



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
February 26, 2019  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

**Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Sam Neill, Tammy Potter, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

**Consent Action Items**

- a. Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. (Tammy Potter)

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 Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and Julie Benson. (Tammy Potter)**

Tammy Potter, Finance Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office, presented the contract with Julie Benson in the amount of \$3,475 for the facilitation of a strategic planning meeting for the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office command staff that was held February 19-20, 2019. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Julie Benson.

Ms. Potter stated the strategic plan is for two years rather than the typical four, allowing for more measureable and attainable goals.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2019-24 to Levy and Assess the 4x4 Rural Improvement District. (Planner: Sam Neill)**

Sam Neill, Planner I, presented the resolution to levy and assess the 4X4 Rural Improvement District for purposes of soil stabilization and dust control of the 4X4 Road located south of Highway 200 in Lincoln, Montana.

The request follows the creation of the RID by Resolution 2019-14 approved by the Commission on January 22, 2019. Concerned citizens brought the creation of the RID to Staff's attention with the primary concern being dust control. The estimated assessment cost for maintenance is \$74.56 per property annually. Total annual maintenance for the road is estimated at \$9,021.60.

During the reading of the resolution of intention to create the RID the Board decided to reduce the first year's improvement cost assessment for property owners within the RID. The action was based upon the presence of a County Park located within the RID, as well as the prolonged County process, brought on by necessary legal clarification of technical issues. Subsequent to the close of the official 30-day protest period an additional nine protest letters were received, representing eleven more properties within the RID. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Ms. Neill explained the additional 9 letters were counted in the total but not for the necessary more than 50% during the 30-day protest period. The percentage was 29% during the protest period and the additional 9 brought it to 38%.

Ms. Neill gave an explanation of the reason for only the maintenance cost on the property owners since the County decided to take on the improvement cost due to a County park existing within the District and the removal of the school state trust property that started the process over.

Commissioner Good Geise asked about the road stabilization in that the application of magnesium chloride is for dust control as well as extends the life of the road surface. Mr. Baltz noted no one from Public Works is in attendance and agreed with Commissioner Good Geise.

Peter Italiano, Director of Community Development and Planning gave an overview of how the magnesium chloride works as a binding agent.

No public comment was received.

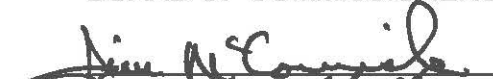
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**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 9:18 am.

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