

**PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 10, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 10, 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, Marni Bentley, Cheryl Green, Kyle Thomas, Carrie Severson, Al Knauber, Keith Allen, James Williams, Matt Witkos and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Vendor Claims Report for the Week of April 7, 2014. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2014-40 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Wally and LaDonna Bell in the Amount of \$652.64. (Cheryl Green)

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

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Consent Action Items a. and b.

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

Bid Award – Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue Building. (Kyle Thomas) (Tabled from 4/1/14)
The Commissioners will consider awarding the bid.

Kyle Thomas, Ast. Public Works Director, stated the bids had been analyzed; however, funding discussions were under way with the Search and Rescue Board and the Sheriff's Office and he requested tabling the item to April 17, 2014.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to table the Bid Award for the Lewis and Clark County Search and Rescue Building until April 17, as recommended by Mr. Thomas.

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

Resolution 2014-37. Resolution of Intent to Create a Rural Improvement District for Lake Home Road Number 2014-1. (Carrie Severson) (Tabled from 4/8/14) Decision. The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Carrie Severson, Special Districts Coordinator, noted that Resolution 2014-37 had been tabled from the April 8th meeting in response to public comment that petitioners did not garner signatures representing 60% of the properties to be included, and were not dated. Staff's Memo of April 9, 2014, addressed the Commission's policy of requiring 60% of properties to be included on the petition. The Commission initiated and retained the authority to initiate a Rural

Improvement District without a petition or a petition not meeting policy. They were, however, required to follow statutory provisions that required a protest period and public hearing prior to making a decision on the creation of a District.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to deny Resolution 2014-37 as presented currently.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion.

Discussion –

Commissioner Hunthausen recommended denial of the resolution based solely on the Commission's 60% petition requirement. He encouraged homeowners in the proposed district to work together to bring a new petition forward that met the policy requirements, or wait until the County's policy changed.

Commissioner Murray stated he was present when the 60% petition requirement was implemented, noting it was implemented due to the cost to the County of doing the research and preparing the RID. Sixty percent was a reasonable assurance the RID would not be protested out.

The motion carried 3-0.

Amendment to Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Matrix Design Group Dated January 29, 2013. (~~Laura Erikson~~) (Eric Bryson) The Commissioners will consider the amendment extending the contract completion date to Sept. 30, 2014.

Eric Bryson, in Laura Erikson's absence, presented the Amendment to the Contract between the County and Matrix Design Group dated January 29, 2013. The process was ongoing of conducting a Joint Land Use Study with participation from Fort Harrison, the Airport Authority, City of Helena, East Helena, Broadwater County, and various representatives of Fort Harrison and the VA. The amendment would extend the contract completion date from Dec. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014, to allow adequate time to complete the work, continue with public outreach and stakeholder meetings to ensure the end result of the Joint Land Use Study would be acceptable to all parties. Staff recommended approval of the amendment.

No public comment was received.

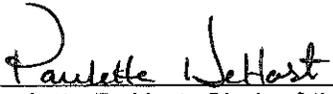
Commissioner Murray moved approval of the Matrix Design Contract Amendment.

Commissioner Hunthausen 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 9:14 a.m.

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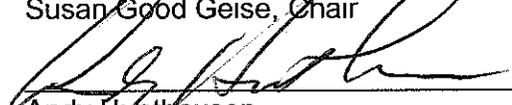


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