

PUBLIC MEETING
January 23, 2001

Chair Karolin Loendorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Murray and Varone were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, K. Paul Stahl, Alicia Pichette, John Grant, Harry Jacobs, Gary Pistoria, Ted Beck, Clint Erb, Robert Hampson, Carroll Jenkins, and Carole Byrnes.

Minutes. The minutes of January 9, and 11, 2001 were tabled to Thursday.

Auditor Report. Alicia Pichette reported that 644 invoices have been selected for payment in the amount of \$589,147.72. A copy of this report and the claims are available for inspection in room 341.

Reconsideration of Condition of Approval for Westview Estates Subdivision. (cont. from 1/9/01). Deputy County Attorney K. Paul Stahl reported that attorney Kirby Christian requested that the meeting be continued for another week. Attorney John Grant informed Mr. Stahl that he was not in favor of a continuance.

According to Mr. Stahl, the county adopted preliminary approval of a plat including condition 6 that the applicant shall abandon easements A, B, and C. The easements run on the north and south boundaries of the properties and one also runs through the middle of the property on a north-south line and are not county roads. Mr. Stahl offered two options: (1) the Commission could eliminate condition 6 from the subdivision preliminary approval; or (2) leave in condition 6 and require that Mr. Jacobs abandon the easement prior to filing for preliminary plat approval.

After further discussion, Commissioner Varone stated she is not inclined to postpone the determination and moved that the Commission rescind condition 6. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Detention Center Contract. Ron Alles reported that this is a renewal of the contract with the Department of Corrections to establish the amount that the Department will pay Lewis and Clark County for their officers. The Sheriff, staff and the County Attorney have reviewed this contract and recommended approval. Commissioner Murray moved that the Commission approve the contract and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Explosive Ordinance Disposal. Ron Alles reported that the MOU between Lewis and the county and the Missoula County Sheriff's Office to provide services relating to explosive ordinance disposal. The Sheriff and staff have reviewed this MOU and recommended approval. Commissioner Murray moved that the Commission approve the MOU and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution Declaring County Property Surplus. Ron Alles reported that the Sheriff's Department has old radios to dispose of. Staff recommended approval. Any useable radios will be forwarded to the Augusta Volunteer Fire Department and the York Fire Department. Commissioner Varone moved that the Commission approve the resolution and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Vietnam Veterans Association. Robert Hampson is President of the Local Chapter of Vietnam Veterans' of America (VVA) and Vice-President of the state council that represents all the chapters in the state of Montana. The VVA would like the Commission to hold public meetings regarding veteran services, veteran services at the VA Hospital, and veterans who have been incarcerated at the county's detention center.

Commissioner Murray stated that the county pays \$250 for a veteran burial and \$30 for a headstone.

Carroll Jenkins is Healthcare Committee Co-Chair of the Vietnam Veterans of America Local Chapter 626, Legislative Coordinator for the state chapter of Vietnam Veterans for the state of Montana, delegate of the National Mental Health Association, and past President of the Mental Health Association of Montana. Mr. Jenkins distributed and discussed medical cost information from the VA to local communities. The VA needs the county's help in holding public hearings on this issue through interagency agreements.

The Commission directed staff to begin the process of scheduling meetings with the Veterans' Association.

Mike Secrease, 1820 Hauser is the National Service Officer of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Mr. Secrease stated that 84% of veterans that seek services out of the VA are being turned down for network authorization for payment and the burden falls back on the veteran who cannot afford to pay.

The Commission will invite the congressional delegation members to participate in the discussion process.

William L. Smith, Box 1063, Helena, stated that VA concerns go back many years.

Request for a One-Year Extension of Preliminary Plat Approval for the Foxview Estates Major Subdivision. Michael McHugh reported that applicants, David Brown and Dan Fiehrer, have requested a one-year extension of preliminary plat approval. The applicants intend to enter into an improvements agreement to deal with the fencing requirement and the fire improvement requirements. Staff recommended approval of a one-year extension. Commissioner Murray moved that the Commission approve the one-year extension to January 13, 2002. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Affidavit Declaring the City of Helena a Convenience Carrier. Ron Alles reported that the affidavit states that Lewis and Clark County requires the services of the City to haul garbage from the transfer station to the landfill and there is no other carrier involved. Staff recommended approval. Commissioner Murray moved to approve the affidavit. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.