



PUBLIC MEETING

May 3, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, May 3, 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, Marni Bentley, Matt Heimel, Peter Italiano, Dan Karlin, Mike Bishop, Charles Lane, Reese Martin, Eric Merchant, Doug Nisbet, Jesse Whitford, Audra Zacherl, Karl Yakawich, Davis Quick, Jerry Shepherd, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the 2018 Emergency Proclamation regarding flooding. Mr. Martin stated that Governor Bullock has also declared a statewide emergency for flooding. The Ten Mile Creek area in the valley is currently flooding and the weather forecast is for warmer weather, which will contribute to rapid melting and a rise in area streams. Mr. Martin stated that an emergency proclamation allows the County to begin tracking expenses and damages to public infrastructure for potential reimbursement from the state. The County will also begin offering sand sandbags to residents of Lewis and Clark County. Residents will have to bag their own sand however, volunteers may be on site to assist.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending May 4, 2018. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2018-23 Designating Polling Places in Lewis and Clark County. (Audrey McCue)
- c. Resolution 2018-24 Appointing Election Judges for 2018-2020. (Audrey McCue)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-c and recommended approval.

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.

Bid Opening. Three (3) Steel Modular Bridge Systems. (Audra Zacherl).

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works opened the bids for three steel modular bridge systems that will be placed on Elk Creek west of Augusta, Montana. Two bids were received. The first bid is from TrueNorth Steel of Missoula, Montana. The bid for Item number 1 is \$73,695 each for a total of \$153,390; the bid for Item number 2 is \$84,751 total; item number 3 bid is \$11,460 each for a total \$22,920; the bid for item number 4 is \$13,934 for a total bid price of \$274,995. The last bid is from Conntech Engineered Solutions of Roseville, California. The bid for Item number 1 is \$122,510 each for a total of \$245,020; the bid for Item number 2 is \$125,656 total; item number 3 \$16,152 each for a total \$32,304; the bid for item number 4 is \$19,210 each for a total bid price of \$422,190.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on May 10, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick and passed on a 3-0 vote.

Change Order No. 1 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works presented Change Order No. 1 to a construction contract with Wadsworth Builders Company, Inc. The contract scope generally consisted of renovating approximately 5,660 square feet of the lower level of the Michael A. Murray Building, including administrative offices, new window wells, and restrooms. Also included was the modification of existing fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, and mechanical and electrical improvements.

The change order consists mainly of owner requested changes including adding windows to interior doors; additional finishing and painting; and correcting electrical capacity to the system. Also included are costs for an additional sound proofing layer of insulation in the ceiling area and suspended lights in the conference room.

The contract total will be increased by \$6,056.33 from \$508,000 to \$514,056.33. Funding of \$450,000 is through a Community Development Block Grant that requires a 25 percent match of \$112,500. The match and additional funding for the project are budgeted in the Public Health capital budget. Staff recommends approval of Change Order No. 1 for an additional \$6,056.33.

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.

Task Order 19-07-6-11-028-0 to Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Eric Merchant)

Eric Merchant, Division Administrator for Disease Control and Prevention, presented the Task Order and associated Grant Award in the amount of \$82,707 from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. The purpose of the task order upgrade and enhance local public health capacity to respond to events impacting public health through planning, assessment and development of preparedness and response activities as defined by the CDC. Services covered under this grant would include emergency

medical counter measures, dispensing of medical and anti-viral assets in the event of a local public health emergency, epidemiology, conducting training exercises to prepare for public health emergencies, and maintaining a health alert network. This program serves as an integral part of the County DES program. The grant provides funding for a half-time emergency preparedness coordinator. The Task Order is effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Good Geise referenced the current flooding and asked if anything that should be done regarding wells and septic tanks and what citizens should be doing. Mr. Merchant stated the best contact on a question regarding septic tanks and wells would be the Environmental Services Division.

Kathy Moore, Environmental Services Division Administrator stated they would like residents watch standing water over a drain field or a septic tank as it may fail during a flood. One of the key things residents can do to avoid any issues is to reduce indoor water use. Once floodwaters recede, continue to reduce water usage until you begin to see the ground dry out. Ms. Moore added that another thing residents can watch is their wellhead. If floodwaters inundate that wellhead, it is quite possible your well will be contaminated with floodwater. In the event that occurs, do not drink that water, wait for floodwaters to recede and then proceed with disinfecting the well. The County does have water testing kits that residents can use to test their water after they have disinfected it.

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.

Resolution 2018-8 to Adopt the Recommendation of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Lewis and Clark County Open Lands Program Guide. (Tabled 4-5-18) (Planner: Matt Heimel)

Matt Heimel, Special Districts Planner presented Resolution 2018-8 for amendments to the Open Lands Program Guide. The purpose of the amendments is to provide for a two-tiered application process. This process would afford project sponsors with flexibility and convenience of application document submittals. The draft amendments were first presented to the Commission at a public meeting on December 2017. Since that time, comments were received by Montana Land Reliance. The Commission considered the comments during a public hearing on January 23, 2018 and recommended the CAC work with Montana Land Reliance to reflect the inclusion of provisions for conditional approval. A public hearing regarding the new amendments was heard on April 5, 2018.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated he has not fully reviewed the amendments but has reviewed for general legal concerns such as public participation and those concerns have been addressed; there is sufficient opportunity for public input. He did want to make the Commission aware that the level two process does not include all of the required documents be submitted prior to approval.

Mr. Heimel stated at this time there are no projects on hold waiting for approval of the amendments; any applications that have been received are working through the current process that is in place.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mike Bishop, Member of the Open Lands CAC, stated one of the issues brought through public comment was the assurances that the landowners need with respect to the financial aspects of the project. The CAC wanted to make sure they provided the Commission the ability to make an informed decision regarding funding and approval and the CAC feels that these amendments provide that.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise 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.

Commissioner Good Geise announced that David Smith, Director of the Helena Family YMCA announced if residents have been displaced due to the flooding they are welcome to use the YMCA to shower.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

**LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board