



PUBLIC MEETING

April 13, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Audra Zacherl, Stephanie Beckert, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Change Order No. 1 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Bullock Contracting, LLC. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Bullock Contracting, LLC on the Phase 4A Landfill Expansion project dated March 24, 2021. The project generally consists of the construction of the Phase 4A cell within the licensed landfill area. The 7.3-acre expansion will include excavation, embankment, preparation of liner subgrade and lined with the liner system. The liner system includes from bottom to top: compacted native liner subgrade, 60 mil. double-sided textured HDPE flexible membrane liner, non-woven geotextile fabric, gravel base drainage and protective layer, leachate collection piping, leachate pumping station, etc. Other work consists of construction of stormwater diversion ditches, a stormwater detention pond and an access road.

Immediately after the contract was signed, notice was received from the supplier of the 60 mil HDPE membrane liner and non-woven geotextile fabric that resin suppliers were experiencing force majeure conditions because of severe shortages of polyethylene and polypropylene resins due to a combination of the demand for personal protective equipment due to COVID-19 and severe weather along the gulf coast creating an inability to keep up with demand and forcing price increases.

The change order amount is for a total of \$105,772, which includes the cost of the increase in the liner of \$100,736 and a markup of 5% or \$5,036 to cover the contractors bonding and administrative costs.

Funding for the increase in the contract from \$1,235,269.50 to \$1,341,041.50 will be from increasing the 2% 12 and one-half year loan from the road capital savings. The difference in the loan amount will cause an increase in the annual loan payment of \$9,081.34 to \$132,481. Original budget estimate for this loan and construction was an annual loan payment of \$207,897. The increased loan payment is well below the original budget. There is an element of urgency to get the order placed for the material before costs potentially increase again. Typically prior to shipment two tests are performed to ensure the material meets specifications. Because of the urgency, the request is that the material be tested and shipped concurrently. Great West Engineering, the construction engineer, is confident the material will pass both tests, as it is the same material as has been used on three other projects in Montana with the same specifications. If it does not, the County will have to pay shipping to return the material to the supplier. Staff recommends approval of the change order with Bullock Contracting, LLC.

Ms. Zacherl stated they looked at all of the suppliers and this is an industry-wide increase.

Commissioner McCormick read a portion of a letter from Northwest Linings & Geotextile Products regarding the force majeure impact notice.

There is no current awareness that it will affect the construction schedule.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for Augusta Solid Waste Board, City-County Parks Board, Fair Board, Forestvale Cemetery Board, Heritage Preservation and Tourism Development Council, Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force, and the Transportation Coordinating Committee.

Staff recommends the following appointments: Brad McBratney to the Augusta Solid Waste Board to a term that expires December 31, 2023; Jerry Blythe to the City-County Parks Board to a term that expires September 30, 2024; Linda Grady to the Fair Board to complete a term that expires December 31, 2021; Jay Sherley to the Fair Board to a term that expires December 31, 2023; Peter Schaefer to the Forestvale Cemetery Board to complete a term that expires August 31, 2023; Jennifer Hensley to the Forestvale Cemetery Board to complete a term that expires August 31, 2022; Christopher Averill to the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Development Council to a term that expires June 30, 2024; Susan DeBree to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force to complete a term that expires December 31, 2021; and the reappointment of Jeremy Fadness to the Transportation Coordinating Committee to a term that expires December 31, 2022.

It was noted when more applications are received than the available openings, those applications are kept on file for future consideration. The public was directed to the location of the board application on the County website and suggested to attend a meeting to see if it would be a good fit.

No public comment was received.

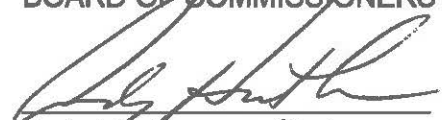
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 9:20 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board