

**PUBLIC MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 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 and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Eric Bryson was on vacation. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included, Michelle Peterson-Cook, Jeremy Gersovitz, George Theborge, Lindsay Morgan, Kathy Moore, Matt Heimel, Marni Bentley, Christal Ness, Eric Griffin, Nancy Everson, Larry Hoffman, AL Knauber, and Anne Todd, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Resolution 2014-90 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Roland Pratt in the Amount of \$16.62. (Cheryl Green)
- b. Resolution 2014-91 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Debra Niles in the Amount of \$58.79. (Cheryl Green)

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

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of consent action items 2a and b as presented.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Contract #515004 Between Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department and Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality. (Kathy Moore)

The Commissioners will consider the Air Pollution Contract in the amount of \$23,578.00 for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Kathy Moore presented the contract between Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department and Montana Department of Environmental Quality for the annual Air Quality Program. The contract included a federal grant in the amount of \$20,041, a state contribution of \$3,537 and then the Health Department will provide a match \$11,790.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Contract #515004 between Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department and Montana Dept. of Environmental Quality as presented by Kathy Moore.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Independent Contactor Contract between Lewis and Clark County and Helix-Works Flight Services, LLC. (Larry Hoffman)

The Commissioners will consider the contract for broadcast weed spraying by helicopter in the Spokane Hills on the McMaster Ranch in the amount of \$20,000.



Larry Hoffman presented contract between Lewis and Clark County and Heli-Works Flight Services, LLC. The contract will spray 500 to 1000 acres in the Spokane Hills this fall for knapweed, spotted knapweed, dalmatian toadflax and leafy spurge. The spaying will occur on property that is managed by the BLM and will be funded by the BLM.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the Independent Contactor Contract between Lewis and Clark County and Heli-Works Flight Services, LLC in the amount of \$20,000 as presented.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing. Resolution 2014-92 A Resolution Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within The Ranch View Estates Rural Improvement No. 1993-2 (Matt Heimel)

The commissioners will consider an assessment rate change for the district

Matt Heimel, Special Districts Planner for Lewis and Clark County Community Development and Planning presented Ranch View Estates RID, #1993-2. The proposed rate change is to increase the annual assessment per lot from \$60 annually to \$120 annually for a total funding of \$12,840.

Nancy Everson stated that the increase will be on the November tax bills.

Public Comment –

Steven Dietrich residing at 5845 Winter Wheat Drive in Ranch View Estates stated he was unaware of any meeting or signing of support for this increase and would like to see where the RID funds are spent.

Bill Michalson residing at 1365 Ranch View Road stated he gathered signatures and that it was difficult to catch everybody. He stated that every three or four years, \$3,00 to \$6,000 of road maintenance and repairs are needed including chip seal or a thin overlay. He said it would be better to raise the property taxes now as opposed to letting the road fall apart. Then residents would suffer a large increase on taxes. Mr. Michalson mentioned currently he requested bids from local contractors for patch work fall to the extent of about \$14,000 or \$15,000 and a concrete valley gutter because of drainage problems in the amount of \$2,000. The RID has a balance of \$25,000 he added that he foresees spending approximately \$16,000 this year.

Jim Oppedahl residing at 1290 Lariat Road spoke in favor of increase.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2014-92 A Resolution Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within The Ranch View Estates Rural Improvement No. 1993-2 as presented.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing. Resolution 2014-93 A Resolution Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within The Evergreen Estates Rural Improvement District No. 1994-4 (Matt Heimel)

The commissioners will consider an assessment rate change for the district.

Matt Heimel presented Resolution 2014-93, for Rural Improvement District No. 1994-4, Evergreen Estates RID and stated rate change will increase the yearly assessment from \$80 for an improved lot and \$16 for an unimproved lot to \$160 for an improved lot and \$32 for an unimproved lot annually.

Public Comment –

Douglas Herold residing at 9105 Douglas Circle is in favor of the proposed increases.

Bill Crivello residing at 8945 Douglas Circle stated he is in favor of the increase.

Ron Engdahl residing at 9052 Douglas Circle expressed concerns regarding the corner at Douglas Circle and North Montana that it is unsafe and many accidents have occurred on the blind corner and asked the Commission to look at possible solutions.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Resolution 2014-93 Levying and Assessing a Tax upon All Benefited Property within the Evergreen Estates Rural Improvement District No. 1994-4 and included in the motion a request that Public Works review the blind corner for any issues as it may be signage that is needed.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the approval of Resolution 2014-93. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing. Resolution 2014 - 94 A Resolution Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon All Benefited Property Within The Wheat Ridge Estates Rural Improvement District No. 2010-1 (Matt Heimel)

The commissioners will consider an assessment rate change for the District.

Matt Heimel presented Resolution 2014-94 for RID #2010-1 Wheat Ridge Estates proposing a rate change decreasing the annual assessment from \$400.34 to \$150 per lot per year.

Commissioner Murray asked about the purpose of the decrease.

Matt Heimel answered that Jesse Whitford from Public Works informed him the roads are all hard surfaced, chip sealed as of last year and continued maintenance will be expected minimally along with long term maintenance and achievable at \$150 per year.

Public Comment -

Todd Kuxhaus residing at 1942 Harvest Loop stated in the last few years with the help of the County, Jess Whitford, Eric Griffin and the community he felt like the maintenance is caught up, roads are in relatively good shape and \$150 per year will be sufficient and provide long term maintenance.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Resolution 2014-94 Levying and Assessing a Tax upon All Benefited Property within the Wheat Ridge Estates Rural Improvement District No. 2010-1.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Recess –

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

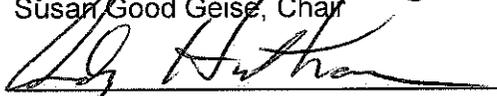
Gary Hoovestal addressed the Commission regarding an encroachment of his property on Green Meadow Drive presenting pictures and survey. He asked what entity will pay for the relocation of his fence.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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Susan Good Geise, Chair

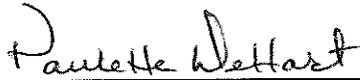


Andy Hunthausen



Mike Murray

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board