



PUBLIC MEETING

December 29, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 29, 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, Connie Dedrick, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Nicho Hash, Ann McCauley, Chandler Rowling, Dan Karlin, Theresa Ortega, Jessica Makus, Jerry Davis, Jeni Garcin and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary. All attendees were present via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 13; September 3; October 22; and December 15, 17, 2020.
(Nadine McCarty)

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 Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Amendment No. 1 Between Lewis and Clark County and Good Samaritan Ministries. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the contract amendment with Good Samaritan Ministries for an additional \$15,000 for Housing Navigation Services. The current contract is for \$30,000 and is set to expire December 31, 2020. The amendment will extend the period of performance to June 30, 2021 and increase the contract amount to \$45,000. The additional funds were included in the County's approved FY21 budget. Amending the contract through June 30, 2021 will better align with the County's fiscal year and budgeting process for the program. The City of Helena is also in the process of executing a Housing Navigation Services contract amendment with Good Samaritan for identical compensation and time of performance. Staff recommends approval of the contract amendment with Good Samaritan Ministries.

Chandler Rowling, Good Samaritan, stated that they have served 268 people and successfully housed 178 people through this program. She thanked the Commission for their support of the program.

Theresa Ortega, Good Samaritan Executive Director, stated the importance of this program to the community.

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.

Buildings for Lease or Rent: McHugh Drive Rentals. (Tabled 12-22-20) (Applicant: Larry Kim Smith) (Planner: Connie Dedrick)

Connie Dedrick, Planner I, presented the Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) application to be known as McHugh Drive Rentals. The item was heard on December 22, 2020. The property is located at 4013 McHugh Drive and the applicant is requesting five single-family residential rental units. Each rental unit will be approximately 1,800 square feet, have individual septic for wastewater, shared wells and utilities. There is currently one existing residences, served by an existing well and on-site septic system. A barn and a second accessory structure are located on the east side of the property and will remain.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Jerry Davis, 725 Middlemas Road, inquired into the status of the Department of Environmental Quality review of the septic systems.

Ms. Dedrick responded that DEQ approval is not required prior to Commission approval of the BLR. However, it is required before occupancy can occur.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to approve the BLR as presented and to include the public comment from the December 22, 2020 public meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen.

The findings of fact and conclusions of law were discussed by Commissioner Hunthausen including the requirement for adequate water, wastewater and solid waste facilities will be available and that DEQ approval is required. Retention ponds will be installed so that water does not impact off-site properties. The development will also require a fence along the irrigation canal as requested by the Helena Valley Irrigation District. Adequate access for emergency services must be available, including a turnaround for vehicles.

Commissioner Hunthausen further discussed the eight conditions of approval including a five-year weed management plan, installation of addressing plaques, fence installation along the irrigation canal, and construction of a vehicle turnaround.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed 3-0.

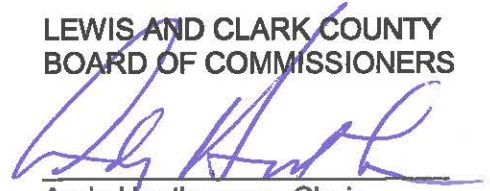
Commissioner Good Geise stated there is a motion on the floor to approve the BLR including the findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions of approval. The motion passed 3-0.

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 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair

Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

