



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 20, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Candace Payne and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Frank Cornwell, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Jesse Whitford, Jenny Chambers, Leo Dutton, Brent Colbert, Autumn Ashdale, Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Angie Hubbard, Phil Gonzalez, John Wilkins, Larry Thomas, Connor Fitzpatrick, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2023; March 7; July 11, 18, 23, 25, 30; August 1, 6, 8, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Resolution 2024-90 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

[1:13] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial 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 Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Bid Award. Fairgrounds Gravel. (Jesse Whitford)**

[2:54] Jesse Whitford, Project Construction Coordinator, presented a bid award for the Fairgrounds Gravel Project to the lowest bidder, Helena Sand and Gravel, Inc., of Helena, Montana for the Schedule 1 unit price of \$9.96 per ton. Staff recommends approval of the bid award.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2024-91 to Rescind Stage One Fire Restrictions. (Sheriff Leo Dutton/Kyle Sturgill-Simon)**

[8:00] Leo Dutton, Sheriff, and Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Disaster and Emergency Services Manager, presented a resolution to rescind stage one fire restrictions as recommended by the Rural Fire Council. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Great Western Recreation. (Planner: Angie Hubbard)**

[19:32] Angie Hubbard, Planner II, presented a contract with Great Western Recreation for playground equipment on Treasure State Acres Parkland in an amount not to exceed \$95,000. The contract begins upon signature through October 31, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[22:55] John Wilkins, Trustee of Treasure State Acres Park, is in support of the contract and is happy with Angie's dedication over the last 10 months. He looks forward to moving on to the construction phase.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Payne 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. (Planner: Phil Gonzalez for Lindsay A. Morgan)**

[25:40] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented an interlocal agreement with the City of Helena for a 50/50 cost share of an Infrastructure Study within the Urban Standards Boundary/Urban Growth Area in the total amount of \$351,678, or \$175,839 each. Anticipated completion date is by August 31, 2025. 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 Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Great West Engineering. (Planner: Phil Gonzalez for Lindsay A. Morgan)**

[37:52] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a contract with Great West Engineering in the amount of \$351,678 to conduct an infrastructure study for Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena within the Urban Standards Boundary/Urban Growth Area. The anticipated completion date is August 31, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointment - Baxendale Volunteer Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)**

[45:20] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a board appointment to the Baxendale Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees and recommends re-appointing Steven E. Erb for a full three-year term.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointment - Augusta Volunteer Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)**

[48:35] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented board appointments to the Augusta Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees and recommends the appointment of Kurt Geise to a term that will end when a successor is elected or appointed at the May 2025 regular election.

No public comment was received.

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

[52:43] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, encourages everyone to be ready for the general election in November by making sure you are aware of your voter registration status. You may call 406-447-8339 or visit the "My Voter Page" through Montana Secretary of State's Office website.

**Adjourn**

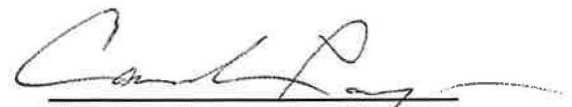
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

Meeting minutes approved on 9-3-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board