



PUBLIC MEETING

July 14, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Jacqueline Isaly, Peter Italiano, Spencer Starke, Audra Zacherl, Kevin Wright, Mitzi Grover, Rich Royal, Amos Royal, Joanne Gores, Kim Loftus and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Award. 2020 Dump Bodies Additive Alternate. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid award for 2020 dump bodies additive alternate. On June 23, 2020 a bid for two new International dump truck cabs and chassis was awarded to Motor Power Equipment Co. for a total purchase of \$238,300. On June 30, 2020 a bid for the purchase of four Duraclass 15 cubic yard end-dump bodies and the assembly was awarded to 3V Distributing, Inc. for a total purchase of \$123,586. Both bids included additive alternate options that would be considered based on available budget authority. The additive alternate option for the dump bodies was to install plastic bed liners that are heat resistant up to 350 degrees Fahrenheit that will not stretch or warp when hauling hot asphalt mix. Public Works has budget authority for two new, complete dump trucks and two additional new dump bodies from the road CIP in the amount of \$450,000. Staff recommends awarding the bed liner additive alternate option for a total purchase of \$24,060 to 3V Distributing, Inc. of Conrad, Montana.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Award. 2020 Dump Cabs and Chassis Additive Alternates. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid award for 2020 dump truck additive alternates. Budget authority for two new, complete dump trucks and two additional new dump bodies from the road Capital Equipment Plan (CIP) is \$450,000. On June 23, 2020 a bid for two new International dump truck cabs and chassis was awarded to Motor Power Equipment Co. for a total purchase of \$238,300. On June 30, 2020 a bid for the purchase of four Duraclass 15 cubic yard end-dump bodies and the assembly was awarded to 3V Distributing, Inc. for a total purchase of \$123,586. Both bids included additive alternate options that would be considered based on available budget authority. Additive alternate options for the cabs and chassis included mechanic training and two extended warranty options, a 3-year and a 5-year. Staff recommends awarding the mechanic training additive alternate for \$3,000 and the 5-year extended warranty option for \$6,195 each truck, for a total purchase of \$15,390 to Motor Power Equipment Co. of Billings, Montana.

Ms. Zacherl explained the CIP, noting a dump truck is put in the CIP for about 20 years. The hope is the liner will help extend the dump body.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Amendment Number One for Contract Number 20-07-1-01-177-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract amendment for contract number 20-07-1-01-177-0 with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for CHIP Implementation Grant Funding. The purpose of task order is to implement a portion of our community health improvement plan focus on behavioral health in Lewis and Clark County, more specifically focus on an area of screening and access to care with a goal to provide access to behavioral health screenings and adequate and effective substance abuse treatment to every resident in the county. The amendment will extend the existing contract period end date from August 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the contract amendment with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

No public comment was received.

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

Task Order 20-25-5-41-177-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for Health Montana Families Home Visiting Program to provide Nurse Family Partnership Home visiting Services in Lewis and Clark County. The task order is to continue implementing evidence-based nurse family partnership. This home visiting model will serve an average case load of 35 high risk low income first time pregnant women before 28 weeks gestation through child's second year of life.

Through the partnership program 47 clients enrolled in the program with 9 families graduating. To date 171 clients have been enrolled with 2,000 home visits. The contract total is \$160,759.34. The contract begins July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

No public comment was received.

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

Scratchgravel Hills Recreation Area Management Plan: Request for Comment Period Extension.
(Planner: Spencer Starke)

Spencer Starke, Planner I, presented the request to solicit the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to extend the public comment period for the Scratchgravel Hills Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) to October 6, 2020. On June 24, 2020 BLM requested public comment for the proposed plan. Per the BLM website: "The Scratch Gravel Hills RAMP proposes to improve and enhance recreational opportunities and experiences in the Special Recreation Management Area by: formally developing a purpose-built 40 mile trail system, open to a variety of uses, including mountain biking (including E-Bikes), hiking, equestrians, and disc golfers; expanding existing trailheads to accommodate additional parking, improving signage and visitor information, and designating allowed uses on existing trails."

The original comment period would have closed August 7, 2020. However, the BLM has since extended the public comment period to August 22, 2020. The public has asked for an additional 45 days extending the comment period to October 6, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Mark Lambrecht, 945 Sunny Vista Road, adjacent to the BLM property in question. He noted they have already seen an increase recreational use in the Scratch Gravel area especially this past year. He received notification of this proposal on June 24. He believes most land owners in the area had not received notification of this proposal. Mr. Lambrecht is in support of the Commission signing the letter.

Lisa Bay, is in favor of the extension and the Commission signing the letter requesting the 45 day extension.

Joanne Gores, 534 Mill Road, stated she is in support of the extension request. Ms. Gores has a concern of the potential black diamond mountain bike trails. Black diamond trails are severe and very fast and would be used by very few bikers. This partial place needs to be a safe place for all recreational activities including equestrians. Mountain bikes and horses do not mix. It is dangerous for bikers and horses to be on trails together. This area will not work as a multi-use recreational area.

Mitzi Grover, Helena resident and Realtor in the Helena area, stated the homeowners in the subdivisions chose the area for the ability to have horses and ride in the BLM land. The BLM is ultimately liable for any accidents. The homeowners were not made aware of this plan and were unable to respond to this proposal. Ms. Grover supports the extension request.

Eric Easton, homeowner along Head Lane, Helena, stated they have a horsemanship business, many times working with young horses. There needs to be equestrian only trails. They feel they have not had enough time for response, as the letter was only received on June 26, 2020 with several people not knowing this is occurring. The BLM did not perform the required level of analysis and the impact of mountain bikers. An environmental analysis needs to be preformed. Mr. Easton supports the extension request.

Meg Bishop, lives in Helena, stated she is very familiar with the Scratchgravel Hills and urges the Commission to sign the letter requesting an extension of the public comment period.

Rich Royal, 963 Sunny Vista Rd, Helena, stated he is in support of the Commission signing the request letter to extend the public comment period for 45 days to October 6, 2020.

Michelle Webster, stated she is a hiker, has read the proposal and is concerned. She is in support of the Commission signing the request letter to extend the public comment period 45 days to October 6, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to approve and sign the letter to the BLM requesting a 45-day extension of the public comment period. The motion was 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.

Kim Loftis, 1439 N Harris, stated she is here to support the Big Sky Rail Authority. She would like to urge the Commission to sign a letter of intent to appoint a person to attend the meetings. She is willing to volunteer her time to attend. She stated there is no financial obligation to join the authority.

Commissioner Good Geise stated she is not interested in pursuing this at this time.

Commissioner McCormick stated it was explained to him the Authority did not require all counties to join and added that he does not support Lewis and Clark County joining the Rail Authority at this time.

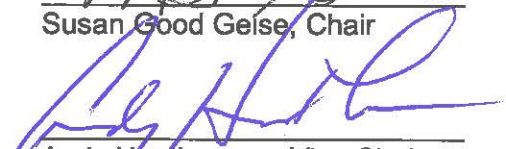
Commissioner Hunthausen stated he supports Lewis and Clark County joining the Big Sky Rail Authority.

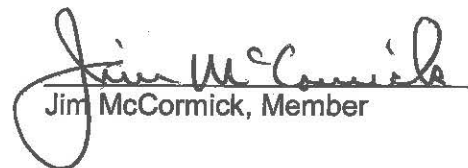
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair


Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board