

**PUBLIC MEETING
July 22, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Commissioner Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Commissioner Good Geise was excused. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, Drenda Neimann, Nance Everson, Kathy Moore, Mona Jamison, Debra Wolfe, Jack Walsh and Anne Todd, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award Interlocal Agreement Between City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County (Eric Bryson)
- b. Certificate of Appropriation between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Board of Investments. (Nancy Everson)
- c. 2014 Pledged Securities as of June, 2014. (Nancy Everson)

Eric Bryson reported on consent action items 2a. – c. recommending approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of consent action items 2a. – c. and authorized the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Bid Award – 11th Avenue Sidewalks, Project #STPE 5899(48) (Kyle Thomas) The Commissioners will consider awarding the bid.

Eric Bryson stated one bid was received; however, it was opened at the last Public Meeting and staff made recommendation but need concurrence from the State Department of Transportation. Staff recommended tabling the award until July 31, 2014, at which time there will be confirmation from Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Murray moved approval to table item.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Resolution No. 2014-79 To Establish a new Fee Rate for the Water Quality Protection District in Lewis and Clark County pursuant to Section 7-13-4523, MCA (Tabled from July 17, 2014) (Kathy Moore) The Commissioners will consider the resolution to increase water quality district fees by 10% to provide for the cost increases in rent, insurance and personnel costs.

Kathy Moore presented Resolution 2014-79 for a new fee rate for the Water Quality Protection District. She stated the increase from fixed costs rising over the years and moving full time FTE's from grant funded salary into the main Water Quality District Fund. Staff recommended approval of the new fee rate and to sign the resolution.

Commissioner Murray moved approval to accept and sign the resolution.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Task Order 15-07-5-01-075 With Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department to Implement the Evidence-based Home Visiting Model Nurse Family Partnership. (Drenda Neimann) The Commissioners will consider the Task Order for Evidence-Based Home Visiting Model Nurse Family Partnership Sub-Contract in the amount of \$88,830 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Drenda Neimann presented Task Order 15-07-5-01-07500 stating the Task Order will serve on average, a case load of 25 high risks, low income, first time pregnant woman enrolled prior to 28 weeks gestation and service will continue through the second year of the child's life and is for in the Amount of \$88,830 for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Staff recommended approval and authorized the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Task Order 15-07-5-01-075 with Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department to Implement the Evidence-based Home Visiting Model Nurse Family Partnership.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Second Reading of the Proposed Ordinance Providing for the Administration of a Resort Tax in the Wolf Creek Resort Area in Lewis and Clark County, Montana (Mona Jamison) The Commissioners will consider the proposed Ordinance on the second reading.

Mona Jamison presented an overview on the 1st reading of the Wolf Creek Resort Area Tax and requested the Commissioner to adopt the resort tax and give a provisional approval. She stated this will be voted on, on September 16, 2014 through the mail and qualified voters should receive ballot by August 20, 2014. This will help the residents in Wolf Creek get a new disposal sewer system installed and defer the cost. She reminded the Commission that this tax is seasonal if approved by voters and patterns the resort tax in Craig. Staff recommended preliminary approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved the provisional approval of the Resort Tax in Wolf Creek.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Public Hearing. County's Notice of Budget Increase from Property Taxes and of Hearing Thereon. (Nancy Everson) The Commissioners will consider the budget increase and related comment.

Nancy Everson presented the increase in budget from property taxes stating it increases by 1.03 percent as allowed by the law and authorized by Montana Code Annotated 1510-420. The increase allowed local governments to increase property taxes by one half of the average rate of inflation over the prior three years. Inflation was 2.06 percent, one half is 1.03 percent. The Montana Code Annotated allows the county to carry forward levy authority if they didn't levy the maximum in the prior year. There was no levy in the previous year. Staff recommended approval of the increase.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved the resolution for additional property tax revenue rendering decision on Tuesday, July 29 at the regular scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Public Hearing. County's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. (Nancy Everson)

The Commissioners will conduct a public hearing to solicit public input on the budget.

Nancy Everson reviewed for the Commission, the budget, revenues, expenses and protested taxes and effects on the budget. She stated the County's debt service is very low. She asked the Commission to adopt the budget on July 29, 2014 at the regularly scheduled meeting.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved to adopt the county budget on July 29, 2014 at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

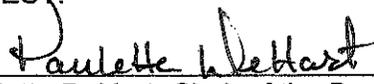
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