

PUBLIC MEETING
January 15, 2008

Chairman Ed Tinsley called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioners Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Kelly Blake, Dr. Marsha Davis, Bernie Franks-Ongoy, Bob Murdo, Jack Walsh, Ron Solberg, Jeremy Sleade, Corey Trudeau, Jane McDonald with a group of 5th grade students from the PEAK program, and Maria Penna, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. Ron Alles reported on the consent agenda and recommended approval.

- a. Resolution 2008-8. Declaring County Property Surplus Property Less Than \$2,500. Cooney Home - Maytag Washer; Treasurer - Long wood shelf and Printer Stand.
- b. Resolution 2008-6. To Rescind Resolution 2006-136 Creating Interim Zoning For The Helena Valley Planning Area. (K. Paul Stahl). A housekeeping measure to formalize the first interim-zoning ordinance was rescinded by the adoption of the second interim-zoning ordinance.
- c. Change of Responsibility Agreement with Qwest Communications. To Change Responsibility for Telephone Service. Qwest to transfer billing and numbers to Lewis and Clark County from the City of Helena under the IT Department.

Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Murray moved approval of the consent agenda and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Public Hearing. Issuance By Lewis and Clark County of Revenue Bonds for Montana Advocacy Program, Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation, Under Title 90, Chapter 5, Montana Code Annotated. (Bernie Franks-Ongoy and Bob Murdo) Public hearing to solicit public input on whether the county should issue revenue bonds for the proposed project.

Bernie Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director, Montana Advocacy Program, stated the Montana Advocacy Program is a non-profit organization in existence for 30 years. The Board of Directors has entered into a purchase and sales agreement of the property located at 1022 Chestnut. With the issuance of these bonds, the organization intends to finance \$995,000 to purchase and renovate the property.

Bond Counsel, Bob Murdo, stated the issuance of these bonds is the same process that was used with other entities that have been financed through the county as tax exempt bonds. The county is not obligated on the bonds. The bonds will be paid by MAP 100% from their own revenues (budget). There are no federal guarantees or state guarantees. The anticipated closing is around the 5th of February. There will be a mortgage on the facility and the purchaser of the bonds is Wells Fargo Brokerage

Services. The resolution spells out the points that are necessary to consider awarding these bonds. The Bond Resolution will be more detailed and would be presented to the commission on January 24.

Commissioner Tinsley opened the public hearing. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Murray moved to render a decision on Thursday at the regularly scheduled public meeting. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Resource Advisory Council Presentation by the PEAK Program. (Jane McDonald, Program Director and Dr. Marsha Davis) Dr. Davis reported the Helena School District had some Title II funds to distribute for various projects that qualified. The PEAK Program applied and received a grant for 9 Conservation Corps courses which concentrate on noxious weed control in Lewis and Clark County. They are here today to share with the commission what they did with those funds.

Jane McDonald stated nearly 400 students were directly impacted by this project. Students from grades 3 through 8 were involved from the summer through last fall. She introduced Jeremy Sleade, 5th Grade Specialist and Middle School Specialist, Corey Trudeau. Eight other teachers were involved in the project.

Mr. Sleade said the PowerPoint presentation was put together by the students and each one read a section of the presentation.

In closing, Ms. McDonald said the program helped the students understand the value of living in Lewis and Clark County and being able to recognize noxious weeds. She thanked some of the partners: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Management Program, Patagonia, and Montana Outdoor Sports.

The commissioners appreciated the presentation and gave the teachers and students county pins and patches.

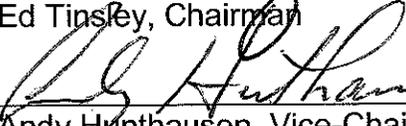
Public comments on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

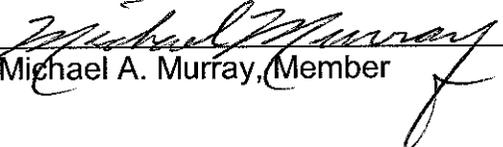
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Michael A. Murray, Member

ATTEST:



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