



PUBLIC MEETING

March 20, 2025
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Candace Payne called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioners Tom Rolfe and Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Audra Zacherl, Phil Gonzalez, Greg McNally, Sherryl Martin, Mac McCarley, Connie Griffith, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for February 20, 25, 27; March 4, 6, 2025. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Resolution 2025-19 to Authorize the County Attorney to Employ Special Counsel to Assist in Prosecution of ADC-2023-181. (Nicho Hash)

[2:35] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Award. Generator Replacement. (Audra Zacherl)

[4:25] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a bid award for the Murray Generator Replacement Project to Eagle Electric for a total amount of \$184,150. Staff recommends approval of the bid award.

No public comment was received.

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

Interlocal Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena. (Sherryl Martin)

[8:26] Sherryl Martin, Senior Finance Coordinator, presented the Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) interlocal agreement with the City of Helena in the amount of \$11,574 toward the Missouri River Drug Task Force Deputy position. The agreement is through September, 2027. Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement.

No public comment was received.

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

Amended Subdivision Application for the Buffalo Hills Estates Amended Subdivision - Phase II, SUBD2025-006 (Applicant: Lori Shultz) (Planner: Phil Gonzalez)

[12:19] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented an Amended Subdivision application for the Buffalo Hills Estates Amended Subdivision - Phase II to amend County Covenants, which restricts the keeping of livestock and other animals on all lots within the subdivision. Legal notice was posted on site, notice mailed to adjoining landowners and published in the Helena Independent Record and the Fairfield Sun Times. Staff recommends approval of the Amended Subdivision application subject to conditions of approval based on recommended findings of fact.

No public comment was received.

[25:18] Commissioner Hunthausen made a global motion to conditionally approve the Buffalo Hills Estates Phase II amended subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe.

[26:11] Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to accept the findings of fact. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[28:39] Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to accept the conclusions that the amended subdivision will have adverse impacts and can be mitigated through the conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen read the conditions of approval.

[32:43] Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to amend the global motion to conditionally approve the Buffalo Hills Estates Phase II amended subdivision based on findings of fact, conclusions of law, and conditions of approval. Commissioner Rolfe seconded the motion. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 9:34am.

Meeting minutes approved on 4/10/25

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board