



PUBLIC MEETING

June 3, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, June 3, 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, Nancy Everson, Kevin Horne, Peter Italiano, Bill Gowen, George Harris, Nolan Lister, Andrew Thomas, 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. Two New Snow Plow Cabs and Chassis. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for the purchase of two new snowplow cabs and chassis. These are in the FY21 Capital Improvements road budget and will be rolled over into FY22 due to the timing of the invoicing. Two bids were received. The first bid is from I-State Truck Center of Great Falls, Montana for a Freightliner 108SD 2023 model year, delivery date 270 days after the award of the bid for a base bid amount of \$108,464 each for an extension of \$216,928. Additive alternate number 1 for extended warranty option is yes and diagnostic software has not been bid. The last bid is from Motor Power Equipment Company of Billings, Montana for an International 2023 HV507 Model with a delivery date of 320 days after the award date for a base bid amount of \$104,180 each for an extension of \$208,360. Additive alternate has not been marked; it does have a comment that says see exceptions and additive alternate B for diagnostic software states none.

Ms. Zacherl gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan for large purchases of \$50,000 or more. The Road Department sets aside \$1 million annually to support the equipment needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on June 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2021-39 Authorizing Participation in the Board of Investments of the State of Montana Annual Adjustable Rate Tender Option Municipal Finance Consolidation Act Bonds (InterCap Revolving Program), Approving the Form and Terms of the Loan Agreement and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Related Thereto. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolution and closing documents for a \$650,000 InterCap loan to finance improvements in the Law and Justice Center Building. The Commission previously approved the loan application and these are the closing documents. The County applied for the loan on behalf of the City of Helena and the loan will be repaid by the tenants in the Law and Justice Center. Ms. Everson noted that the County has little debt, mainly due to the use of the Capital Improvement Plan, and is very financially stable. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Commissioner McCormick gave an overview on the reason for the improvements, most of which stem from adding a new courtroom for City courts to the building.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, noted the City moved forward with an MEP report to look at short-term and long-term improvements and maintenance issues.

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.

George Harris, 1450 Big Horn Road, speaking on behalf of the Helena Multiple Listings Board and the Helena Association of Realtors, here discuss the Zoning Advisory Panel (ZAP). They have expressed concerns regarding the 10-acre minimums listed in the Zoning regulations. There have been presentations from county departments, a lot of material has been laid out, but the issue has not been addressed. He would like to discuss why those groups are opposed to the 10-acre minimum. They have found it difficult to attend the ZAP meetings to present their facts, as the meetings are held on Wednesday mornings, which is not very conducive to public attendance. Could the meetings be held in the evening so that the public can attend? They feel there has been a lot of discussion during the meetings but they have not been part of that.

Commissioner Hunthausen appreciated the comments and explained the Commissioners have been hands-off to allow the ZAP to do their work. He asked if they have discussed these issues with the ZAP and noted the decisions made by the ZAP will then go to the Consolidated City and County Planning Board.

Bill Gowen, 8229 Avocet Drive, Helena Association of Realtors Government Affairs Committee Chair, spoke in agreement with Mr. Harris' concerns regarding meeting attendance. He requested the Commission repeal the Zoning that was passed in November and start over.

Andrew Thomas, 5895 Redwing Road, stated the realtors he is collaborating with local realtors to conduct their own research with regards to zoning. They would like to present that research to the ZAP so that they may consider it in their decision-making.

Commissioner McCormick stated he has also stepped back to allow the ZAP to work and noted that the consultant hired, Dr. Austin, has great experience in moderating panels such as this.

Commissioner Rolfe asked that the minutes of this meeting be presented to the ZAP panel as well as the concerns of these citizens.

Peter Italiano, Community Development & Planning Director, stated that the ZAP is aware of the timelines and is just about ready to wrap up Phase 1 of this project.

Adjourn

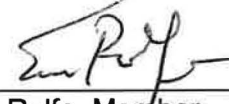
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board