



PUBLIC MEETING

November 23, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Tom Rolfe was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Dan Karlin, Worby McNamee, Lindsay Morgan, Betsy Kirkeby, Ann McCauley, Carrie Lutkehus, Jerry Gray, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2021-102 Appoint Special Deputy Prosecutors. (Leo Gallagher)

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 Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Authorization for Final Design on the Valley Drive Reconstruction Project. (Dan Karlin)

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the request for authorization to move forward with final design on the Valley Drive Reconstruction Project. In the fiscal year 2022 budget, the Commissioners authorized budget towards the design and construction of Valley Drive from Plant Road to Canyon Ferry Road. Lewis and Clark County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of East Helena to partner with them on the design and construction from Lewis Street to Canyon Ferry Road with each entity responsible for expenses within their jurisdiction. The design began with the county portion being a two-lane roadway mirroring the existing road template with an approximate budget of \$1 million for the county portion. At 30% design, engineers presented a three-lane design option to accommodate future growth more cost effectively and efficiently. The design also included widening the existing Helena Valley Irrigation District (HVID) canal bridge. The total estimated construction cost is approximately \$2 million for the county portion.

BARSAA funds were allocated in the FY21 through FY23 budget towards the project totaling \$975,000. Additional funding needs to be allocated to the project to accommodate the three-lane design. Staff recommends the Commission authorize the use of one time capital funding of up to \$1,100,000 from the Commission Capital Reserves, CARES funding, or if eligible, ARPA funds. The exact source can be determined during the next budget cycle, but this will authorize the design and engineering to move forward with the three-lane design alternative.

Mr. Karlin explained the project regarding safety, the three lanes and the HVID canal bridge. He added two years ago daily traffic was about 3,000 cars per day, with the addition of new schools and a new subdivision the forecasted traffic is over 6,000 cars per day. The three lanes include a center turn lane.

Jerry Gray, Stahly Engineering, stated they have been working with the City of East Helena and the County regarding design of the Valley Drive project. The initial first phase for the County is widening of the canal bridge to begin summer of 2022. The City of East Helena is further out on the funding of their part of the project. The roadway reconstruction would most likely be in the 2023 construction season.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Resolution 2021-103 Updating the Floodplain Ordinance. (Planner/Floodplain Manager: Worby McNamee)

Worby McNamee, Floodplain Manager and Planner II, presented the resolution to update the Floodplain Ordinance to incorporate Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) 21-08-0279P that was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on July 30, 2021. The LOMR updates the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for an unnamed ephemeral drainage downstream of Canyon Ferry Road in the Red Fox Meadows Subdivision. It also updates the Flood Insurance Study (FIS), Floodway Data Table, and Summary of Discharge Table for Lewis and Clark County. To continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Lewis and Clark County must adopt the LOMR into the current Floodplain Ordinance.

Red Fox Meadows is located southeast of and adjacent to the intersection of Lake Helena Drive and Canyon Ferry Road. It contains an unnamed ephemeral drainage that runs from south to north through the Subdivision. The current FIRM panel shows a wide-swath area with the actual channel not well defined. It provides the applicant with the burden of trying to figure out the location of the floodplain. The LOMR captures the updated panel that shows the floodway with the fastest moving and deepest floodwaters would channel, as well as a defined floodplain, that shows elevations associated with floodplain as well as an area to the south where the flood detention pond would gradually release any floodwaters captured. In conjunction with FEMA, the applicant and the County a 90-day appeal period began on August 20, 2021. The period is for anyone to submit technical scientific data to FEMA to demonstrate otherwise. There was no data presented to appeal what FEMA accepted. Two legal postings occurred in the Independent Record. Staff recommends approval of the resolution with time to be aloud for public comment and a decision to be made on December 7, 2021.

Mr. McNamee added a number of improvements have been made on the site for the drainage to work most efficiently. The LOMR shows if the 1% annual chance flood occurred where the floodwater would go. The County does not have maps that show a 10 or 25-year flood. The 1% or 100-year flood terms are interchangeable, used at different times and show the same thing on the map.

No public comment was received.

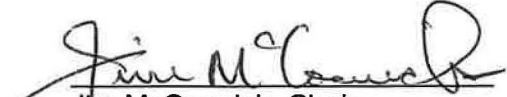
A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to consider the resolution for decision on December 7, 2021 and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

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 9:31 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair



Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board