

**PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 4, 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 and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Paul Stahl, George Theborge, Paulette DeHart, Leo Dutton, Robert Aldridge, Marvin Weber, Michael Bruce, Michael Haegele, Dave Peterson, Tammy Potter, Dave Rau, Brett Friede, Jason Grimmis, Tim Zarske, Pat McDuffie, Robert Kinyon, Brian Robinson, Bill Pardis, Eric Gilbertson, Shane Hildenstab, Greg Holmlund, Clair Swain, Larry Heigh, Danette Haegele, Annette Finstad, Elisa Prescott, Pam Attardo, Laura Erikson, Jack Walsh, 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, 2013, in the Amount of \$76,288,636.01 and Affidavit of Assets Reported by the Treasurer/Clerk & Recorder as of June 30, 2012, in the Amount of \$65,196,971.43. (Paulette DeHart)
- b. Resolution 2014-16 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of consent action items 2.a. and b.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff's Office New Deputies Swearing In Ceremony. (Leo Dutton) Robert Aldridge, Marvin Weber, Michael Bruce and Michael Haegele will be sworn in as new Sheriff's Office deputies.

Sheriff Leo Dutton conducted a New Deputies Swearing In Ceremony for Robert Aldridge, Marvin Weber, Michael Bruce and Michael Haegele, attended by family, friends and fellow officers.

Sheriff's Office Promotion Ceremony. (Leo Dutton) Dave Peterson, Patrol Operations Division of the L&C Co. Sheriff's Office, will be promoted to Captain.

Sheriff Leo Dutton conducted a ceremony promoting Dave Peterson from the rank of Sergeant to Captain.

Resolution 2014-17 Supporting Executive Order No. 3-2013; Raising of the POW/MIA Flag in Remembrance of All Unaccounted and Missing Members of the American Armed Forces.
(Commissioner Mike Murray)

Commissioner Murray read Resolution 2013-17 Supporting Executive Order No. 3-2012; Raising of the POW/MIA Flag in Remembrance of All Unaccounted and Missing Members of the American Armed Forces into the record.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen moved approval and support of Resolution 2014-17, as presented by Commissioner Murray.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis and Clark County and Christopher Borton of Sage Mountain Center. (Kelli Reemer) (Elisa Prescott) The Commissioners will consider the contract in the amount of \$1,169.00 for presentation of two 2-hour renewable energy workshops to commercial businesses in Great Falls and Billings. Funded by a NW Energy grant in the amount of \$4,800.

Elisa Prescott, in Kelli Roemer's absence, presented the Independent Contractor Contract between the County and Christopher Borton of Sage Mountain Center in the amount of \$1,169.00, funded by a grant from NorthWest Energy. Two 2-hour presentations, in Billings and Great Falls, will be provided by Christopher Borton of Sage Mountain Center, an expert on solar energy. Staff recommended approval of the contract and authorizing the Chair to sign.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis and Clark County and Christopher Borton of Sage Mountain Center, as presented.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

SHPO Certified Local Government Grant Application by Lewis & Clark County Heritage Tourism Council. (Pam Attardo) The Commissioners will consider the grant application in the amount of \$5,225 for annual support of the Heritage Tourism Council.

Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, reported on the SHPO Certified Local Government Grant Application by the County Heritage Tourism Council in the amount of \$5,225. Fundraising efforts were noted to purchase wooden patterns from Caird Engineering, founded in 1895 as a foundry and machine shop in Helena. Patterns were carved, used to form molds in sand and hot iron was then poured into them to form items such as light posts, pipes, fencing, and manhole covers. Caird Engineering ceased business in 1982 as a foundry and 1986 as a machine shop.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the SHPO Certified Local Government Grant Application by Lewis & Clark County Heritage Tourism Council, as presented.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Funding Agreement for the Helena Area Transportation Plan between the City of Helena, Lewis and Clark County and Montana Dept. of Transportation. (Eric Bryson) The Commissioners will consider the 14-month agreement documenting funding responsibilities for the development of the Helena Area Transportation Plan: City Funds (30%) \$76,766; County Funds (20%) \$50,000; MDT Funds (50%) \$126,766.

Eric Bryson presented the Funding Agreement for the Helena Area Transportation Plan between the City of Helena, the County and Montana Dept. of Transportation. The Scope of Work and costs were mutually agreed to by the parties; a 50/50 split between state and local entities, with the City paying approx. 30 percent or \$76,766, and the County 20 percent or \$50,000. MDOT's share was approx. \$122,766, for a total of \$253,532 for the 14-month agreement. Staff recommended approval of the agreement.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the Helena Area Transportation Plan Funding Agreement.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointment – STOP DUI Task Force. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson addressed the board vacancy on the STOP DUI Task Force resulting from Deputy County Attorney Jeff Seeley's resignation. Anne Peterson, Deputy County Attorney was willing to serve in this role and Staff recommended her appointment.

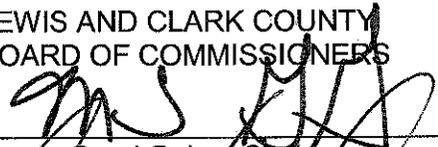
Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Anne Peterson to fill the unexpired term through Dec. 31, 2014, replacing Jeff Seeley on the DUI Task Force.

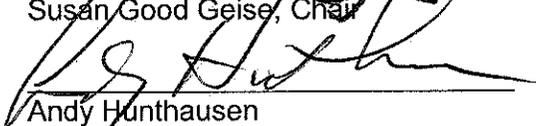
Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen


Mike Murray

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board