheryl Green)
- d. Public Works Contract Amendment #1 with Morrison Maierle. Rimini Road Reconstruction Project, Task 8-Stake ROW along Parcel 020. Compensation not to exceed \$9,470.00 (Eric Griffin)
- e. Weed District - BLM Grant Application. Invasive and Noxious Plant Management on Public Lands (grant submitted online 2/15/12) *nunc pro tunc* (Larry Hoffman)
- f. Weed District - RAC Grant Application. Erosion and Noxious Weed Reduction (Larry Hoffman)
- g. Resolution 2012-21 Authorizing Approval of a Loan from the Capital Development Fund to the Fairgrounds Fund – To finance the construction of a front entry gate at the fairgrounds. (Nancy Everson)
- h. Public Works Contract with Fairbanks Scales. Convert Landfill Scale to Fully Electronic. Sum not to exceed \$44,000.00 (Audra Zacherl)

Eric Bryson recommended approval of the consent agenda.

Commissioner Murray asked if enough signs have been sold on the new gate at the Fairgrounds to cover this loan.

Keith Hatch stated that all 12 of the front-facing signs have been sold. The Foundation was still working on the 12 interior signs. Enough sponsorships have been sold to take care of the majority of the loan and was very confident that by the time this sign is operational that all 24 will be sold.

Consent item 'c.' Eric Bryson will get additional information about partial ownership and how taxes are assessed on partial ownerships of these types of properties.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the consent action items and authorized the Chair to sign where appropriate. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Bonds & Resolution 2012-22 Adopting the Policy. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson reported that the county issued \$1.4 million tax-exempt revenue bonds for the Landfill Phase III. The policy establishes in writing that the county needs to follow certain requirements to maintain compliance with IRS rules. Staff recommended approval of the policy and the resolution.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the resolution and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Approval of 2012 Lewis and Clark County Parks and Recreation Plan. (Rebecca Shaw)

Rebecca Shaw gave a synopsis of the changes from the 2009 Park Plan to the 2012 Park Plan. On February 1, 2012 the Parks Board passed a motion to recommend approval to the Board of County Commission and staff also recommended approval.

The major changes on the Park Plan are in the Goals and Policies section Goals 3 and 4 state provisions on how and when we would accept parkland as part of the subdivision process. Goal 6 was added to facilitate securing trail easements along our creeks in the Valley area. A set fee policy under Goals 12 and 13 has been added. The plan must comply with the Growth Policy.

The Commission want more time to review the updated plan, have it reviewed by Fairgrounds staff and Weed District staff, and then open it up for a public comment period.

Commissioner Brown moved to close public comment on March 2nd and consider action on March 6th. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

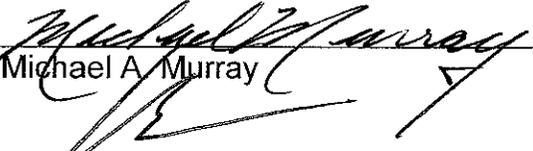
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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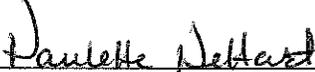
Andy Hunthausen, Chairman



Michael A. Murray

Derek Brown

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board