



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 19, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

**Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present; Commissioner McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Peter Italiano, Karie Frydenlund, Cheryl Green, Nicho Hash, Reese Martin, Mikel Stevenson, Doug Wilmot, Sarah Knobel, Sheila Ludlow, RJ Snyder, Thomas Plank, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

**Consent Action Items**

- a. Resolution 2019-22 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Victoria A McLucas in the Amount of \$197.81. (Karie Frydenlund)
- b. Letter of Support for Senate Bill 241. (Roger Baltz)
- c. Letter of Support for the Tri-County FireSafe Working Group. (Reese Martin)

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 Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Montana Department of Transportation Update on the Custer Avenue Redevelopment Project. (Steve Prinzing, Doug Wilmot and Sarah Knobel)**

Doug Wilmot, District Administrator for Montana Department of Transportation, presented the update on the Custer Avenue redevelopment project. Mr. Wilmot explained that the project development timeline is 5 to 6 years and requires things such as right-of-way research and acquisition, utility locates, engineering and development.

RJ Snyder, Project Manager, explained that right now they have contracted with Robert Peccia and Associates to conduct a traffic study. The study will provide design guidance and is the foundation of the project. The portion of Custer Avenue that is to be developed is from Henderson Avenue to Montana Avenue. The biggest unknown right now is the Yellowstone Pipeline that is located along Custer Avenue. The construction timeline for the project is 5-6 years out; one construction season will simply be relocation of underground utilities.

Sheila Ludlow, Montana Department of Transportation Planner, explained the funding for the project. Custer Avenue is a state highway and as such the project will be funded by Montana Department of Transportation. The Helena area receives \$1,000,000 annually for highway and transportation projects; this number is based on the population served. This is the main funding source for the project.

Sarah Knobel, Big Sky Public Relations, explained that this a lengthy process due to several mandates that requires time due such as environmental assessments.

**Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding Commitment Letter for Fiscal Year 2019-20. (Reese Martin)**

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding letter for Fiscal Year 201-20. The funding is in the amount of \$140,000; 50% funding from the EMPG federal share and 50% County match. The funding will fund the DES department; including salary for the DES Coordinator and training and tabletop exercises. The EMPG grant requires 3 tabletop exercises a year.

No public comment was received.


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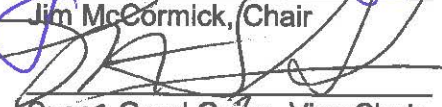
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

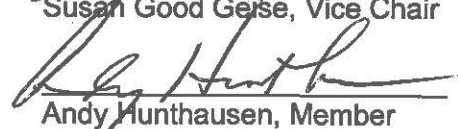
**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jim McCormick, Chair

  
Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board