



PUBLIC MEETING

July 30, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out of the office on other business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Leo Dutton, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Lindsay Morgan, Audra Zacherl, Ann McCauley, Julie Lamb-Heller, Jason Sorenson, Bonnie Jones, Tyler Manning, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Resolutio 2019-66 Lewis and Clark County Emergency Declaration Resolution. (Brett Lloyd)

Commissioner McCormick stated part of the reason for the emergency declaration is to tie FEMA and the state Governor's declaration into Lewis and Clark County. Commissioner McCormick noted the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) submitted the application to FEMA quickly. The cost of the firefighting can be reimbursed up to 75% with a local 25% match.

Brett Lloyd, Lewis and Clark Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Acting Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the resolution and noted after what has occurred with the fire Mr. Lloyd recommended a change to the resolution in paragraph four, replacing repair and damaged facilities with for response costs. There will be considerable costs and could have potential equipment damage due to rough roads. Mr. Lloyd noted along with the DNRC Montana DES was also very active in pushing the application through.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, indicated a meeting with the DNRC will occur today regarding funding to ensure follow up is done properly.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to adopt the resolution with the edits as recommended by Mr. Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Fire Update on the North Hills Fire. (Brett Lloyd)

Brett Lloyd, Lewis and Clark Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Acting Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, reported on the current status of the North Hills Fire that included no reports of lost structures, no reports of injuries, and no fire starts across the river that were a concern. There are expectations of the fire spreading into the northeast area and they will continue to work to try and prevent spread into the south and southeast.

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, stated there will be escorts into some of the evacuated areas for residents to collect any necessary items and come back out. Sheriff Dutton noted a suggestion was to have an after action review with public invitation and a great time to discuss what was known and what was done the first day. Extra deputies have been ordered in through Project Star to assist with escorts and road blocks. Sheriff Dutton spoke of the unburned areas in the east and southeast that are of concern. Sheriff Dutton explained the process of how residents will be allowed back into their homes.

No public comment was received.

Memorandum of Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Federal Highway Administration, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Federal Highway administration, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division for the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding in the amount of \$604,762 with a local match of \$93,740 for the re-graveling project on Collins, Ferry, and Snowdrift Roads. The funding application was accepted in 2016 and is for the purpose and need of preserving the driving surface and enhancing safety along forest highways. Ms. Zacherl gave an overview of the improvements that will occur on the three roads. The purpose of the MOA is to outline roles and responsibilities in development, construction, and future maintenance of the improvements.

Total project costs are budgeted at \$698,502 with the match amount budgeted in the fiscal year 2020 Road Infrastructure Fund. Anticipated construction time for the project is the summer of 2020. Staff recommends approval of the MOA with Federal Highway Administration, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

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Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Federal Highway Administration, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding in the amount of \$854,724 with a local match of \$132,483 for the re-graveling project on Sun Canyon Road between milepost 13.7 and 18.6 in the Augusta area. The funding application was accepted in 2016 and is for the purpose and need of preserving the driving surface and enhancing safety along forest highways. Ms. Zacherl gave an overview of the improvements. The purpose of the MOA is to outline roles and responsibilities in development, construction and future maintenance of the improvements. Total project costs are budgeted at \$987,207 with the local match amount budgeted in the fiscal year 2020 Road Infrastructure Fund. Anticipated construction time for the project is the summer of 2020. Staff recommends approval of the MOA with Federal Highway Administration, the Western Federal Lands Highway Division.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Final Plat and SIA for Phase II of 46 Degrees North Subdivision. (Applicant: Heller Development, LLC) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the final plat request and associated Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) for Phase II of the 46 Degrees North Subdivision located east of North Montana Avenue, east of and adjacent to Phase I south of and adjacent to the Treasure State Acres Subdivision, west of and adjacent to Interstate 15, and north of the City Limits of Helena.

The Commission granted preliminary approval on March 26, 2015 subject to eighteen conditions of approval of which all eighteen have been satisfactorily met. The preliminary plat approval conditions addressed the creation of forty-three, single-family residential lots and one wastewater utility lot. Phase II is approximately twenty-six acres with majority of the residential lots being one-half of an acre and the wastewater utility lot being 2.63 acres. The SIA includes the remaining improvements: chip sealing of the internal road network, signage installation, and trail improvements. A financial guarantee in the form of a cashier's check has been provided.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 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 9:35 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim McCormick, Chair

Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board