

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 15, 2003

Pledge of Allegiance. (Tape begins part of the way into pledge) Everyone recited the pledge.

Commissioner Murray: Good Morning. My name is Mike Murray, to my right is Commissioner Tinsley, Commissioner Varone is excused she is attending the National Association of Counties meeting.

Proposed Canyon Creek Fire District Annexation. (Marni Bentley)

The Commissioners will consider the resolution to annex all of Section 36, T12N, R7W; all of Section 31, and all of Section 32, T12N, R6W.

Marni Bentley: Commissioners. Petition has been received and I attached a copy to your memo to annex certain lands into the Canyon Creek Fire District. The owners that signed the petition were 94% and the area was almost 85%. I forwarded the petition to the Board of Trustees, they approved it and said they would inspect each property. This is just another area that will be removed from the Lewis and Clark Fire Service Area and annexed into the Canyon Creek District. Notice was sent to all owners and published in accordance with the statutes and no comments had been received on this. Staff recommends approval on the attached resolution annexing certain properties into the Canyon Creek Fire District.

Commissioner Murray: Questions of Mrs. Bentley?

Commissioner Tinsley: Mrs. Bentley did Wally Jester from the Lewis and Clark Fire District have any comments at all?

Marni Bentley: No

Commissioner Tinsley: Okay, but he's aware of it?

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. This is a public hearing, anyone present that wishes to speak in favor of and opposition to or in general, now is your opportunity. Mr. Allen. Tom, I knew you wanted to say a couple of words could I get you up to the mic we need to record you, we're making a written transcript Tom, so. If I could get you to identify yourself please. I know you, but I'm not sure the rest of them do.

Thomas Allen: We submitted our petition because we felt we would have better response from the Canyon Creek Fire District, that they would be the ones fighting it anyway and we are 40 miles from here, 11 miles from Canyon Creek District so, or Canyon Creek Station and that's about it. We felt we belonged in that district and that's when we petitioned to join.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. And I know your preference was East Valley annex ship but in lieu of that we'll go with Canyon Creek. Anyone else wish to testify? Anyone else? Anyone else? This closes the public hearing. Commissioner, what's your druthers?

Commissioner Tinsley: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion we approve the proposed Canyon Creek Fire District Annexation and authorize chair to sign.

Commissioner Murray: Second. All in favor of the motion, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: 'I'

Commissioner Murray: Motion carries. Thank you.

Final Plat Approval for Silver Creek Ranchettes, Lot 18 (West Valley VFD Silver Creek Station Minor).
(Applicants, Dick & Clara Rogers and Jerry Shepherd) (Planner, Frank Rives)

The Commissioners will consider the final plat

Frank Rives: Good Morning, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Tinsley. I've been working with the applicant to complete this final plat; they've met all the conditions of approval, just as a note the purpose of this subdivision was to provide a lot to build a new fire station for the West Valley Fire District. They've met all their conditions, so they're ready to go forward.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. By consensus, if the record will reflect that the Commission this morning will sign the Final Plat for the Silver Creek Ranchettes Lot 18. Thank you Mr. Rives.

Weed Spraying Contracts. (Larry Hoffman)

The Commissioners will consider the contracts.

Larry Hoffman: Mr. Chairman, my name is Larry Hoffman. I work with the, advise the weed district. They have approximately six contracts with independent commercial applicators that we'd like to have approved. They have been reviewed and the contracts themselves have been approved. We'd like to have you approve them also. Any questions?

Commissioner Murray: Questions for Mr. Hoffman. Thank you.

Ron Alles: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Larry. I noticed there's different names of the contractors and yet the address is the same. Is that just an error in the resolutions, for example in the first one we have Intermountain GPS Mapping at 17 Bull Elk Blvd in Clancy and as well Helena Weed Control LCC

Larry Hoffman: No, they live in the same house.

Ron Alles: They do live in the same house?

Larry Hoffman: Yes.

Ron Alles: So we've got

Larry Hoffman: One's GPS'ing and one is doing weed control. They're two different parties.

Ron Alles: Okay.

Larry Hoffman: The others should be, have different addresses I hope.

Ron Alles: Right, the other contracts are different companies, different addresses it was those two contracts that

Larry Hoffman: They're two independent companies but they are at the same address.

Ron Alles: Okay

Commissioner Murray: Mr. Hoffman, since he brought it up there are four contracts that are at the same address.

Larry Hoffman: Okay, we discontinued one. Oh there's four contracts. That should be Helena Valley and the GPS'ing. They should all have the same address.

Commissioner Murray: I have the GPS, I have a Bucksnot Reclamation, I have one to work with the Bureau of Reclamation for herbicides

Larry Hoffman: Right

Commissioner Murray: and I have another one to develop roads in the bucksnort fire area

Larry Hoffman: Yes. We separated the contracts.

Commissioner Murray: and there's nobody in Lewis and Clark County that can perform the work? Is that correct?

Larry Hoffman: Yes, that's right. We basically Helena Weed Control was our commercial applicator last year, he's been for 5 years. We divide them up into four different companies this year to see who does the best job for us.

Commissioner Murray: Thank you. Commissioner Tinsley.

Commissioner Tinsley: I'll make a motion, but before we leave, I need to ask you a question after we vote. Mr. Chairman I make a motion that we approve the Weed Spraying Contracts presented by Mr. Hoffman and authorize the chair to sign.

Commissioner Murray: Second.

Commissioner Tinsley: Are we going to vote? This has nothing doesn't have anything to do with this; I want to ask you another question.

Commissioner Murray: Alright. All in favor of motion, signify by saying 'I'

Larry Hoffman: Mr. Chairman, if I might. I'm sorry to interrupt, I have seven contracts here.

Ron Alles: There are actually eight contracts. Just for clarification on the record there are eight contracts, but four separate contractors.

Commissioner Murray: I have eight contracts also.

Commissioner Tinsley: I do to.

Commissioner Murray: All those in favor of the motion, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: 'I'

Commissioner Murray: Motion carries.

Commissioner Tinsley: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hoffman. We indicated to you the other day that I saw on T.V. the goats for the Weed project and I, I'm pretty sure I saw it up Cave Gulch, do you know anything about that? Because we alerted the fire team we think there were goats

Larry Hoffman: Broadwater County has sheep and goats; we have sheep and goats on the Bucksnort Fire

Commissioner Tinsley: Currently?

Larry Hoffman: Currently

Commissioner Tinsley: Oh, okay. I told, we told the fire team that we thought they were up the cave gulch, but they're

Larry Hoffman: No, they're on the bucksnort the lower south half of the bucksnort fire

Commissioner Tinsley: So they're not in the way of any fire activity. Okay. I'll tell them today or tomorrow.

Larry Hoffman: They're on the south half of the bucksnort fire.

Commissioner Tinsley: Okay, Thanks.

Commissioner Murray: Commissioner Tinsley wanted to name the fire 'the roasted goat fire' as opposed to the 'Jamestown road fire'.

Commissioner Tinsley: Actually we were going to call it the cabunto fire, a Spanish word for goat.

Resolution Authorizing Approval of Resolution 70903 Levying an Assessment Upon Benefiting Property in LaCasa Grande Water & Sewer District. (Nancy Everson)

The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Ron Alles: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Tinsley. The purpose of this resolution is to attach to the forthcoming tax bills an assessment for the improvements out there. This it's allowed in statute, the board of trustees of LaCasa Water & Sewer District have approved this as well. It's essentially a formality to get this on our tax bills to be mailed out in November or the end of October. It's not the entire rate they will still send a water bill and sewer bill to their residents but it's strictly for the improvements in the debt service on those improvements.

Commissioner Murray: Questions of Mr. Alles? Is there a motion?

Commissioner Tinsley: Mr. Chairman

Commissioner Murray: Excuse me; I think we need to have public hearing. Is there anyone present that wishes to comment in favor of and opposition to or speak in general upon a resolution authorizing approval of levying an assessment upon benefiting properties within the LaCasa Grande Water & Sewer District. For the second. For the third time. This closes the public hearing. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Tinsley: Mr. Chairman I make a motion that we approve resolution authorizing approval of resolution 70903 levying an assessment upon benefiting property in LaCasa Grande Water and Sewer District and authorize the chair to sign.

Commissioner Murray: Second. All in favor of the motion, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: 'I'

Commissioner Murray: Motion carries.

Final HOME Program Grant Contract #M03-SG3001-13. (Sharon Haugen)

The Commissioners will consider the final contract.

Sharon Haugen: Commissioners. This is the contract between the Department of Commerce and Lewis & Clark County for the HOME funds that we received earlier this year. They'll be for the first time homebuyer and down payment assistance program. Staff and staff including the Attorney has reviewed the contract and recommends approval. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Commissioner Murray: Questions of staff? Is there a motion?

Commissioner Tinsley: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we approve the Final HOME Program Grant Contract #M03-SG3001-13 and authorize chair to sign.

Commissioner Murray: Second. All in favor of the motion, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: I

Commissioner Murray: Motion carries.

Public comments on matters within the Commission's jurisdiction.

Adjourn.