



PUBLIC MEETING

June 21, 2022

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Lori Ladas, Audra Zacherl, Christal Ness, Dan Karlin, Kevin Horne, Greg McNally, Clint Pullman, Nadine McCarty, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Approval of Request for Speed Study Letter. (Jenny Chambers)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the consent action item 2a and recommended approval of the Speed Study Letter to Malcom Long formally requesting the Montana Department of Transportation to complete a traffic evaluation and speed study to review the speed limit on Canyon Ferry Road. The study will be for the stretch of road from the intersection of Lake Helena Drive and Canyon Ferry Road to the top of the hill going East and then ending at Hart Lane.

No public comment was received.

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

Presentation of Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. 2022-23 Work Plan. (Lori Ladas)

Lori Ladas, Executive Director, and Kathy Marks presented the 2022-23 Work Plan for Rocky Mountain Development Council Inc. (RMDC) that was completed November of 2021. Approval of the work plan from the County is required for the Community Services Block Grant that provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

Several domains are listed in the work plan which includes the education domain of preschool through Head Start and Foster Grandparent Program, Homelessness and Housing domain including affordable housing, Social and Behavioral Development domain including foster grandparents, Civic Engagement domain and Energy assistance domain including (LIEAP) Low Income Energy Assistance Program and (LIHWAP) Low Income Home Water Assistance Program. The work plan cannot be under or over 20% of projected outcome without having to explain reasons why.

Affordable housing, Red Alder, serves 85 units for families and seniors with income levels of 30-60% national average. There are over 600 individuals and families on the wait list for affordable housing. Further affordable housing through RMDC spans several counties. The Townsend Housing Inc. and Townsend Homestead manor provides 16-20 apartments in Townsend. Big Boulder has about 32 units for families and seniors in Boulder. There are several properties in Helena which include Eagles Manor I, II and III, Ptarmigan, Pheasant Glenn and River Rock. There is an 8-unit apartment building in Augusta called Rocky Mountain Front Properties.

In 2021, there were 2,746 served through LIEAP and 54 residences were weatherized through the weatherization project; 233 households served through Energy Share for emergency furnace repairs or replacements and for overdue energy accounts; 545 seniors received over 8,000 meals through Senior Centers last year, up to an average of 40-50 people per meal; and 75,000 meals through senior food programs in 2021.

Rocky Aging provides services in several counties which includes Meagher, Park, Gallatin, Jefferson, Broadwater and Lewis and Clark Counties. This service provides transportation to and from activity center for seniors and to and from school or daycare for Foster Grandparents volunteering at those places. It also includes meals, and affordable housing.

RMDC offers Head Start parent resources by partnering with community services to get out of poverty and be self-sufficient. Referrals for housing, education testing such as high set test and GED, CIT, Public Health, and childcare resources.

Seventy percent of the funds are federal and other funding is a mix from Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson Counties and some funding from the state. They receive a small amount of funds from donations and fees.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Opening. 2022 Helena Magnesium Chloride Application. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the bid opening for the 2022 Helena Magnesium Chloride Application. One bid was received from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc. of Evanston, Wyoming for a total bid amount of \$7,835.41.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on June 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Bid Opening. 2022 Lincoln Magnesium Chloride Application. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for the 2022 Lincoln Magnesium Chloride Application. One bid was received from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc. of Evanston, Wyoming for a total bid amount of \$4,089.83.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on June 28, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Comments for a Court Ordered Division. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the request for comments for the Court Ordered Divisions for the Estate of Lyle Myhr. The estate is a 22.512-acre parcel East of Canyon Ferry Lake on the corner of Woodbridge Trail and Canyon Ferry Road that was left to Lyle Myhr's two (2) grandsons to be divided among them, with the family home on five (5) acres to be sold to cover the obligations of the estate. A motion for Partition of the Real Property Pursuant to Will, in the First Judicial Court, was filed May 31, 2022. The petitioners notified the County of pending division and the Board of County Commissioners, as the Governing Body, has this opportunity to comment on the Court Ordered Division. The parcel would be divided into three tracts, one for each of the grandsons, and the family home. Court ordered divisions are exempt from the Subdivision and Planning Act, the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act, and Department of Environmental Quality approval for new subdivisions.

Staff recommends the Court Order should instruct that the petitioner submit a Certificate of Survey meeting specifications and requirements of a proper survey; that the property is subject to the requirement of the Lewis and Clark County on-site Wastewater Treatment Regulations; that the property should be addressed; and access to parcels be from Woodbridge Trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clint Pullman, Personal Representative, commented there was a statement during presentation that the parcel was created in 1973 and the letter states it was created in 1976.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment and recommended the reappointment of Mikael Bedell and Brie MacLaurin to the City-County Board of Health for a second term to expire June 30, 2025. Mr. Baltz also presented and recommended the reappointment of Tony Quirini for a first full term and Jeff Claassen for a second term to the Open Land Citizens Advisory Committee to expire June 30, 2025.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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 10:03 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair



Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member


ATTEST


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board