



PUBLIC MEETING

February 10, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Charles Lane, Kevin Horne, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Resolution 2022-8 Setting Seasonal Weight Limits on Specific Roads Under the Jurisdiction of Lewis and Clark County for 2022. (Kevin Horne)

Kevin Horne, Public Works Roads, Bridges, Signs, and Maintenance Supervisor, presented the resolution for seasonal weight limit restrictions on specific hard surfaced roads within the jurisdiction of Lewis and Clark County for fiscal year 2022. The winter has had unseasonably warm temperatures along with extremely cold temperatures across Lewis and Clark County. Seasonal weight limit restrictions are necessary as the frozen ground begins to thaw. The base gravel in the road bed becomes saturated and ultimately causes surface break up and premature failure. The current freeze-thaw cycles and will be experiencing have the potential to cause severe damage to the roads with heavier loaded vehicles. The ability for the roads to carry fully loaded vehicles is substantially reduced during this period. The resolution is to protect the County's investment and keep the roads safe and serviceable for public use for the period beginning February 14 through May 30, 2022. Public Works will work with Betsy Kirkeby, Communications Coordinator to assist in all public notices prior to posting and enforcement of the restrictions. Public notice will occur via social media, news media, and also by fax and email to current list of contractors and heavy haulers within Lewis and Clark County. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Mr. Horne gave an overview of the reason for seasonal weight limit restrictions. He explained the current composition of roads and the processes used for roads built in the 1970s. Many of the County roads have the composition from the 1970s and see heavier vehicles and higher traffic. He discussed maintenance and reconstruction costs. They currently maintain 571 miles of road, of which 121 miles are hard surface roads. He discussed the mill levy and funding that comes from grants, gas tax and other

areas. They operate on \$4.2 million budget that includes the mill levy. Funding is always an issue with the cost of materials. There are currently close to 300 miles of roads within the rural improvement districts of which about 104 miles are hard surfaced roads. He added permits are granted for some situations on the restricted roads.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2022-9 Setting Permanent Weight Limits on Specific Roads Under the Jurisdiction of Lewis and Clark County for 2022. (Kevin Horne)

Kevin Horne, Public Works Roads, Bridges, Signs and Maintenance Supervisor, presented the resolution for permanent weight limit restrictions on specific hard surfaced roads within the jurisdiction of Lewis and Clark County.

Permanent, year round weight limits are needed on roads that have sub-standard base material and a double shot of chip seal. They will not withstand normal highway loading and it has the potential to cause severe damage and ultimately lead to costly repairs. The resolution is to protect the County's investment, keep the roads safe and serviceable for public use. Staff recommends the roads remain permanently restricted. Public Works staff will work closely with Betsy Kirkeby, Communications Coordinator to assist with all public notices required for permanent weight limit restrictions. Public notice will be given via social media, news media, and also by fax and email to the current list of contractors and heavy haulers within the County. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Mr. Horne noted the permanent restrictions are necessary as the roads are in sub-standard shape and heavy loads will deteriorate them even more. Tizer Drive and Old York Road in the Warren School area have always been posted as restricted, however were not on the permanent list. There is a permit process for some heavy hauler situations on restricted roads.

No public comment was received.

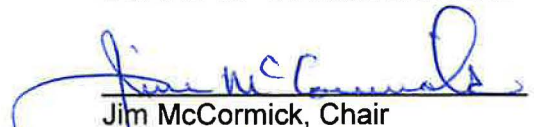
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 9:37 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jim McCormick, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board