



PUBLIC MEETING

September 19, 2023
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Tom Rolfe called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Christian Lehnert, Dan Karlin, Jessica Makus, Brian Robinson, Keegan Shea, Leo Dutton, Brent Colbert, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, 2023. (Nadine McCarty)

[1:48] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2023-89 Amendment to Resolution 2009-34 Establishing Daily Rates for Incarceration in the Detention Facility (Brad Bragg)

[3:23] Troy Christiansen, Detention Center Lieutenant, presented a resolution to establish daily rates for incarceration in the detention center. There have been rate changes at the state to increase rates from \$69 to \$82.50. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Utility Associates, Inc. (Brian Robinson)

[9:33] Brian Robinson, Captain, presented the agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. for the purchase of body cameras, vehicle cameras, and digital evidence software. The agreement is for five years for a total cost of \$830,000 with \$325,046 due upon acceptance and \$123,739 to be paid in the four years following. The first payment is covered by ARPA funding. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, thanked Captain Robinson for his work and supports the agreement.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2023-90. Resolution of Intention to Create the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District No. 2023-3. (Jessica Makus)

[23:54] Jessica Makus, Specials Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution of intention to create the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District (RID). A petition to create was received by staff for the purpose of improving and maintaining Juniper Drive and Stable Road. The petition was signed by 63% of property owners. There are 33 properties included in the proposed district boundary. Financing of the improvements is estimated at \$321, 956 with each benefiting property assessed \$1,005 annually for a 15-year debt service including an additional \$295 per year for maintenance. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Participation Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and United States Forest Service, Helena-Lewis and Clark. (Christian Lehnert)

[39:53] Christian Lehnert, Noxious Weed Coordinator, presented an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for invasive weed management on County and National Forest Service roads in fuel treatment areas and rangelands within Lewis and Clark County. The agreement is effective upon signature of both parties through August 15, 2028. There is a non-cash contribution from the Forest Service of \$1,207.50, a \$20,000 cash contribution from the Forest Service, as well as a \$7,420 non-cash contribution from Lewis and Clark County, for a total project amount of \$28,627.50. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Construction and Maintenance Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Transportation. (Dan Karlin)

[44:10] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the agreement with Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to install guardrail and signage on Jimtown Road and Gates of the Mountains Road for an initial term of ten years. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Transportation. (Dan Karlin)

[47:13] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the agreement with the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) to provide funding for the design and installation of signage for the intersection of Orofino Gulch and Grizzly Gulch for a total cost of \$3,657.74. The agreement will be for an initial 10 years. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

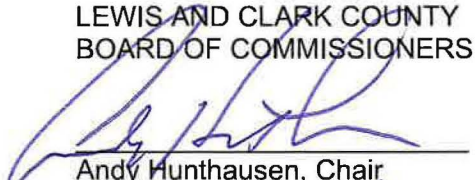
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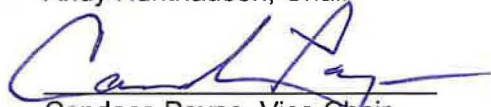
Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 7-9-24

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Andy Hunthausen, Chair


Candace Payne, Vice Chair


Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board