

**PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 9, 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 Mike Murray was attending a NACo Meeting in Washington, D.C., and was excused. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Cheryl Green, Carrie Severson, Laura Erikson, Jack Walsh, Al Knauber and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Resolution 2014-8 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Vikki A. Gredyk in the Amount of \$148.17. (Cheryl Green)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for Sept. 19, Dec. 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26, 2013. (Rita Cortright)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Consent Action Items 2.a. and b. as presented.

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

Resolution 2014-3 Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within the Settler's Cove Rural Improvement District No. 1997-3. (~~Carrie Severson~~) (Chrystal Ness) (Tabled from 1/7/14) Decision. The Commissioners will consider comment and make a decision on the proposed resolution.

Chrystal Ness, Permit Coordinator, presented Resolution 2014-3 Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property within the Settler's Cove Rural Improvement District No. 1997-3, in Ms. Severson's absence. The item was tabled from the January 7, 2014, public meeting.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2014-3, as presented.

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

Resolution 2014-4 Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within the American Bar Rural Improvement District No. 2013-2. (~~Carrie Severson~~) (Chrystal Ness) (Tabled from 1/7/14) Decision. The Commissioners will consider comment and make a decision on the proposed resolution.

Chrystal Ness, Permit Coordinator, presented Resolution 2014-4 Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property within the American Bar Rural Improvement District No. 2013-2, in Ms. Severson's absence. The item was tabled from the January 7, 2014, public meeting.



No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2014-4, as presented.

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

Memorandum of Agreement for the Water-Sewer District in Wolf Creek, MT, between MT Dept. of Transportation, Wolf Creek Co. Water & Sewer District and Lewis & Clark County. (Laura Erikson) The Commissioners will consider the MOA setting forth the respective responsibilities and duties of the parties associated with the wastewater collection system in Wolf Creek, and the wastewater facility's encroachment and approach permits to construct and maintain a wastewater collection and discharge facility within the MDT ROW on I-15, Secondary 434, and Recreation Road X-81003.

Laura Erikson reported on the Memorandum of Agreement for the Water-Sewer District in Wolf Creek, Montana, between the Montana Dept. of Transportation, Wolf Creek County Water & Sewer District and Lewis and Clark County. The project was begun in 2006 to provide wastewater assistance to Wolf Creek residents who were currently served by individual wells and drainfields; expansion of current drainfields was prohibited. Funding had been secured through a USDA Rural Development Grant of \$1.3 million and a \$200,000 loan, a \$100,000 grant from the Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation, a \$750,000 grant from the Treasure State Endowment Program, and a \$600,000 special federal appropriation for a total of \$3 million. The community system has been designed, the project advertised, permits were in place and construction was planned for Spring, 2014. Staff recommended approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and accompanying encroachment agreements that laid out responsibilities for the construction and maintenance and the on-going responsibilities for the lines that are placed within the MDT Right-of-Way.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Water-Sewer District in Wolf Creek, MT, between MT Dept. of Transportation, Wolf Creek Co. Water & Sewer District and Lewis & Clark County.

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

Eric Bryson provided an update on the proposed Resort Tax for the Wolf Creek Community. Mona Jamison had been contracted to facilitate the process. An analysis was under way by the Dept. of Commerce to determine if the community qualified for a Resort Tax designation. If so, ordinances and a resolution would be drafted and brought to a vote of the public in Wolf Creek.

Board Appointment. (Eric Bryson)

- Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric Bryson explained that Joey Jorgenson's term on the Planning and Zoning Commission expired Dec. 1, 2013. He was interested in appointment to a second term. The 30-day vacancy posting period would not close until January 30, 2014; therefore, Staff requested a 30-day appointment for Mr. Jorgenson to January 30, 2014, allowing him to participate in the upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. A full-term appointment would be considered after January 30 at the close of the 30-day posting.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Joey Jorgensen to serve through January 30, 2014, and consider an appointment to a second 2-year term at the closure of the 30-day posting period.

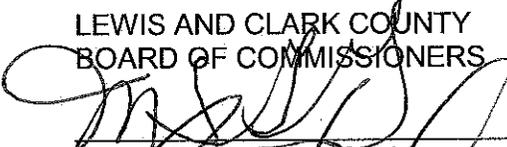
Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

Christal Ness, Permit Coordinator, provided a progress report on the Search and Rescue parcel in East Helena.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen


Mike Murray

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board