



PUBLIC MEETING

January 9, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Katrina Chaney, Laura Erikson, Sandy Green, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Lindsay Morgan, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Approval of the Opening of Prickly Pear Elementary School. (Katrina Chaney)

Katrina Chaney, County Superintendent of Schools, presented the request on behalf of East Helena School District No. 9 and at the request of Office of Public Instruction to approve the opening of Prickly Pear Elementary School located in East Helena. The school is scheduled to be opened in the fall of 2018.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen expressed his excitement being a person that grew up in East Helena when there was then Clinton Street School, now Radley Elementary School, and Main Street School, now the City Hall. Now there are several schools in East Helena; it has come into its own.

Commissioner Good Geise commended the leadership of the City of East Helena; they have been the reason for the resurgence of the town.

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

Grant Application to the State of Montana Board of Crime Control. (Kellie McBride)

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator, standing in for Kellie McBride, presented the grant application to the State of Montana Board of Crime Control for the Collaborative Prison Reentry Supportive Housing program, originally in the amount of \$140,118 with no match. She noted the request for funds has been refined after hearing from local landlords that the rent would be lower than anticipated and the request is now in the amount of \$132,000. The funding would go towards the hiring of a staff person to work with the landlords. It has been found that what is needed the most is funding for first months rent and potentially second months rent. They have found it is not enough time for the released person to get a job and the first paycheck to cover the second months rent. Some funds would also go towards repairs if necessary. The grant period begins March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Ms. Erikson gave an overview of the importance of having a home and an address when released from the Department of Corrections. They are unable to get a job through the job service without an address. The private landlords willing to rent to convicted felons that are unable to rent elsewhere makes a big impact on these individuals. Funding is also available for the purchase of clothing to prepare for job interviews.

Ms. Erikson gave an overview of the three partners in this project: the private landlord; Helena Community Offender Reentry Program (HCORP), a ministry that helps people find housing; and, the YWCA, works with the women's prison. Another part of the project is data analysis, but at this time there are no statistics.

Ms. Erikson explained this is State funded and the County is not obligated to continue the program if funds are no longer available. If this occurs there is some hope of sustainability.

No public comment was received.

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

Request for Release of Obligation under Subdivision Improvements Agreement for Amended Plat of Tract G1A - McHugh Subdivision No. 2. (Applicant: First Assembly of God Helena Montana) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)

Lindsay Morgan, Planner II, presented the request to release the First Assembly of God Helena, Montana of their obligation to provide an on-site fire protection system for two lots in the Amended Plat of Tract G1A - McHugh Subdivision No. 2 located west of and adjacent to McHugh Lane, north of and adjacent to Road Runner Street, and northeast of and adjacent to Cooney Drive. Preliminary approval was granted on July 21, 2015 with final approval on January 12, 2016. As a condition of final approval, the County required that the developer place a restrictive covenant on Lot G1-A-2 requiring the lot remain as a vacant lot; requiring any proposed uses on this lot go through subdivision review and approval. At present G1-A-1 is being developed with a church.

At final approval, McHugh Land and Livestock Co. entered into a Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) with Lewis and Clark County to financially guarantee a required on-site fire protection system. On August 1, 2017 the First Assembly of God assumed the SIA obligations from McHugh Land and Livestock Co. and entered into an SIA with Lewis and Clark County agreeing to complete the improvements required.

Since the acceptance of the obligation G1-A-1 was annexed into the City Limits of Helena on September 11, 2017. According to City Community Development and Planning, the City fire department will use City hydrants to fight any fires on Lot G1-A-1 with flows exceeding that

required under the SIA. Lot G1-A-2 has not been annexed and does not have permission to use City services.

First Assembly is currently obligated to complete the improvements under the SIA by September 6, 2018, and the current Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$76,950 will expire on October 6, 2018

Part of the request is a letter from Mr. Hamlin dated December 22, 2017; Subdivision Restrictions for the subdivision; recorded plat for the subdivision; and a copy of the resolution annexing Lot G1-A-1 into the City limits of Helena.

Jerry Hamlin, representing the First Assembly of God as a real estate broker, noted a correction on the printout of Lindsay's presentation item no. 4 a copy of the resolution annexing should read G1-A-1; also the Letter of Credit should read October 6, 2018 as it was just extended in September of 2017. He would like to recommend approval as the originally placed covenant specifically states nothing can occur on G1-A-2 unless it is approved by the County Commission and it meets the zoning regulations.

No public comment was received.

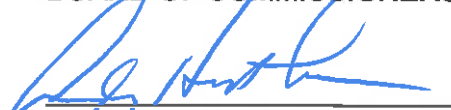
A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to approve the request to release First Assembly of their obligation to complete the on-site fire protection system as required under the SIA and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 9:34 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Andy Hunthausen, Chair


Jim McCormick, Vice Chair


Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

