



PUBLIC MEETING

January 14, 2016

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, K. Paul Stahl, Marni Bentley, George Theborge, Kevin Hamilton, Jeff Key, John Christiansen, Greg McNally, Jason Danielson, Vern Evans, Al Knauber, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending January 15, 2016. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2016-4 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items 2a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2016-5 Renaming Darwin Rd. (Jason Danielson)

Jason Danielson, Address Coordinator, presented resolution 2016-5 renaming Darwin Rd. The request was previously approved on January 12th and this is the actual resolution creating the road name.

No public comment was received.

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

Presentation of the County Growth Policy Update as Recommended by the Helena/Lewis and Clark County Consolidated Planning Board. (George Theborge)

George Theborge, Director of Community Development and Planning, presented the County Growth Policy Update. The planning department has been working on the update for the past 2 1/2 years. The City/County Consolidated Planning Board has recommended through a unanimous vote that this update be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. The Growth Policy Update consists of two volumes; Volume I is the Key Issues Report and Volume II is the Helena Valley Area Plan. Volume I looks at

growth and development trends that have occurred in the Helena valley from 2001-2010 and focuses on 5 key issues. Those issues are water availability, wastewater management, roads, fire protection and flooding. The Key Issues report has received extensive public input from several area stakeholder groups. The result of this work identified 5 policy options for growth management; infrastructure investment, land use control to establish densities, improved performance standards, education to alert builders and home buyers and a combination of options 1 through 4. Volume II is the actual growth policy for the Helena Valley. It is the document that will be used to guide decision making in regards to growth and development. The plan outlines goals for 3 designations within the Helena Valley Planning Area. Those 3 designations are urban growth areas, rural growth areas and transitional growth areas. Volume II also outlines implementation of the Growth Policy.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked when zoning would occur.

George Theborge responded that it depends on implementation of the plan as a whole. The infrastructure aspect of the plan needs to be implemented first, and then zoning can occur after that.

Commissioner Hunthausen also asked if the plan took pedestrian traffic into consideration.

George Theborge responded that it does not at this time. The plan focuses on the 5 key issues that were identified by staff and stakeholders. The plan could be amended in the future however, to include such things as pedestrian and non-motorized traffic

Commissioner Geise also inquired about public and private partnerships with regards to infrastructure.

George Theborge replied that local government agencies will use their available resources when working with private property owners. Those resources could be engineering and loans or grant assistance.

Commissioner Murray stated that even though this is a non-regulatory document, it is the document that will be used to create regulations such as zoning. It will provide valley residents and developers with consistency.

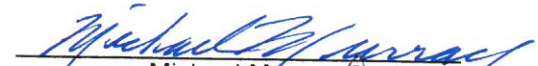
Adoption of the Growth Policy by the Commission is tentatively scheduled for March 3rd. The public comment period is open until that time.

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 10:08 am.

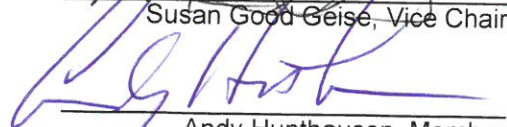
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Michael Murray, Chairman



Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board