



PUBLIC MEETING

March 28, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 28, 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, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Sam Neill, Audra Zacherl, Phil Porrini, Doug Nisbet, Jesse Whitford, Dan Karlin, Wally Jester, John Naylor, Connor McGree, Ron Smartneck, Kevin Wright, Don Zimmerman, Karl Yakawich, Phill Forbes, Brian Coplin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. Lake Helena Drive & Lewis Street Intersection Improvements Project. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the bid opening. Three bids were received. The first bid is from Mockel Precast & Excavating of East Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$282,058. The second bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$268,769. The last bid is from Bullock Contracting, LLC of Boulder, Montana for a total bid amount of \$231,855.

No public comment was received.

Ms. Zacherl stated a recommendation date cannot be set until approval is received from the Montana Department of Transportation due to it being on the urban system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission at an indeterminate time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Bid Opening. South Forestvale II RID Paving Project. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the bid opening. Two bids were received. The first bid is from Cap Paving of East Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$87,747. The last bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$102,153.75.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on April 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented an update on the Detention Center renovation and noted in the next fourteen months the project will transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space with approximately 156 beds. Since the last update Sletten has set up a perimeter fence in front of the Law Enforcement Center to stage and store equipment and materials. The ceilings have been demoed and a scan performed to locate anything hiding behind the ceiling tiles. The scan locates all mechanical, electrical, plumbing and penetrations that will be downloaded to the architect to assist with the final construction plans. Framed walls have been demoed and demolition of the concrete masonry block walls (CMU) has begun. The CMU walls will take a few weeks. Next for demolition will be the public stairwell, flooring and other miscellaneous areas. Demolition is expected to last into May. Final design plans and specifications are expected to be ready by April 12th and will then be provided to the City Building Department for permitting.

Funding for the project includes \$6.5 million from the voter approved bond issue, from bond premium and from capital savings for a total project budget of \$8.3 million. Expenditures to date total \$500,866 with the breakdown of: Architecture \$377,729; Owner's rep \$91,876; IT&S \$19,858 and miscellaneous \$11,403.

Ms. Zacherl stated the construction will probably begin in May after receiving the building permit. There will be a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) from the Owner's Representative, hopefully in April and will be their total cost for the remainder of the project. There will also be a mini GMP from Sletten Construction for the mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) portion of the project as some work has been identified that they need to move on in order to not slow down the project.

No public comment was received.

Resolution 2019-27 Amending Resolution 2002-119 Creating Bylaws of the Lewis and Clark County Fair Board. (Kevin Tenney)

Phil Porrini, Fair Board Chairman, presented the resolution to amend the current Fair Board Bylaws from nine to eleven voting members.

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 2019-26 of Intention to Alter the Boundaries of the York Fire Service Area. (Planner: Sam Neill)

Sam Neill, Planner I, presented the resolution of intention to alter the boundaries of the York Fires Service Area (FSA). Chief Naylor of the FSA desires to annex certain adjacent lands into the York FSA, currently managed by the Lewis and Clark County Fire Service Area. A petition has been received and has been signed by owners of a majority of the taxpayers within the area,

specifically 83% of the properties were in favor of the proposal. The proposal stems from the York Fire Hall proximity to the area, reducing emergency response times. Chief Jester and his Board of Trustees of the Lewis and Clark County Fire Service Area are in favor of the annexation. Mutual aid agreements and automatic aid agreements will remain in place if the annexation request is approved. The proposed annexation is located north of and adjacent to York Fire Service Area and east and south of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness. The majority of the properties are owned by state or federal agencies.

Ms. Neill gave an overview of the process if the resolution of intention is approved and noted if the annexation is approved the area will be added into the York FSA 60 days after the passage. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Wally Jester, Fire Chief of the Lewis and Clark County Fire Service Area, stated the reason for this proposal is to get local fire departments to take the area that is closer to their departments. If York has an event the mutual aid occurs from others. There is no monetary gain for the FSA, it is to provide better service to the people in the area.

Commissioner Good Geise asked Chief Jester if all the areas that are not marked as fire departments or FSAs are part of the Lewis and Clark County FSA and Chief Jester stated they are part of the large FSA. Chief Jester noted over time areas are being annexed to closer departments or FSAs to serve the public better.

John Naylor, Fire Chief of the York Fire Service Area, stated one reason for the annexation is currently when a call comes in the dispatch procedure is Lewis and Clark County FSA is dispatched first they then have to request assistance from York. The annexation will provide better service and save time getting to the incident. Chief Naylor noted as soon as the annexation process is complete dispatch will receive the change.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen 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 9:43 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