

**PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 20, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 20, 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 Murray was away attending a NACo Conference in Alaska and was excused. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Jeremy Gersovitz, Cheryl Green, Mona Jamison, Paulette DeHart, Audrey Dufrechou, Al Knauber, Matt Witkos and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Resolution 2014-52 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Rod G. Williams in the Amount of \$20.44. (Cheryl Green)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent agenda item and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the consent agenda item, as presented.

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

Intercap Loan Application to Board of Investments for Augusta Road Rural Improvement District. (Eric Bryson) The Commissioners will consider the application for a 7-year loan in the amount of \$37,331.00 for the Augusta Road RID Chipseal.

Eric Bryson presented the Intercap Loan Application to the Board of Investments for a 7-year loan in the amount of \$37,331.00 to complete the Augusta Road RID Chipseal.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Intercap Loan Application to the Board of Investments for the Augusta Road Rural Improvement District, as presented.

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

Resolution 2014-51 Calling for an Election on the Imposition of a Resort Tax in the Wolf Creek Resort Area. (Mona Jamison) The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Mona Jamison, attorney with Jamison Law Firm, Helena, who had been retained by the County Commission, presented Resolution 2014-51 calling for an Election on the Imposition of a Resort Tax in the Wolf Creek Resort Area. The petition was presented and contained the required signatures of 15% of qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Wolf Creek Resort Area. County Elections had verified the 8 signatures. The Montana Department of Commerce had authority and had confirmed the Wolf Creek Resort Area met all of the criteria to be established as a Resort Area. The rate of the resort tax in the petition was 3%; the duration 20

years; the effective date would be April 1, 2015; and the purpose was to fund the construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of a sewage disposal and treatment system funded by 90% of the resort tax. Vendors who collect the tax would receive 5%; the Commission had discretion on the expenditure of the remaining 5% as noted in paragraph 5.c. of the petition. Either a vote at the next general election or a special election was allowed; a special election was recommended for some time in September, 2014, and if successful, would take effect April 1, 2015. The Commission must pass an administrative ordinance implementing the resort tax prior to the effective date. The Craig Resort Tax Ordinance would serve as a template. If the resort tax effort failed, users of the Sewer District would see substantially increased sewer rates.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved acceptance of the petition and approval of Resolution 2014-51 Calling for an Election on the Imposition of a Resort Tax in the Wolf Creek Resort Area, as presented by Ms. Jamison.

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

Board Appointments. (Eric Bryson)

- Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee
- Forestvale Cemetery Board

Eric Bryson reported that Richelle Depew and Ken Ludke had completed terms on the Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee and were currently serving at the pleasure of the Commission. Vacancies had been advertised continuously without results. Both committee members expressed a desire to be officially appointed to terms on the Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee. Staff recommended appointing Richelle Depew to complete a term that expires August 31, 2015, and Ken Ludke to a term that expires August 31, 2014.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Richelle Depew to complete a 3-year term ending August 31, 2015, on the Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee.

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

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Ken Ludke to complete a 3-year term ending August 31, 2014, on the Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee.

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

Eric Bryson reported that Dave Depew, John Palmquist and Susan Moran had completed terms on the Forestvale Cemetery Board and were currently serving at the pleasure of the Commission. Vacancies had been advertised continuously without results. All three board members expressed a desire to be officially appointed to terms on the Forestvale Cemetery Board. Staff recommended appointing Dave Depew to a 3-year term on the Cemetery Board through August 31, 2016, John Palmquist to a 3-year term through August 31, 2014, and Susan Moran to a 3-year term through August 31, 2015.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint to the Forestvale Cemetery Board, Dave Depew to complete a 3-year term through August 31, 2016, John Palmquist to complete a 3-year term through August 31, 2014; and Susan Moran to complete a 3-year term serving through August 31, 2015.

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

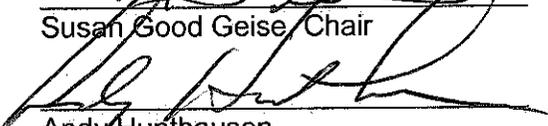
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Commissioner Hunthausen explained the significance of the banner containing the likeness of Sidney Edgerton that was displayed on the Chambers wall. The Commission had read a Proclamation on April 29, 2014, declaring May 17 – 24, 2014, as "Sidney Edgerton Week" in Lewis & Clark County, and temporarily renaming the County as "Edgerton County" in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of Montana becoming a territory on May 26, 1864. Highlights of events held in Helena on Saturday, May 17, 2014, were noted.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

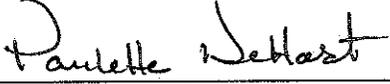
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen


Mike Murray

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board