



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

March 24, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 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 and Commissioner Jim McCormick was present via telephone. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Dan Karlin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Lewis and Clark County Public Works Manual Appeal Request for Trerise Road by Vigilante Developers, LLC. (Dan Karlin)**

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the appeal request by Vigilante Developers, LLC for variance approval from the 0.5% minimum longitudinal grade requirement in the Lewis and Clark County Public Works manual to allow a proposed 0.4% longitudinal grade on Trerise Road. The existing longitudinal grade is approximately 0.28%. Five public hearings have been conducted with the residents along Trerise Road being outspoken about any changes to the road. Mr. Karlin explained the graded difference between 0.5% and 0.4% would result in an additional 1.2 feet of fill for a total 2.7 feet of fill at the west end of Trerise Road. The fill would impact those approaches along Trerise Road and houses built close to the easement.

Mr. Karlin stated neither he nor the Road and Bridge superintendent and assistant superintendent have any issues with allowing the 0.4% longitudinal grade. In this case, there is a low volume of water that exists, the area is built up with no actual ditch, there are fill sections and the water sheds away from the road.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked about future development and the potential for heavier use of the road. Mr. Karlin noted a completed traffic analysis determined that Plant Road would be paved through the subdivision. Trerise would remain gravel and that would deter traffic usage. He added that he does not believe there would be a reason for this particular issue to come back before the Commission, and noted there could potentially be a maintenance Rural Improvement District.

Mr. Karlin discussed the residents concern about the road being altered as several neighbors thought the road to be a privately maintained road, of which they are doing some maintenance at this time. It has been found to be a recorded public road.

Commissioner Hunthausen stressed the concern that if the standard is lessened and in the future the standard has to be met, the burden would be on the County.

Commissioner McCormick had difficulties hearing the meeting and asked that the decision be postponed.

Mr. Karlin stated the contractor is waiting to start work as soon as possible.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to table the item to March 26, 2020 and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Engagement Letter with Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the engagement letter with Garlington, Lohn, & Robinson, PLLP for legal services associated with the work being conducted on the Part 2 zoning initiative. The letter identifies the tasks involved, Alan McCormick to be the principal person to work with the County staff and the rate of \$200 per hour. Staff recommends approval of the engagement letter with Garlington, Lohn, Robinson, PLLP on an as needed basis for the services. Mr. Baltz added that after discussion with the County Attorney's Office neither a cap nor an end date was specified.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. 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 9:25 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Susan Good Geise, Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST.

  
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