



PUBLIC MEETING

August 16, 2016

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Mike Murray 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 Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, K. Paul Stahl, Kevin Hamilton, Matt Heimele, Lindsay Morgan, Jim Henry, Tammy Potter, Audra Zacherl, Pete Anderson, Jacqui Peterson, Dan O'Malley, Dean Retz, Bob Utick, Mick Myskewitz, Willie Widhalm, Damon VanDiest, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. For Purchase of One New Model Year 2017 Wheel Loader. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public works, presented the bid openings for the Wheel Loader. Six bids were received. The first bid is from RDO Equipment Co. of Great Falls, MT with three enclosed bids, A, B and C. The first bid, A is in the total amount of \$243,765.00. Bid B is in the total bid amount of \$189,681.00 and the bid C is in a total bid amount of \$189,681.00. The next bid is from Modern Machinery of Missoula, MT with a total bid amount of \$228,400. The next bid is from Titan Machinery of Great Falls, MT with a total bid amount of \$224,891.36. The next bid is from Bobcat of Big Sky, Inc. of Billings, MT with a total bid amount of \$224,700. The next bid is from TriState Truck & Equipment of Great Falls, MT with a total bid amount of \$220,984. The final bid is from Tractor & Equipment of Great Falls, MT with a total bid amount of \$185,770.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on August 25, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Fuel Mitigation Services. (Paul Spengler)

Paul Spengler, DES Coordinator, presented the contract with Montana Fuel Mitigation Service for wildland fuel mitigation projects throughout Lewis and Clark County, Jefferson County and Broadwater County.

Commissioner Geise asked for additional information on the costs associated per acre.

Paul Spengler stated each project has a base cost of \$1,500 per acre however each project cost with vary depending on how much work is to be done on that acre.

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.

Resolution 2016-75 To Create The Saddle Rock Fire System Rural Improvement District No. 2016-2. (Planner: Matt Heime)

Matt Heime, Special Districts Planner, presented the resolution to create the Saddle Rock Fire System Rural Improvement District. Staff has received a petition to create a rural improvement district for the purpose of maintaining fire protection improvements that serve the proposed Saddle Rock and Jamvar Subdivisions. The petition was signed by all owners of property to be included within the district. Maintenance of fire protection improvements includes electrical power supply, tank repairs, well repairs, grading and snow removal. The estimated cost for funding said maintenance is \$945 per year or \$118.13 per benefited property per year.

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.

Resolution 2016-76 to Levy and Assess a Tax Upon Benefited Property Within the Stallion Ridge Rural Improvement District No. 2016-1. (Planner: Matt Heime)

Matt Heime, Special Districts Planner, presented the resolution to levy and assess the Stallion Ridge RID. The district was created in July 14, 2015. The maintenance assessment is necessary to cover the costs of maintaining, preserving, or repairing the improvements in the amount of \$200 per each benefited property per year. One protest letter was received and presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked for additional information on the property in protest.

Matt Heime stated the property does not have an approach installed that staff noted tire tracks that indicate vehicles using the road. He further noted in order for the property to access Birdseye Road they would have to use Stallion Ridge.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted that access would make them a benefited property.

Commissioner Murray stated he viewed the area and noted that the protested property is the first home in the subdivision.

Commissioner Geise noted her belief that this is a benefited property.

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.

Final Plat. JAMVAR Subdivision. (Applicant: Robert S. Utick) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)

Lindsay Morgan, Planner II, presented the final plat application for JAMVAR Subdivision. The applicant, Bob Utick has submitted an application for final approval of the JAMVAR Subdivision, a preliminarily-approved Subdivision that will create four, single-family residential lots. Preliminary approval of this Subdivision was granted on May 9, 2013 subject to eleven conditions. Staff reviewed the final plat and found it to be in compliance with all County Subdivision Regulations with the exception of the phone line installation to all lots. Ms. Morgan reviewed Condition No. 9.f and noted that electrical has been installed to all lots within the Subdivision; however, phone, gas, and cable lines have not been installed. Both gas and cable are unavailable in this area, and CenturyLink, who provides phone lines in this area, has stated their reservations about installing them. According to CenturyLink, only copper phone lines are available in this area, which means that high-speed internet is not an option for them to provide. Currently phone lines are available adjacent to the Subdivision on Fantasy Road and should any future property owners want to pay for that connection, it can be provided to them. According to CenturyLink, a certain distance of the extension of phone services will be free, but after that distance has been met, the property owner will have to pay for the further extension of this service. After doing some research, Staff has found that in addition to CenturyLink's services, there are other phone and internet options for people living in this area, such as Voice Over The Internet, which provides phone and internet through satellite communications. There may be additional options as well.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the findings in regards to the phone lines being available at the cost of the residents to be installed. He noted other options being available for internet and communications services in the area.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Tammy Potter)

Dan O'Malley, LCSO Detective, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control for the FY17 Missouri River Drug Task Force Program grant in the amount of \$35,342.00, with a local match of \$15,146. The grant period begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Geise asked for an overview of the drug task force.

Detective O'Malley explained a brief overview of a drug task force detective. He noted that 90% of violent crimes are tied back to drugs and a majority of the crimes are solved by a detective in conjunction with confidential informants. He noted that detectives also work with treatment options rather than prison in an attempt to mend families back together. He reiterated the importance of drug task force detectives and their work.

Tammy Potter, LCSO, noted the make up of the Missouri River Drug Task Force to include Bozeman, Belgrade, Gallatin County, Broadwater County, City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County.

No public comment was received.

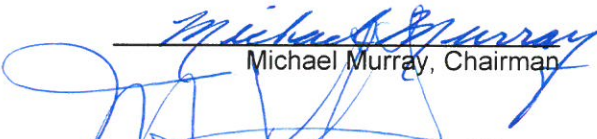
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

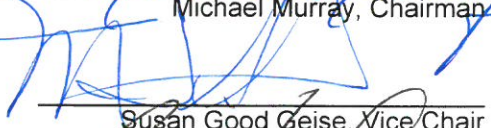
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

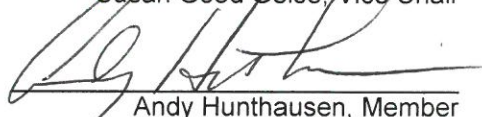
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