



PUBLIC MEETING

August 7, 2018

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Bob Drake, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Jennifer McBroom, Tammy Potter, Jesse Whitford, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for July 11, 13, 2017; June 28, July 17 and 19, 2018. (Nadine McCarty)
- b. Resolution 2018-69 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Interlocal Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena. (Tammy Potter)

Tammy Potter, Sheriff's Office Finance Coordinator presented the interlocal agreement with the City of Helena for funding in the amount of \$15,280 from the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the Lewis and Clark County Missouri River Drug Task Force. The funds are to be used for the salary cost of the MRDTF Deputy. The agreement period is good through September 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Ms. Potter gave an overview of the MRDTF and how the eight agencies assist each other.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Change Order No. 1 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. (Jesse Whitford)

Jesse Whitford, County Public Works Construction Coordinator presented the Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. for the 2018 Chip Seal Project to increase the scope of work and the contract price by \$99,390.09. Part of the Change Order is additional chip seal work in the subdivisions of North Star and Wheat Ridge III of which both Public Works has been paid in full in advance for the work. Mr. Whitford stated the work for both subdivisions was paid for by the developers. Staff recommends approval of the Change Order.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and CAP Paving, Inc. (Jesse Whitford)

Jesse Whitford, County Public Works Construction Project Coordinator presented the contract with CAP Paving, Inc. for road maintenance in the Ten Mile Creek Estates RID in an amount not to exceed \$35,276 with work to be completed by September 30, 2018. The work will entail a two inch asphalt overlay over selected roadways. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Watershed Coordination Council (Jennifer McBroom)

Jennifer McBroom, Water Quality and Protection District Outreach and Watershed Coordinator presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Montana Watershed Coordination Council in the amount of \$7,000 for riparian fencing along a local creek. The MOU period begins July 2018 through November 15, 2018. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

Ms. McBroom introduced Valerie Stacey with the Lake Helena Watershed Group and the Water Quality Protection District and a Big Sky Watershed Corp Member.

Valerie Stacey, Big Sky Watershed Corp Member gave a brief overview of the project. The project is in collaboration with the private landowner, a ranch located south of Lake Helena and north of Merritt Lane. Approximately 2,000 feet of the riparian corridor on either side will be fenced.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$9,500. No County funds will be used for the project. The additional funds will be provided for from in-kind non federal match as volunteer time and equipment.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Wildfire Outlook Briefing. (Bob Drake)

Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes Fire Department Chief gave a briefing on the current conditions. The storm that went through on Sunday gave streaks of moisture but did not change the overall picture of the fire danger. There has been 40 days without widespread moisture. The fuel moistures are still at critical levels. There have been some human caused fires that have been kept small in size. The

conditions are still the same with real dry in the lower elevations and greener at the higher elevations. They are not expecting mega fires in the upper elevations.

Chief Drake noted they are trying to raise awareness on social media rather than going to fire restrictions.

The raising of the humidity brought the Energy Release Component down in the Helena area, but the drought index continues to climb. The drought outlook and the overall outlook have not changed. The drought and significant fire outlook have been extended through October rather than through September based on what is being seen. The eight to fourteen day temperature outlook shows below normal temperatures, but it is a very low probability and with below normal precipitation. The three-month outlook shows above normal temperatures with no outlook on the precipitation. In the Tri-County area they are expecting fast spreading fires from the cured fine fuels and dictated on a day-to-day basis. There could be red flag warnings over the weekend.

Chief Drake introduced Marty Mitzkus, Fire Staff Officer for the Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest Service and John Huston the Fire Management Officer for the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Commissioners thanked them for all of their work.

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

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

