



PUBLIC MEETING

May 6, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, May 6, 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, Charles Lane, Audrey McCue, Audra Zacherl, Kevin Horne, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. 2021 Bituminous Asphalt Pavement. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for the 2021 bituminous asphalt pavement. This is for the asphalt the Public Works crews will use for pothole patching and small overlays. Two bids were received. The first bid is from CAP Paving, Inc. of East Helena, Montana for a base bid amount of \$71 per ton, estimated cost assuming 500 tons is \$35,500, for a total bid amount of \$35,500. The last bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a base bid amount of \$71 per ton, estimated cost assuming 500 tons is \$35,500 for a total bid amount of \$35,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on May 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Bid Opening. 2021 Rural Improvement District Asphalt. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for construction of asphalt overlays for various roads within several Rural Improvement Districts. Two bids were received. The first bid is from CAP Paving, Inc. of East Helena, Montana. The base bid amount for item (1) is \$116, (2) \$2.88, (3) \$1.10, (4) lump sum of \$1,920 for a total of all base bid amount of \$353,230.08. The last bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana. The bid amount for item (1) is \$118, (2) \$3.00, (3) \$2.60, and (4) lump sum of \$7,145.20 for a total of all base bid amount of \$379,369.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on May 13, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointment. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, explained regular elections for elected special purpose district boards were scheduled for May 4, 2021 and most of the elections were canceled due to no contest for the election. The cancellation is allowed under Montana law and generally saves the districts the cost of running an election when the outcome is known. She explained the process of when candidates are declared elected by acclamation and when open positions are filled by an appointment made the County Commission.

Ms. McCue presented the board appointment for the Augusta Fire Service Area Board of Trustees. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the election was canceled because the number of candidates was less than the number of positions to be filled. When there are, no regular or declared, write-in candidates for a position the Board of County Commissioners shall fill the position by appointment.

Will Barrett requested appointment and has been verified by the elections office to be a registered voter of the district and eligible to fill the position. The recommendation is to appoint Will Barrett to a three-year term on the Augusta Fire Service Area Board of Trustees.

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.

Board Appointments. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the board appointments for the Marysville Fire District Board of Trustees. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the election was canceled because the number of candidates that filed was less than the number of positions to be filled. When there are, no regular or declared, write-in candidates for a position the Board of County Commissioners shall fill the position by appointment.

Marc Bridges and Don Clark requested appointment to the open positions on the Marysville Fire District Board of Trustees. They were verified by the elections office to be property owners and/or registered voters of the district and eligible to fill the positions. The recommendation is to appoint Marc Bridges and Don Clark to three-year terms on the Marysville Fire District Board of Trustees.

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.

Declaring Fire District and Fire Service Area Candidates Elected by Acclamation. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the candidates to be elected by acclamation for the Fire District and Fire Service Area Board of Trustees election that was scheduled to be held on May 4, 2021. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the elections were canceled due to the number of candidates being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled. When an election is canceled candidates shall be declared elected to the position by acclamation by the Board of County Commissioners. Candidates filed for trustee positions in Augusta Fire Service Area, Augusta Volunteer Fire District, Baxendale Volunteer Fire District, Birdseye Volunteer Fire District, Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, East Helena Valley Volunteer Fire District, Eastgate Volunteer Fire District, Lincoln Fire District, West Helena Valley Fire District, and Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area. The recommendation is to declare Fire District

and Fire Service Area Boards of Trustees elected by acclamation to the positions as listed on the attached "Candidates to be Declared Elected by Acclamation to a Fire District or Fire Service Area Board of Trustees."

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Ms. McCue read a comment received from Linda Grady of the Birdseye Fire District stating they are grateful that Dave Burda and Doug Richey have the opportunity to continue to serve as trustees. Dave brings more than 17 years of service to the board of trustees and years of knowledge. Doug brings about 6 years of service and a great asset representing the taxpayers.

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

Declaring Community Council Candidates Elected by Acclamation. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the candidate to be elected by acclamation to the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council election that was scheduled to be held on May 4, 2021. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the election was canceled because the number of candidates was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled. When an election is canceled candidates shall be declared elected to the position by acclamation by the Board of County Commissioners. The recommended action is to declare Zach Muse elected by acclamation to a three-year term on the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council.

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.

Declaring Hospital District Candidates Elected by Acclamation. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the candidates to be elected by acclamation to the Lincoln Hospital District election that was scheduled to be held on May 4, 2021. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the election was canceled because the number of candidates was equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled. When an election is canceled candidates shall be declared elected to the position by acclamation by the Board of County Commissioners. The recommended action is to declare Ron Arambarri elected by acclamation to a three-year term on the Lincoln Hospital District.

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.

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

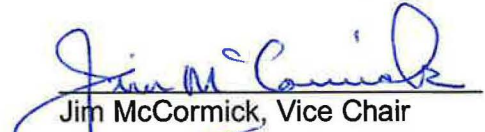
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

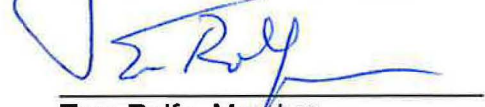
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Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board