



PUBLIC MEETING

December 15, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/5669454978>.

Roll Call

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Peter Callahan, Eric Griffin, Peter Italiano, Dave Schmitz, Ann McCauley, Jennifer McBroom, Mac McCarley, Cindy Stevick, Kirk Ketchum, Tony Prothero, Greg McNally, Jeni Garcin, Jessica Makus, Jacob Kuntz, Peter Callahan, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary. All attendees were present via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2020-109 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- b. Approval of a Letter of Support for the City of Helena's Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network Grant Application. (Peter Callahan)
- c. Approval of a Letter of Support for the City of Helena's Radio & Telephone Voice Recorder Update Grant Application. (Peter Callahan)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-c and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Employee Recognition Kirk Ketchum. (Eric Griffin)

Eric Griffin, Public Works Director, recognized Kirk Ketchum for his 25 years of service with Lewis and Clark County. Mr. Ketchum is retiring on December 18th.

Resolution 2020-107 to Authorize Submission of a Big Sky Economic Trust Fund Application. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the resolution to authorize submission of an application to the Montana Department of Commerce's Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund (BSTF) Planning grant program on behalf of Helena Area Habitat for Humanity (Habitat). Habitat is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home and a leader in providing affordable housing options for Lewis and Clark County residents. Habitat purchased property located off of East Highway 12 with the intent to build a new facility that will house their ReStore, main offices, and training and workshop spaces. The proposed Planning grant project is to conduct a Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR) for the new facility. The PAR will help guide the development and construction of the building and secure additional funding. The funding request is \$27,000 and Habitat is committed to providing the required 1:1 match. The grant period is February 2021 through December 2021. Upon award, Lewis and Clark County will complete a subrecipient agreement with Habitat to administer and manage the project.

Jacob Kuntz, Helena Habitat for Humanity Executive Director, discussed the issues and difficulties surrounding home ownership. This project has many benefits including expanding the Habitat for Humanity ReStore space with the potential for an outdoor sale space and an ADA classroom. The project will also provide more opportunity for home ownership education and training.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and State of Montana Department of Justice Natural Resource Damage Program (Jennifer McBroom)

Jennifer McBroom, Water Quality Protection District Supervisor, presented the contract with the Department of Justice Natural Resource Damage Program. The contract is in the amount of \$125,000 and funds are to be used to assist with the Prickly Pear Re-watering project. The project will purchase water from the US Bureau of Reclamation and fund a water service contract with the Helena Valley Irrigation District to use the purchased water and leave water in Prickly Pear Creek for in-stream flow. The goal is to maintain in-stream flows in Prickly Pear Creek in a reach directly below the Prickly Pear Water Users diversion during the irrigation season. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2020-108 Creating the Country Winds Fire Rural Improvement District No. 2020-02. (Planner: Greg McNally)

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the Resolution 2020-108 Creating the Country Winds Fire Rural Improvement District (RID) 2020-02. The RID is for the purpose of maintaining the fire protection system for the preliminarily approved Country Winds Subdivision. The petition to create the RID was signed by the property owner to be included within the District. Since the petitioner represents 100 percent of the lands within the proposed RID, a Resolution of Intention process is not required. A Resolution to Create and its associated exhibits are attached. If the proposed District is created, a public hearing to formalize implementation of the assessments upon benefited properties within the District will be held prior to September of 2021. The proposed RID is located east of Applegate Drive and approximately 3 miles north of Lincoln Road. The system was part of a condition of approval for the Country Winds Subdivision. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

Final Plat Application for the Country Winds Subdivision, SUBD 2019-006. (Applicant: Watford City Investments, LLP) (Planner: Greg McNally)

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the final plat approval of the proposed Country Winds Subdivision. Preliminary plat approval was granted by the Commission of August 6, 2019 subject to 17 conditions of approval. All seventeen conditions have been met. This is a 4-lot subdivision and each lot is approximately 25 acres and located east of Applegate Drive and approximately 3 miles north of Lincoln Road. There is no subdivision improvements agreement associated with this subdivision.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen 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.

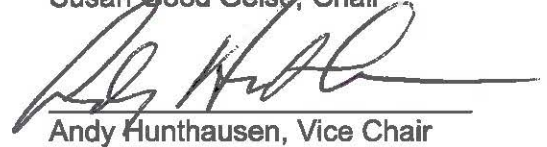
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board