



PUBLIC MEETING

April 24, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 24, 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 Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Misty Edwards, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Matt Heimel, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Audra Zacherl, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. Four (4) New Parallel Lift Plows. (Audra Zacherl).

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works opened the bids for the four new parallel lift plows. One bid was received. The bid is from 3V Distributing from Conrad, Montana for a Henke 48R11ISPLECT Plow with a base bid amount of \$13,848.75 each with an extension of four plows of \$55,395. No exceptions were noted, the additive alternate is not available and delivery date is 45-60 days after the bid is awarded.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise for staff to take the bid under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on May 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Helena School District No. 1. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer presented the agreement with Helena School District No. 1 for the maintenance of and improvements to Sierra Park near Rossiter School. The park is owned by the School District, but the County considers it a regional park. The agreement is to provide

continued cooperation between the County and the School District. The funds come from the County Parks budget and this is a continuation of an agreement that has been in place in the past. The agreement is for ten years and can be reviewed and changed on an annual basis.

Commissioner Good Geise gave an update on the current parks plan update that is currently occurring and stated how important it was due to the high demand for parks and access to those parks.

No public comment was received.

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

RFP Award. Hooper Park Restroom and Shower Facility Project. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented Request for Proposals (RFP) award for the Hooper Park Restroom and Shower Facility project. On March 30, 2018 two RFPs were received; one from Thompson Contracting, Inc. of Libby, Montana and one from Diamond Construction of Helena, Montana. The project calls for the purchase and installation of a prefabricated concrete flush restroom and shower facility located in Hooper Park in Lincoln, Montana. The scope of the project called for a minimum two room facility; each with a toilet, urinal, sink and shower. An additional room was also required for the water disinfection system.

A review committee scored the proposals based on four criteria: company information and experience; the product being proposed; the project schedule and completion date; and, the purchase price. Thompson Contracting scored 299 points out of 300; Diamond Construction scored 270. Thompson Contracting is proposing to install a 3 room facility in the amount of \$154,700 to be installed by mid-July. Staff recommends entering into contract negotiations with Thompson Contracting, Inc. of Libby, Montana in an amount not to exceed \$154,700.

Commissioner Good Geise stated that this is an important project not just to the County and to Hooper Park but also to the community of Lincoln. By providing showers for campers, we are encouraging them to stay longer and contribute more to the surrounding economy.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2018-20 of Support for the National Park System. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented the resolution of support for the National Park System. The resolution is in support of urging Congress to address the deferred maintenance issues in National Parks. Currently, there are thousands of scheduled maintenance projects that have gone undone due to budget shortfalls. The current deferred maintenance backlog totals \$11.6 billion nationwide; for the National Park System assets in Montana that figure is nearly \$218 million. Last year, 2017, saw record visitation at both of Montana's marquee parks - Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks - with 4.1 million and 3.3 million visitors respectively. But as visitation has increased at many park sites across the nation, funding for maintenance has not been increased according. Two proposals to address the issue are currently being considered in Congress: The National Parks Legacy Act and the National Parks Restoration Act. Both bills would dedicate a portion of federal onshore and offshore mineral royalty revenues that aren't already obligated by law for other purposes to be

used each year for maintenance projects in the National Park System. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

Petition to Discontinue Two Alley Segments in Blocks 196 and 202 of the Ames Addition to Helena. (Applicant: Jeff Tichenor) (Planner: Matt Heimel)

Matt Heimel, Planner I, presented the petition to discontinue two alley segments in Blocks 196 and 202 of the Ames Addition to Helena. The applicant, Jeff Tichenor, has requested that the alley segments be discontinued based on their narrow width and the impracticality of public use for City or County services and emergency vehicle use. The alley segments are generally located south of Euclid Avenue, north of Cannon Street and west of Hiawatha Street. Segment number one is approximately 128 feet long and 10 feet wide. Segment number two is approximately 173 feet long and 14 feet wide. The petition has been signed by all owners of property on the subject alleys. The approval of the discontinuance shall be in affect for three years. Prior to the expiration date of those three years, the applicant or his successors may request an extension. If approved, the applicant will record a new certificate of survey at his own expense to show the discontinued alley segments. Staff recommends approval subject to four conditions. Those conditions include the applicant submitting a certificate of survey to be reviewed by the County; any instruments of record that reflect property boundary shifts will need to be prepared; and if any structures are within those alleys, an encroachment agreement will need to be filed.

Mr. Heimel stated that the public utility easement that exists in the alley segments to the north and east will be retained. Mr. Heimel added that he is not aware of any encroachments that exist.

Commissioner McCormick referenced a phone conversation with a Mr. Elliott regarding this discontinuance and at that time Commissioner McCormick was unaware that this particular discontinuance would be presented to the Community Planning and Development Department and that once he became aware of that, he notified Mr. Elliott that he could no longer discuss this particular discontinuance.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise that the proposed discontinuance of the two alley segments in Blocks 196 and 202 of the Ames Addition to Helena be conditionally approved. Commissioner Good Geise further moved that the findings of fact and the conditions of approve in the staff report be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Good Geise referenced the findings of fact in that the petition has been signed by all of the owners of property located on the subject alleyways. Additionally, there are no public lands or waters that would be affected and NorthWestern Energy has no objection to the discontinuance.

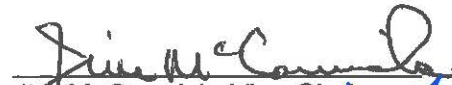
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

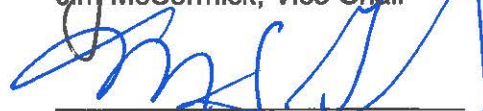
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

Jim McCormick, Vice Chair

Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board