

**PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Mike Murray was excused for personal business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, Katie Jerstad, Christal Ness, Jim Wilbur, Larry Hoffman, Cheryl Green, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Announcement. Nov. 4, 2014 Public Meeting Canceled – Election Day Holiday.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Public Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2014. (Nichole Nisbet)
- b. Resolution 2014-119 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Colin M. Shirley in the amount of \$940.10. (Cheryl Green)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items 3 a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve consent items 3a-b.

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

Contract between Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District and the U.S. Geological Survey. (Jim Wilbur)

The Commissioners will consider the contract between Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District and the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$7,030 for the maintenance and operation of the surface-water monitoring states on Tenmile Creek near Rimini, MT. The contract period is through September 30, 2015.

Jim Wilbur presented the contract between Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District and the U.S. Geological Survey which provides for the means to continue the operation of the surface-water monitoring station on Tenmile Creek. The monitoring station provides valuable data regarding stream flow for a major stream of the Helena Valley and acts as an early flood warning station for properties downstream. The funding comes from a variety of entities including the City of Helena, Lewis & Clark Conservation District, Water Rights Solutions and the MT Environmental Trust Group. They are working on a long term arrangement with these entities to secure funding for the next few years.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the contractor agreement.



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

Grant Application for the 2015 Noxious Weed Trust Fund Special County/Reservation. (Larry Hoffman)

The Commissioners will consider approving the grant application in the amount of \$7,500.

Larry Hoffman presented the grant application for the 2015 noxious weed trust fund special County/reservation. Any County can apply and if granted, the funds will go towards infield computer set up and the inspectors.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application.

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

Request to Waive Subdivision Application Fees for the Decunzo Minor Subdivision. (Applicant: East Valley Fire District Planner: Christal Ness)

The Commissioners will consider the waiver request in addition to the East Valley Fire District request to waive obtaining a platting certificate from a local title company.

Christal Ness presented the request to waive subdivision application fees for the Decunzo Minor Subdivision. The application is result of the boundary line relocation with the Montana Environmental Trust Group and the East Valley Fire District. The County made the agreement with the Trust to subdivide the parcel once the boundary line was relocated to separate the original 2 acre parcel for the East Valley Fire District and to create a new 4 acre parcel to house the Search and Rescue facility. The second part of the request is for the certificate of title as it was requested by the Trust Group that all of the easements and restrictions had to be denoted on the surveys, all of which have been identified and that there are no lien holders, which the County staff will search the record to ensure there are no lien holders.

Eric Bryson stated that the trustees of East Valley Fire District are asking for the application fees to be waived however his recommendation would be to deny the request and ensure that East Valley Fire District would not be financially responsible for the fees and that the County, the Commission in particular will pay those fees. The second part of the request will be addressed through a completeness and sufficiency review as to what requirements would be in place.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to deny the request.

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

Board Appointments. (Eric Bryson)

- City-County Consolidated Planning Board
- Weed Board
- Investment Committee

The Commissioners will consider making the appointments.

Eric Bryson presented the board appointments and recommended approval of the following: the reappointment of Pat Johnson and Jonathon Jackson to a second term on the City-County Consolidated Planning Board that will expire 9/1/2017, the reappointment of Steve Johnson to a second term on the Weed Board that expires 12/31/2015, and the appointment of Oliver Holmes to a 3 year term on the Investment Committee that expires 12/31/2017.

No public comment was received.

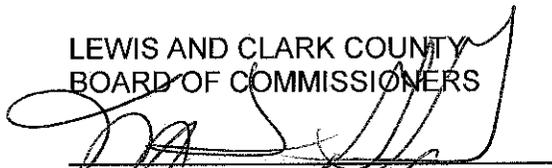
Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the board appointments.

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

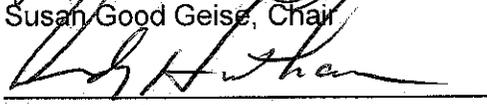
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

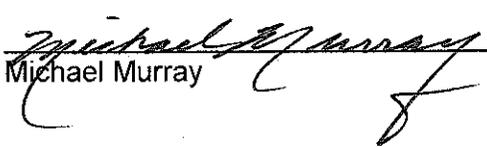
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Susan Good Geise, Chair

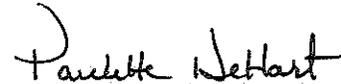


Andy Hunthausen



Michael Murray

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board