



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 12, 2025  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chair Candace Payne, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Audra Zacherl, Dustin Noel, Jessica Makus, Christal Ness, Jenny Chambers, Trapper Badovinac, Stephen Ruhd, Gary Frigo, Jerry Frohreich, DiAnne Mantz, Jennifer Frey, Patrick Branson, Bill Rich, Dave Roberts, Judi Johnston, BG Stumberg III, Darrel DeLeon, Cathy Eakin, Norm Desterre, Larry Sickerson, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes from July 10, 15, 17, 22, 24; August 5, 7, 2025. (Brandi Spangler)

[2:11] 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 Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3- 0 vote.

### **Action Items**

#### **Bid Opening. Courthouse Roof and Gutter Replacement Project. (Audra Zacherl)**

[3:53] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, opened bids for the Courthouse Roof and Gutter Replacement Project. Four bids were received. The first bid was from Wegner Roofing and Solar of Billings, Montana in the amount of \$441,900. The second bid was from Empire Roofing Inc. of Billings, Montana in the amount of \$750,000. The third bid was from Ace Roofing LLC of Bozeman, Montana in the amount of \$702,179. The final bid was from Summit Roofing, Inc. of Missoula, Montana in the amount of \$368,815. Staff recommends taking the bids under advisement and coming back with a recommendation on August 26, 2025.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion for staff to take the bids under advisement and come back to the Commission with a recommendation on August 26, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Resolution 2025-72 Intent to Transfer Property Between Certain Governmental Entities.**  
**(Dustin Noel)**

[12:16] Dustin Noel, Public Works Shop Manager, presented a resolution of intent to transfer property between certain government entities by transferring snowplow, v-plows, sander boxes, dump boxes, and walk-n-roll packers to Jefferson County for the a total value of \$31,200. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:00 am, in room 330 of the City-County building and will be legally noticed by mail and published in the Helena Independent Record. Anyone with questions can call Public Works at 406-447-8037. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

**Resolution 2025-71 Levying Assessments Upon Benefited Property Within Road Improvement Districts and Rural Improvement Districts in Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Jessica Makus)**

[21:29] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to levy and assess benefited property within Rural Improvement Districts (RIDs) in Lewis and Clark County. There are no changes to any of the RIDs included in the resolution. Legal notice was sent to all property owners and published in the Helena Independent Record. One letter of protest was received for Pine Hills RID and one from Vandenberg Village RID and one letter of support for Treasure State Acres RID. Letters of protest were discussed and concerns were addressed. There are 112 RIDs included in this resolution. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[52:12] Larry Sickerson, 1000 Wild Wind Road, does not feel they need to pay for unsatisfactory work and asks that contractors be held responsible.

[56:58] Cathy Eakin, 298 Shaman Dr. Rimini RID, requests that vacant land not be included in the RID and include more residents into the boundary of the RID.

[58:48] Jerry Frohreich, Vanderberg Village RID, asked if everyone who benefits from the RID pays the assessment?

[1:01:02] Jennifer Frey, Rimini RID, there is excessive trucks and equipment traveling fast down Rimini Road and the dust is worse. She wants to know what the weight limit is on the road.

[1:06:34] Glenn Arlint, Prickley Pear RID, does not feel the grading is acceptable.

[1:10:15] Judith Johnston, Hahn Road RID, Hahn Road is problematic since its creation, which was part of the subdivision regulations. It floods because the ditches are filled in. Two commercial entities travel down Hahn Rd with large equipment. She does not feel she should be paying the fee for the empty lots.

[1:15:05] Bill Rich, J Bird Road, stated heavy trucks are using the roads. There is contractor putting in new internet access, electric company doing maintenance and it made the road bad and got worse. He thanks Jessica and Public Works for fixing the road.

[1:17:15] Steven Ruhd, Jeanie Road, claimed the road was graded twice in 17 years and that worked good. The road was redone two years ago and now is not in good shape. He wonders if the county standards need to be higher.

[1:19:06] Ms. Makus addressed public comment.

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

**Abandonment of the rights-of-ways in Blocks 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, of the Rumping Addition to the Townsite of Marysville. (Applicant: Rawhide Properties, LLC)(Planner: Christal Ness)**

[1:50:42] Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented an abandonment of three undeveloped rights of way of the Rumping Addition to the Townsite of Marysville blocks 3,5,6,7 and 8. Staff recommends approval of the abandonment.

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.

**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 11:14 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Candace Payne, Chair

  
Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board