

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**January 6, 2004**

Chair Anita Varone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Murray and Tinsley were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Sharon Haugen, Jerry Shepherd, Frank Rives, Sheldon Bartel, Debra Hayden, Tim and Elaine Myles, Marni Bentley, Larry Hoffman, Paul Putz, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Gateway Economic Development Corporation Budget Update. Sheldon Bartel introduced Gateway's new staff member Debra Hayden. Ms. Hayden will write the comprehensive economic development strategy and application for economic development district, as well as other grant applications. The 2004 budget revenues exceed the 2003 budget revenues. Lewis and Clark County Revolving Loan fund shows a \$2,000 deficit. Overall, Gateway has seen a large increase in budgeted revenues. Gateway has received funding from \$750,000 from the USDA and \$250,000 from the Department of Commerce to loan out. The Great Northern loan will start paying in the middle of the year. Gateway received \$30,000 from EDA and \$10,000 from the Department of Commerce to pay for Ms. Hayden's position. The City of Helena deeded Gateway the property at 1015 Poplar. To reduce fees, Gateway will bring bookkeeping and payroll functions in house. In 2004, Gateway would like to purchase an economy vehicle, increase staff training, and strive to reduce administrative overhead costs.

Commissioner Murray suggested Gateway look at recreational opportunities in Wolf Creek/Craig and Augusta.

Proposed Subdivision, Summary Review to be Known as the Myles Minor. The applicants, Tim and Elaine Myles, propose to create one additional lot from a 445.23-acre agricultural tract. The proposed subdivision is generally located approximately ½ mile north of Keir Road and west of and adjacent to Hart Lane. The applicants were present and indicated their willingness to proceed.

Frank Rives presented the staff report. The subdivision would create one residential tract approximately 4.15 acres and a remainder tract of 441.08 acres, which will remain in agricultural use. The applicants are required to complete a shared user agreement for the shared well and establish easements for the well to insure access to the well and water lines. The property is located in the Helena Valley Irrigation District and a canal passes through the agricultural land to the west of the residential tract. Proposed Lot G has an easement for an agricultural well. There are no visual impacts. There are no floodplains identified on the property. An erosion and sediment control plan is not required. A five-year weed management plan is required. The subject property is located within two miles of the regulating reservoir fault. Staff recommends approval subject to 7 conditions as outlined in the staff report. The Lakeside Fire Department has requested a fee, but because this is an existing residential use the fee is not

necessary.

The Commission recessed for five minutes.

Elaine Myles stated her husband has worked with his father on this property for 20+ years. The land is in a partnership; the agricultural operation is separate. They would like to have the home in their name. They are in agreement with the conditions of approval.

Hearing no comments, the public hearing is closed. Commissioner Murray moved to approve the proposal subject to 7 conditions as recommended by staff. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion.

Amendments to Conditions of Approval.

Condition 3.c and 3.i. Commissioner Murray moved to combine into a single condition to reflect the intent. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the proposal as amended carried unanimously.

Proposed Resolution to Alter the Boundaries of the Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area to Annex Adjacent Land. Marni Bentley reported a petition has been received to annex certain properties into the Wolf Creek/Craig FSA. The petition was signed by a majority of the taxpayers in the area. Staff recommends approval of the resolution. The annexation will become effective 60 days after this resolution is passed.

West Valley Fire Chief Jerry Shepherd. Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Chief Rocky Infanger and Lewis and Clark County Chief Wally Jester are in agreement with this annexation.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the annexation and authorize the chair to sign the resolution. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Days of the Board of County Commissioners. Ron Alles reported the resolution is to establish the Commission's formal meeting dates. Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the resolution and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Montana Arts Council Cultural Trust Grant Agreement. Sharon Haugen reported the Feathered Pipe Foundation has submitted a revised budget to receive \$2,000. The funding will be used to conduct a Cree Language Cultural and Arts Immersion Camp Project in 2004. Staff recommends approval of the grant agreement. Commissioner Murray moved to approve the revised budget and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BoCC to Select New Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2004. Commissioner

Tinsley moved to nominate Mike Murray as Chair for calendar year 2004. Commissioner Varone seconded the nomination and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Varone moved to nominate Ed Tinsley as Vice Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Murray seconded the nomination and it carried unanimously.

Other business.

Letter to Jefferson County Health Board. Commissioner Murray moved that this Commission send a letter to Karan Kunz, Jefferson County Health Board declining to provide health services in the county with copies to the Jefferson County Commission, Jefferson County Chronicle, Boulder Monitor, and all media, and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

History of the Fairgrounds Presentation. Historic Preservation Officer, Paul Putz, reported a study was conducted on the historic background of the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds in response to the Commission's wishes to comply with the State Antiquities Act, which called for an examination of whether or not certain properties at the fairgrounds met the criteria for heritage properties as defined under the law. Mr. Putz shared the history as outlined in his report and requests that the completed report be submitted to the State Historical Society.

The Commission would like to formalize the name of the fair at a future public meeting and asked Mr. Putz to complete the fairgrounds history from 1960 to current day with the assistance of a Carroll College history major student.

Public Comments. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.