



PUBLIC MEETING

April 11, 2017

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Charles Lane, Alison Munson, Paul Spengler, Christal Ness, Brian Coplin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

The United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area Presentation. (Alison Munson)

Alison Munson, President and CEO of Lewis and Clark Area United Way, presented the vision and future of United Way. United Way has 40 partner agencies that they collect and distribute donations for. Ms. Munson stated that the United Way Board of Directors undertook a strategic planning process to align their organizational goals with the data collected during community conversations. They used a collective impact approach whereby they conduct research in what the community wants and needs from United Way. Ms. Munson stated that research showed four key priority areas to guide their funding. Those points include early childhood education, mental health, basic needs and prosperity. Ms. Munson added that they are working on getting a grant to bring back a mental health crisis team.

Commissioner Good Geise commented United Way is experiencing a paradigm shift in looking at unmet needs within the community and locating the resources to accommodate those needs.

No public comment was received.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County, Northwest Management, Inc., and Tri-County FireSafe Working Group. (Paul Spengler)

Paul Spengler, Disaster Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the contract with Northwest Management, Inc., Tri-County FireSafe Working Group and Lewis and Clark County for wildland fuel hazard mitigation projects. The funding from the Forest Service that supports this agreement, the Capital 360 Fuels and Watershed Improvements Project, requires collaboration between the County, Tri-County FireSafe and Northwest Management. The purpose of the funding is to protect a circumference around the Capital City from wildland fires by conducting wildland fuel mitigation projects. Tri-County FireSafe Working Group will act as the coordinator under the contract.

Pat McKelvey, Tri-County FireSafe, explained the reasons the contract is necessary. Tri-County will enter into contracts with independent contractors to conduct the work under the Capital 360 Plan. Mr. McKelvey noted that there will be other contractors involved in the future.

Commissioner Good Geise asked who negotiates the cost of a homeowner's project and how much it costs on average per acre. Mr. McKelvey responded that it depends on several factors including how much timber is on that acre, how much machine use is required, whether the timber will be stacked or just pruned, etc, but that on average it costs about \$1,500 an acre. Each project must have an agreed upon plan and price and that plan and price is negotiated by all three parties: Tri-County FireSafe Working Group, the homeowner and the contractor, which in this case is Northwest Management.

No public comment was received.

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

Correction of Survey and Tax Deed. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Ombudsman, presented the filing of a corrected survey aggregating a .44 acre parcel taken by the County or Tax deed, including the payment of discounted taxes penalties interest and other costs. On February 12, 2012 the County executed tax deed to a parcel described as Parcel #1, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 3 West, P.M.M, as disclosed by Certificate of Survey Number 302412. At that time, Lewis and Clark County wrote of \$3,530.22 of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and other costs attributed to the parcel. On November 4, 2016 Lewis and Clark County received an inquiry from an attorney representing Harold and Marcia Klinker, inquiring about the purchase of the .44 acres, then owned by the County. Research was conducted by staff and an error in the survey was detected. Consensus was reached by County staff on transferring the .44 acre parcel to the Klinkers with the understanding that the sum discounted at the time the tax deed was taken would be reimbursed and a new survey would be recorded depicting the aggregation of the .44 acre lot into the 2.5 acre lot, which should have occurred earlier. There is no legal access to the .44 acre parcel and it should have been aggregated into another parcel in 1997 but it never was.

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

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented the board appointments and recommended the reappointment of Dayl Taylor to the Craig Mosquito Board to a term that expires December 31, 2020; the appointment of Rodger Hulbert to the Human Services Task Force; the appointment of Charles Ruzicka to the Forestvale Historic Preservation Committee to a term that expires August 31, 2019; and, the reappointment of Mark Menke as a non-voting member to the Fair Board to a term that expires December 31, 2019.

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 9:59 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board