



PUBLIC MEETING

August 15, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 15, 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 Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Bob Drake, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Greg McNally, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Fire Conditions Update (When Necessary).

Bob Drake, Fire Chief of Tri-Lakes Fire, reported on the current conditions, including the precipitation in June, July, and August. He noted debris burning is closed in all four zones of Lewis and Clark County and in Jefferson County and he stated there has not been a fire season ending event.

Chief Drake reported on the conditions during the North Hills Fire with the max speed of the wind at 52 m.p.h. amplifying everything on July 30th. The fire burnt right at 5,000 acres. He gave an overview of the various fuel types present, the density of the fuels, and explained how the fire retardant could coat the topside of the fallen dead trees but not reach the fuels burning below. It did control the intensity of the fire and kept the fire from being dominated by a large plume.

Chief Drake reported on the expected conditions, the forecast for next week warm and dry conditions with the forecast for the following week cooler. The overall conditions are not critical so large complex type fires are not expected. The forecast for 30 days out is above normal temperatures with normal precipitation and for three months out above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Chief Drake stated there has been no discussion of needed fire restrictions during the fire restriction calls.

Resolution No. 2019-74 Levying and Assessing a Tax upon Benefited Property within the Heron Creek Rural Improvement District No. 2015-9. (Planner: Greg McNally)

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the resolution for the purpose of levying and assessing a special assessment upon benefited properties within the Heron Creek Rural Improvement District

(RID). The district is located south of Keir Lane and east of and adjacent to Eames Lane. The purpose of the assessment is for maintenance of public access easements and public trail easements within the boundaries of the district that involves Phases 1, 2, and 3. There will be future Phases 4, 5, and 6 and when platted the RID will be amended to include the infrastructure.

The RID was created under Resolution 2015-128 on September 10, 2015 for the purpose of maintaining public access easements and public trail easements within the boundaries of the district and includes: snow plowing, street sweeping, culvert cleaning, mailbox maintenance, contributions toward a future chip seal, crack sealing, miscellaneous work as needed, parkland maintenance, and trail maintenance. Total cost for the RID is just over \$13,000 annually, amounting to \$181 per lot annually. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Commissioner McCormick asked when the legal notice was mailed and Mr. McNally stated the legal notice of the public hearing was published and mailed to all property owners within the RID the end of July or early part of August within the legal requirements, and as of August 12, 2019 no written comments had been received.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments and recommended the appointment of Ann Mihalovich to the Augusta Solid Waste Management District to a term that expires December 31, 2022 and the appointment of Todd Tecca to the Mental Health Local Advisory Council as a Consumer member to a term that expires June 30, 2021.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. 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 9:32 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