



PUBLIC MEETING

July 7, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, July 7, 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, Marni Bentley, Kari DesRosier, Angie Hubbard, Greg McNally, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Jerry Hamlin, Jess Hegstrom, Sarah Sandau, Constance Payne, Jason Crawford, Matt Cash, Connie Davis, and Nadine McCarty Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending July 8, 2022. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) Team Program in the amount of \$28,893. Lewis and Clark County was the pilot in Montana and this is the second year of the program. The grant period is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Jess Hegstrom, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, gave an overview of the LOSS Team of Lewis and Clark County Area. The first of its kind in Montana. Teams of long term suicide survivors and behavioral health providers go to the scene or home of kin when a suicide is confirmed.

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.

Contract Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Tamarack Grief Resource Center. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the agreement with Tamarack Grief Resource Center to perform Grief After Suicide Loss Training to the LOSS team in an amount not to exceed \$2,772. The contract begins upon approval through September 30, 2022.

Jess Hegstrom, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, explained the training is to ensure that the core providers have the required information to serve the loss survivors better.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the County and Tribal Matching Grant. The amendment adds an additional \$308,868.08 to the contract for a total of \$926,631.24, extends the grant period from June 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022, and changes the task order number. The amendment is specifically focused on the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). The past grant also included work in the Criminal Justice Department and DPHHS chose to separate the detention center work from the Mobile CRT, therefore the extension until it is known what it means for the MCRT. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Sarah Sandau, Prevention Program Supervisor, gave an overview of the Mobile Crisis Response Team with the goal of diversion from the emergency room, jail, and the state hospital. A brief discussion occurred on the overall system.

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.

Resolution 2022-49 Setting the Salary for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and Establishing Office Hours. (Kari DesRosier)

Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented the resolution that sets the salary for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and establishes office hours for fiscal year 2023. The salary was based on the three percent increase budgeted for county-wide for employees and approved by the Compensation Board. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

Resolution 2022-50 Setting the Salaries for Certain Elected Officials. (Kari DesRosier)

Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented the resolution that sets the salaries for certain elected officials based on the three percent increase that was approved by the Compensation Board last week. It also includes the established additional dollar amounts for each elected official. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

She explained a cost of living adjustment (COLA) or what is affordable is determined by the Chief Financial Officer for employees, it is budgeted and then a recommendation of an equivalent increase goes to the Compensation Board. The years when there is a collective bargaining agreement that has not been ratified a wait is put on determining the COLA. Those not represented or their contract is ratified the increase is implemented.

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.

Preliminary Plat Application for the Prestige at Red Fox Meadows Major Subdivision, SUBD2022-001. (Applicant: Hamlin Construction and Development Inc.) (Planner: Angie Hubbard)

Angie Hubbard, Planner I presented the Plat Application for The Prestige at Red Fox Meadows Major Subdivision. Location of the project is south of Canyon Ferry Road and east of Lake Helena Drive in the middle of the existing Red Fox Meadows Subdivision. The applicant proposes the division of 20.37 acres into 30 lots with 26 for single-family residential use, ranging in size from 0.5 to 0.8 acres; two lots for stormwater detention; one lot for a walking path and parkland dedication of 0.119 acres; and one lot for open space/flood drainage. Individual wells and the East Helena wastewater treatment system will serve the residential lots. The applicant proposes a combination of cash-in-lieu of 1.176 acres totaling \$7,470.46 and parkland dedication and the Parks Board recommended acceptance of the proposal. The proposed parkland dedication separates the floodplain from the residential lots. Fire protection will be from an existing public fire protection system within Red Fox Meadows Subdivision. The water main from Canyon Ridge provides 750 gallons per minute, fills an existing 30,000 gallon tank to provide storage capacity of 250 gallons per minute for two hours. The existing fire pump and hydrant tank provide the required 1,000 gallons per minute for two hours. A current Rural Improvement District that maintains the fire protection system. Access consists of extending Vermillion Way from Monarch Road to Musselshell Road, also included will be the construction of a new cul-de-sac named Prestige Way.

Also for consideration are two variance applications of the Subdivision Regulations. The first is for deviation from Chapter XI.F (7) that states no lot shall have an average length greater than three times its average width of lot length to width ratio. Proposed lot 127-30 is approximately 8 feet wide and 89 feet long and would allow the parkland trail to exist, allow for floodplain separation from the residential lots and for the open space lot to exist as a double fronted lot. Variance two is for deviation from Chapter XI.F (9) that states double fronted lots are prohibited except for when necessary to provide separation from arterials or collector streets, or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography or orientation. Proposed lots 127-7, designed to contain the floodplain, and 127-30, proposed for walking path only, are fronted by Musselshell and Monarch Roads. On June 21, 2022 the City-County Consolidated Planning Board recommended approval of the subdivision application based on findings of fact and conditions of approval and recommended approval of the requested variance requests from Chapter XI.F(7) and XI.F(9) of the Subdivision Regulations. Staff recommends approval of the preliminary plat application and variance requests subject to the conditions of approval.

Ms. Hubbard understands the trail will be built by the developer and maintained with a parkland RID through Public Works.

Greg McNally, Planner III, stated the Subdivision Regulations are being reviewed and the consultant is looking at items where variance requests are often seen, such as the double fronted lots.

Commissioner McCormick stated he is the Commission representative to the City-County Parks Board and abstained himself from the vote on the parkland.

Jerry Hamlin, 1625 University Street, stated he thinks they should try to incorporate into the new regulations a statement that exempts from subdivision lot size requirements any lot that is created to satisfy Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Department of Environment Quality (DEQ), or County subdivision requirements for use by the public or for public safety and not for resale. He does believe the park is 8 feet wide by 689 feet. He submitted a rebuttal to a petition signed by residents within the area to deny his subdivision request due to their concerns. He gave a history of this 20 acres that in 2006 was originally for an onsite sewage treatment plant for Red Fox Meadows; subdivision process took 14 years; four years after plat denial the City of East Helena approached them regarding hooking up to the city sewage treatment plant and they did so. The 20 acres was never intended to be a park.

A well was drilled 200 feet deep and vetted about 200 gallons per minute. Per DNRC and DEQ requirements the well was pumped for seven hours, it maintained the 200 gallons for that time and recharged quickly. All involved concluded there is adequate water in the below ground aquifer.

Commissioner McCormick asked if there is a well log filed and Mr. Hamlin stated no one is associated with the well so there is no log. There is the engineer's letter that he can give a copy to the Commission.

Mr. Hamlin discussed the lot shortage in the area and noted the zoning 10-acre minimum will decrease the lot supply. The price of housing is directly related to the cost of development and cost of developing lots. There is a necessity for these lots. He discussed the length of time it takes to get through the subdivision process and the numerous agencies a developer has to go through.

Mr. Hamlin agreed to all 25 conditions of approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to table the item to July 19, 2022 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.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair

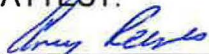


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board