



PUBLIC MEETING

February 6, 2018

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Pam Attardo, Roger Baltz, Matt Heimel, Audrey McCue, Bob Murdo, Gina Newby, Eric Seidensticker, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Grant Application to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office. (Pam Attardo)

Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the grant application to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office for a Certified Local Government (CLG) program grant in the amount of \$5,500. The Helena/Lewis and Clark County Heritage Tourism Council is one of seventeen CLGs in Montana that receive this funding. The funds are unrestricted and can be used for the Historic Preservation Officer salary, contracted services, programs, etc. The grant period begins April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Ms. Attardo stated she is applying for a grant with the Montana State History Foundation; they would like to fix up the Silver City Cemetery, in addition to the grant some of these funds could go toward that. She has a contractor who works on the digitization of historical documents, maps.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2018-9 Calling for an Election and Establishing the Election Date on the Question of Incorporation of a County Water and/or Sewer District for the Ranchview Estates Subdivision and to Elect the Board of Directors of Such District. (Planner: Matt Heime)

Matt Heime, Special Districts Planner, gave a brief overview of a water and/or sewer district being a self-governing entity, the process to create the district and presented the petition to create a water and /or sewer district for the Ranchview Subdivision and elect the board of directors. The petition has been signed by 64 qualified electors within the proposed district. A letter from the County Election Administrator certified that the petition was signed by at least 10 percent of qualified electors of the territory included in the proposed district. Notices were published in the Independent Record on January 28, 2018 and February 4, 2018; with no comments received as of January 31, 2018.

The resolution for consideration would establish that the petition is sufficient to hold an election to create the district and elect a board of directors. If approved, the mail ballot election will take place on May 8, 2018. Notice of election will be sent to the properties prior to that date, both in the form of published legal ad and letters sent to the addresses of the district. If the election to create the district passes, a second public hearing will be held to record creation of the district and notify the Montana Secretary of State that the proposed district is to be incorporated.

Mr. Heime stated if created the county would have a minor administrative role if there is a new election or the processing of a resolution levying and assessing the special assessments for the district, but the district is its own functioning unit.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2018-10 Calling for an Election and Establishing the Election Date on the Question of Incorporation of a County Water and/or Sewer District for the Northstar Planned Unit Development and to Elect the Board of Directors of Such District. (Planner: Matt Heime)

Matt Heime, Special Districts Planner, presented the petition to create a water and /or sewer district for the Northstar Planned Unit Development and elect the board of directors. The petition has been signed by 96 qualified electors within the proposed district. A letter from the County Election Administrator certified that the petition was signed by at least 10 percent of qualified electors of the territory included in the proposed district. Notices were published in the Independent Record on January 28, 2018 and February 4, 2018; with no comments received as of January 31, 2018.

The resolution for consideration would establish that the petition is sufficient to hold an election to create the district and elect a board of directors. If approved, the mail ballot election will take place on May 8, 2018. If the election to create the district passes, a second public hearing will be held to record creation of the district and notify the Montana Secretary of State that the proposed district is to be incorporated.

Mr. Heime noted if a Board of Directors is not fully elected or not up to five, the Board of County Commissioners can appoint a board of directors at that point. If appointed by the Commission the next round would be under an elections process.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Gina Newby, 1130 Antares Road, stated she is in charge of trying to form this district. This is a complex situation with many facets involved, including the county in this subdivision and the water

situation. They are trying to solve the problem on their own. They appreciate this opportunity. They are hoping to get a little direction on this from the county.

Eric Seidensticker, works for Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) and lives in the said subdivision. He came to urge the passing of the resolution and also to give some history. At the end of last year this came onto MBAC's radar as they were trying to work with Integrated Water on a couple of projects they are looking to do. He has been working on this both as a work and personal standpoint. He has worked with Gina Newby and Matt to help form this, but would like to emphasize the stand alone part of a water and sewer district. Right now the system is owned by a private ownership, the HOA is strapped in that they cannot engage the private ownership and are doing what they can to look at the covenants. He has also been trying to locate some of the funding mechanisms that could help this and a lot of it requires local government, non-profit and those sort of entities; that sort of body is not available right now. He has discussed with his peers to see what kind of programs are available to find they are a lot of paperwork; require engineering reports to look at the system to get going. The system has been strained as of last summer there was a well not performing; so a full out engineering report would be necessary. They are looking into several state and federal programs and he will try to help with that.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted by becoming a local government unit they are eligible to apply for some of the federal and state grants.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. 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.

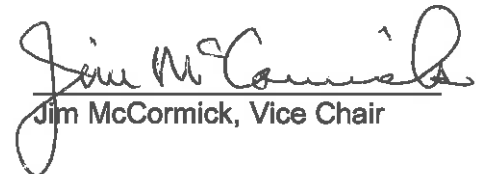
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair

Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board