



PUBLIC MEETING

October 15, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Jim McCormick was present. Commissioner Good Geise was present via phone. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Peter Italiano, Dan Karlin (via phone), Charles Lane, Gloria Soja, Kellie McBride, Greg McNally, Dr. Gregory Thomas, Ron Bartsch, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending October 16, 2020. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2 a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2020-88 Requesting Distribution of Local Government Road Construction and Maintenance Match Program Funds. (Dan Karlin)

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the resolution requesting distribution of local government road construction and maintenance match program funds. He noted House Bill 473; known as the Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BARSAA) was passed by the 65th legislature and signed by Governor Bullock in 2017. The Legislation provides for a graduated increase in the motor fuel tax. The tax started in fiscal year 2018 with a 4.5-cent increase that will carry through fiscal year 2019. The rate was increased by 1/2 cent in fiscal year 2020 to 5 cents. The rate will then increase by a 1/2 cent in each of the fiscal years 2022 and 2023, to reach a full 6-cent increase. Funds from the new motor fuel tax may be used to pay for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair

roads, alleys, and bridges that the County has the responsibility to maintain. Funds may also be used as match for federal funds used for the construction of roads and streets that are part of the national highway system that the County has the responsibility to maintain. In order to receive BARSAA funds, local governments are required to make a 5 percent match and apply to the Montana Department of Transportation. Public Works has budgeted the 2020 BARSAA allocation, along with the 5% match in the fiscal year 2021 Road Infrastructure budget.

Public Works budgeted to use the 2020 allocation to complete Valley Drive Improvements Project and intends to budget the 2021 allocation to the same project in the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Mr. Karlin explained how road and bridge projects are funded using various mechanisms including fuel tax, TSEP funds and FLAP grants.

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

Lewis and Clark County Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Status Update. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) status update. In 2017, the County applied for a grant from the Montana Health Care Foundation to start a Criminal Justice Services (CJS) Department. One of the deliverables in the grant application was a review and analysis of data across the criminal justice system in the County. Later in 2017, voters approved an operation levy that also helped fund the Department. In 2018, the County contracted with Justice Management Institute (JMI) to do a thorough assessment of the criminal justice system. They identified 18 different data points that do not communicate with each other. The County used the recommendations identified in the JMI report to contract with a project manager to move forward on the recommendations outlined.

For the past eight months, CJS has been engaged with partnering entities throughout the County who work with criminal justice data. These partners include the Clerk of Court, Public Health, East Helena and East Helena Police Department and the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's and County Attorney's Offices, Boyd Andrew, and St. Peter's Health. CJS worked with each entity to create data flows and data narratives highlighting the data touch-points that are created each time data is manipulated. CJS is now prepared to move forward with an RFP to select a vendor for the design and implementation of the Data Platform and Dashboard.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated in 2014 when the process of reforming the criminal justice system began one thing that stood out was you have to surround the programming with good data. If this effort can be accomplished the County will be able to do so in a more efficient way and be able to demonstrate the information to the community. Commissioner Hunthausen questioned the RFP timeline.

Dr. Gregory Thomas, Project Manager for the CJIS initiative, vendors are aware that the RFP is going to be released and that extending the timeline is simply opening the door for vendors that may not be able to deliver on the project.

Commissioner Good Geise noted she would like to see the RFP timeline extended as well to ensure a robust RFP process. The purpose of the RFP process is to see who is qualified, not just, who is known or who has associations with the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to amend the project timeline to extend the proposal due date to November 25, 2020 with the other dates moving accordingly and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to approve the RFP proposal and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Geise voting No.

Final Plat Application for the Amended Plat of the First Amendment of Heron Creek Subdivision. (Phase 1, 2, and 3) (SUBD2019-011) (Applicant: Ron Bartsch) (Planner: Greg McNally)

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the final plat application for the amended plat of the Amended Plat of the First Amendment of Heron Creek Subdivision (Phases 1, 2 and 3) SUBD2109-01. Preliminary plat approval was granted on May 14, 2020 subject to five conditions of approval. All five conditions have been met. While there is a single applicant, there are multiple landowners involved. All affected landowners have signed the amended plat and the required County Covenants per the conditions of approval. The subdivision is east of and adjacent to Eames Lane and south of and adjacent to Keir Lane.

The preliminary approval of this project is for an amended plat, which includes the following: boundary line relocation; vacation of a 10-foot wide side-lot and 10-foot wide rear Utility easement; vacation of 2-feet of a 10-foot wide utility easement; and vacation of the utility and limited public access easements.

Staff recommends approval of the final plat application for the amended plat of the first amendment of Heron Creek

Rob Bartsch, applicant, acknowledged that he has seen all the reports and is in agreement with all.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2020-89 to Establish Alternate Meeting Place and Additional Date for Lewis and Clark County Commission Meetings Due to Social Distancing. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the resolution to establish alternate meeting places and additional dates for County Commission meetings due to social distancing protocols. Mr. Baltz noted this is tied to the November 19, 2020 public meeting concerning Part II Zoning. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Peter Italiano, Community Development and Planning Director, stated the meeting plan has been approved by the Public Health Department.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Airport Authority Board and the Water Quality Protection District Board. Staff recommends the appointment of Debbie Havens to the Airport Authority Board to a term that expires September 1, 2023 and the appointment of Scarlett Fuller to the Water Quality Protection District Board to a term that expires June 30, 2023.

Commissioner McCormick noted that when reviewing the applications there were many citizens who were very qualified for these positions and he encouraged those that were not appointed to apply for other volunteer boards.

No public comment was received.

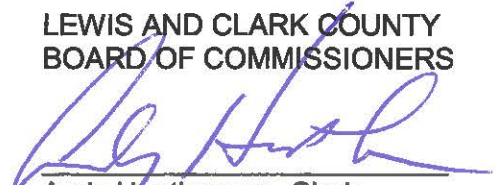
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

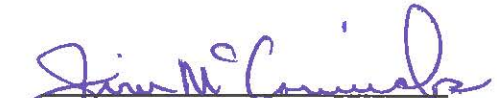
Adjourn

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

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



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Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board