



PUBLIC MEETING

January 8, 2026

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

Chair Tom Rolfe, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Beth Norberg, Phil Gonzalez, Jenny Chambers, Drenda Niemann, Kim Smith, Brian Coplin, Mark Criner, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Action Items

Ordinance No. 2026-1 Amending the Lewis and Clark County Community Decay Ordinance. (Beth Norberg)

[2:15] Beth Norberg, Environmental Health Specialist, presented an ordinance amending the Community Decay Ordinance to support HB 742 that limits community complaints to those living within a quarter mile radius of the property and requires three complaints before an on-site inspection unless the Board of County Commissioners determines it is a public health issue. Staff recommend opening the comment period for 30 days. Final reading and public hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Criner, Ranchview Road, asked that because of the language in the statute, he is wondering if the County would have power to do anything. Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, confirmed the County does have control. Mr. Criner is worried his neighbor could affect his property value and wants stricter regulations.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to open a 30-day public comment period and set a date for a public hearing and final reading on February 10, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2026-4 to Create the Wade Minor Rural Improvement District No. 2026-1.
(Phil Gonzalez)

[21:58] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a resolution to create the Wade Minor Rural Improvement District and to assess each of the five lots \$450 per year for maintenance. Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen.

The motion Passed on a 3- 0 vote.

Resolution 2026-5 to Amend the Frontier Village Estates Fire Rural Improvement District No. 2016-4. (Phil Gonzalez)

[26:22] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a resolution to amend the Frontier Village Estates Fire Rural Improvement District (RID) to include Wade Minor Subdivision which will add the five lots to the RID and each property will be assessed \$23.85 per property per year. Staff recommend approval of the amendment.

[35:34] Kim Smith, applicant, 7510 Applegate Drive, added that the West Valley fire department responds to the whole area. They re-tested the system three months ago and it is still putting out the required amount of water according the variance.

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.

Final Plat Application for the Wade Minor Subdivision, SUBD2025-12. (Applicant: Kim Smith Properties, LLC) (Phil Gonzalez)

[38:42] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented the final plat application for the Wade Minor Subdivision. Preliminary approval was granted with eighteen conditions of approval which have all been met. Staff recommend approval of the final plat application.

No public comment was received.

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

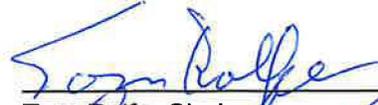
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Mark Criner, Ranchview Road, states we are allowing access to a lot of high-speed roads. Those speeds will need to be lowered if there are several approaches onto the road. He would like to see less access onto those roads.

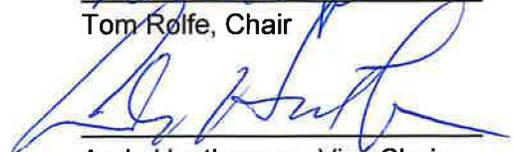
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

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Tom Rolfe, Chair

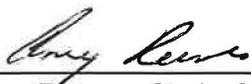


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board