

**Resolution 2014-109**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY OPEN LANDS  
PROGRAM GUIDE**

WHEREAS, MCA 7-7-2201 gives the Lewis and Clark County Commission (Commission) authority to issue general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-97 called for a bond election under MCA 7-7-2223, submitting to the qualified electors of Lewis and Clark County (County) the question of whether the Commission shall be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (ten million) for the purpose of preserving open-space lands in the County, including working lands and land for protecting water and wildlife, by providing funds to acquire conservation easement or other property interests from willing sellers and to pay costs associated with the sale and issuance of bonds, for any one or more of the following reasons: protecting drinking water sources and ground water quality; protecting water quality in and along rivers and streams; conserving working farm, ranch, and forest lands; protecting wildlife areas; preserving open lands and natural areas; providing for recreation; and managing growth and development; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, a majority of the qualified electors of the County approved the bond election, authorizing the Commission to issue and sell general obligation bonds according to the bond language; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 bond language provided for "the creation of a citizens advisory committee charged with making recommendations on the expenditure of bond funds to the Board" if the funds are authorized at the election; and

WHEREAS, the Commission appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that has compiled recommendations for the process and structure for receiving project applications and recommending projects for bond funding, including documents such as an Open Lands Program Guide, an Application for Project Funding, and Project Criteria Checklist; and

WHEREAS on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, after a 30 day public comment period, the Commission approved Resolution 2010-160, and adopted the recommendations of the CAC and declared that the Lewis and Clark County Open lands Program would begin accepting applications according to the directions provided in the Application for Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has determined that these documents need to be further amended in order to improve the efficiency of the Lewis and Clark County Open Lands Program, and has drafted these amendments for Commission consideration; and

WHEREAS, on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the CAC unanimously voted to approve the recommended amendments to the Open Lands Program Guide; and



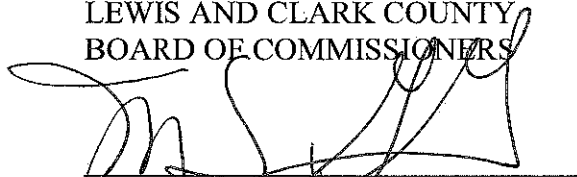
WHEREAS, the Commission has considered these recommendations with or without amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The commission hereby adopts the recommendations of the CAC; and
2. The Commission hereby declares that the Lewis and Clark County Open Lands Program will begin accepting and processing applications according to the procedures outlined in the amended Open Lands Program Guide.

DATED this 14 day of October, 2014

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair

ATTEST:



  
Paulette J. DeHart