



PUBLIC MEETING

March 10, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 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, Dan Karlin, Charles Lane, Wally Jester, Gail Jester, Nancy Everson, Rocky Infanger, Dave Sammons, Jerry Shepherd, Corey Baker, Betsy Kirkeby, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclaiming March 10, 2022 as Chief Wally Jester Day.

Commissioner McCormick read the proclamation declaring March 10, 2022 as Chief Wally Jester Day in Lewis and Clark County. Chief Jester talked about knowing what it feels like to only own what you are wearing and he vowed that someday he would make enough of a difference that it would not happen to others. He thanked the Commission.

Dave Sammons, East Valley Fire Chief and Lewis and Clark County Rural Fire Council President, stated Wally Jester has been a mentor for him. His motivation and drive in building the Unionville station has been like no other. He thanked the Commission for doing this for Chief Jester.

Jerry Shepherd, West Valley Fire Department Fire Chief, stated it is impressive what Wally has done with Lewis and Clark County and even more impressive when you know what he had when he started. He remembers when Lewis and Clark County fought fire with cotton gloves. Great job Wally!

Rocky Infanger, Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area, thanked Wally for always being there for him. He brought the department a long ways.

Dave Webster, St. Peter's Ambulance EMS Director, stated when he came into the system, it was overwhelming to see the amount of responders on calls. He has gotten to know Chief Jester and has recognized that Wally's dedication is like no other. He thanked Wally for his service, dedication and for welcoming him in.

Laura Murillo, Wally's daughter, stated growing up she felt like the house that he has been building since she was in kindergarten and the fire department were her other siblings. She now realizes how lucky she is to have such an outstanding father and thanked the Commission for recognizing his accomplishments.

Corey Baker, West Valley Fire Department Volunteer and Unionville resident, stated he has not known Wally as long as most. What he has done in Unionville with the fire department is a big deal. Beyond the fire department he is a community advocate. He thanked the Commission.

Anna Baker, stated the behind the scenes energy that is happening in the fire station and the school house in Unionville that Wally has created is unbelievable. She thanked Wally.

Chief Jester introduced his family. Commissioner Hunthausen talked about Wally's career, the family support behind him and the impressiveness of his dedication and commitment. He thanked Wally for his service to the community.

Commissioner Rolfe talked about meeting Wally when he would come in looking for a new vehicle and the care he took in finding the right vehicle and the fire department's money.

Commissioner McCormick discussed Chief Jester's multi-talents and the ability to build fire trucks, tanks and tenders. He thanked Chief Jester for everything that he has done.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. 2022 Crack Seal. (Dan Karlin)

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the bid opening. The project consists of routing; cleaning, including vegetation sterilization; and sealing cracks in the asphalt pavement that are 1/4" wide or wider on various county roads and Rural Improvement Districts. He gave a brief explanation of what makes a compliant bid. This bid has been broken out into four schedules. Four bids were received. The first bid is from Cap Paving, Inc. of East Helena, MT for Schedule 1 \$81,843.60; Schedule 2 \$34,851.20; Schedule 3 \$8,866.40; Schedule 4 \$14,730 for a total all schedule bid of \$140,291.20. The second bid is from Hardrives Construction of Billings, MT for Schedule 1 \$94,947; Schedule 2 \$ 43,552; Schedule 3 \$13,050.20; Schedule 4 \$14,755 for a total all schedule bid of \$166,304.20. The third bid is from Wharton Asphalt, LLC of Billings, MT for Schedule 1 \$154,222.70; Schedule 2 \$86,272; Schedule 3 \$17,922.60; Schedule 4 \$17,607.50 for a total all schedule bid of \$276,024.80. The last bid is from Yellowstone Pavement Solutions of Belgrade, MT for Schedule 1 \$63,985.03; Schedule 2 \$26,818.86; Schedule 3 \$6,416.77; Schedule 4 \$9,852.55 for a total all schedule bid of \$107,073.21.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on March 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments and recommended the appointment of Kathy Murphy to the Augusta Solid Waste Management District Board to a term that expires December 31, 2024 and the appointment of Cora Helm to the Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan Steering Committee to a term that expires upon completion of the Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan.

No public comment was received.

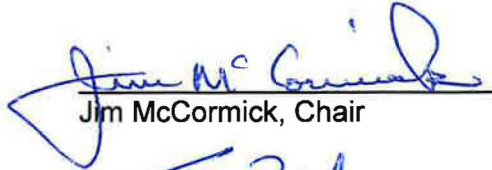
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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.

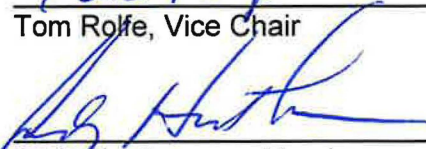
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Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board