



PUBLIC MEETING

March 22, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 22, 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 Susan Good Geise was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Laura Erikson, Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Russell Levens, Jennifer McBroom, John Palmquist, Audra Zacherl, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending March 23, 2018. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz reported on the 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 2-0 vote.

Bid Award for the Pole Barn Storage Building. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works presented the bid award for the pole barn storage building. On March 15, 2018 a bid opening was held for the pole barn storage building and one bid was received. The project is to provide and construct a new pre-engineered pole barn metal building at the Public Works Complex to store road equipment out of the weather.

Budget authority for the project is in the current year capital improvement plan at \$185,400. Staff recommends awarding the base bid only to the only bidder Golden Eagle Construction, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$159,000.

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 2-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Korpi Lawn and Landscaping. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works presented the contract with Korpi Lawn and Landscape in the amount of \$68,296.71 to provide all labor and materials to complete the landscaping project. Work must be completed 90 days from the issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

Forestvale Cemetery completed a limited solicitation for landscaping work around the new entrance. The project consists of planting 14 trees, approximately 153 shrubs and perennials, new lawn and installing an irrigation system in the northwest section of the cemetery around the new entrance that was completed in 2016.

John Palmquist, Forestvale Cemetery Board of Trustees Chair stated the project will enhance the new entrance off of McHugh and also have had to add additional area at Davidson as a result of the new entrance. More people are interested in buying plots at Davidson. It will be a tremendous addition to Forestvale.

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 2-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Department of Natural Resources. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator presented the grant award from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in the amount of \$50,000 with a local match of \$3,871, for a total of \$53,871. The grant is to complete reclamation and development planning grant project related to the Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation. The grant will be administered by the Water Quality Protection District. The grant period is from the date of agreement execution to May 31, 2018.

Last fall property owner Russell Levens approached the county. He purchased an adjoining property formerly known as Pretty Girl Placer Mine, a large pit on the side of Grizzly Gulch Road. He has asked for assistance with a planning grant to do a reclamation of the site.

Reasons for sponsoring the application are Grizzly Creek is currently disconnected by the county road and the pit. The area is within the Water Quality Protection District. Also, the county road is adjacent to the open pit and over the years the former owner of the mining operation undermined the quality of the road. The road actually had to be closed for a period of time due to this. Part of the planning project is to look at potential realignment of the road and at a minimum establishing safe shoulder for that side. A qualified consultant will be hired to do a site assessment, present a variety of alternatives, and conclude in a grant application for reclamation funds.

Russell Levens, 1821 Grizzly Gulch stated he has lived on Grizzly Gulch since 2002. He is a hydrologist and has done a lot of work in mine reclamation. He is aware of a lot of the history of the site. A lot of mine reclamation occurred in the 1980's in Grizzly Gulch. It is not just the pit, there are impacts of mining through the section upstream and on the neighboring property down stream that interrupt the stream flow and create sedimentation problems. Grizzly Creek flows most of the year and creates a pond in the pit and this is adjacent to the county road. The objective would be to establish a flowing stream through the property. That would require recontouring the pit, taking borrowed material from possibly his 20 acres on the other side of the road. It would also involve work on the down stream property of which the property owner is interested. Upstream of the pit there are areas where the creek has been pushed up against the

county road. There are easy fixes to get it away from the road. There are two culverts in front of the house; the road could be straightened and would eliminate both of the culverts. Getting additional material into the pit and recontouring it to get a proper grade for the creek and reclaiming the creek channel would be the biggest part of it. The work needed would be a survey to determine the amount of necessary material. It's a stream but also the aquifer beneath it that is of concern.

Commissioner Good Geise asked Mr. Levins if he has experience with implementation of these kinds of plans such as the cost and the timeframe.

Mr. Levins explained if it was funded for actual reclamation that would occur after the next Legislative sessions. The term for a project grant would be two years, so it would start July of 2019 and be completed in June of 2021. A lot of the dirty moving could probably be done in a month. The planning process involvement needs to include all the property owners and the county road department. He has already had discussions with the county road department on his ideas of what to do with the road. There will be significant improvements to the road.

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 2-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer presented the contract with JHS, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$202,270 for mosquito control services within the Helena Valley Mosquito District. This is an annual contract that has been in place for many years with a 2 percent increase from last year. There is adequate funding in the District for the contract. The scope of services include adult mosquito trap survey; biological larvicide control; survey, control, and records crews. The contract period is April 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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 2-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer presented the contract with JHS, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,420 for mosquito control services within the Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito District. This is an annual contract that has been in place for many years with a 2 percent increase from last year. There is adequate funding in the District for the contract. The scope of services include adult mosquito trap survey; biological larvicide control; survey, control, and records crews. The contract begins May 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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 2-0 vote.

Further Discussion on the Budget Amendment to the County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer presented the public comments received. A public hearing was held on March 13, 2018 and continued to March 15, 2018 for the purpose of considering a budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the addition of a halftime

position in the Lewis and Clark Public Health Department. The Commission closed the public hearing and approved the budget amendment on March 15, 2018.

Subsequent to the meeting, staff checked BoCC email and found an email from a member of the public commenting on the budget amendment that had been sent at 7:24 a.m. on March 15th. Also, after the hearing had been closed, on March 16, 2018 another email from a member of the public was received commenting on the budget amendment. Because of the public comment received this item is in front of the Commission to decide whether to revisit the budget amendment that was approved on March 15, 2018.

Commissioner Good Geise stated she read both of the comments and after review her vote on March 15, 2018 stands. Commissioner Hunthausen stated he read both comments as well. They want the public to know the comments are taken seriously. After review of both comments his decision from March 15, 2018 would not be changed as well.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney stated a motion would only be needed if the public hearing was reopened. This was merely an opportunity to let the public know their comments are taken seriously and that they have been heard. The one comment that came in on time should be discussed and acknowledged; might as well include the other one as well.

No public comment was received.

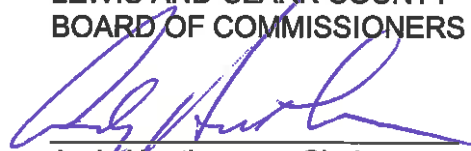
Commissioner Hunthausen stated no motion or action is necessary at this time.

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 9:28 am.

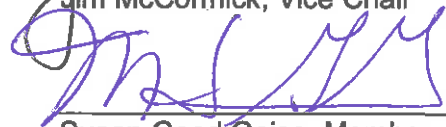
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Andy Hunthausen, Chair

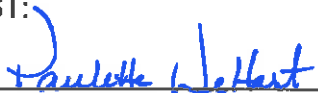


Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board