

# PUBLIC MEETING August 2, 2016 MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

#### Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Mike Murray was excused. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, Jim McCormick, Paul Spengler, Jack Walsh, Al Knauber, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

#### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

## <u>Grant Application to Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Paul Spengler)</u>

Paul Spengler, DES Coordinator, presented the grant application to Montana DNRC for the Western Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program in the amount of \$270,000. The grant would provide wildfire mitigation for over 205 acres to landowners. The cost per acre is estimated at \$1900, while the grant covers 50% of the cost, the landowners would be responsible for the remaining 50%.

Commissioner Geise asked what the program will do to gain interest of those who have not applied for the program to date.

Paul Spengler stated they will continue to have an aggressive campaign to educate landowners.

Commissioner Geise asked what the County is doing to keep our property safe and defensible.

Paul Spengler stated the City of Helena is in the Wildland Urban Interface and could not specifically note a County project.

Eric Bryson noted the wildlife mitigation that occurred in Lincoln over the past few years along roadsides, right-of-ways and County 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 0-0 vote.

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

### <u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 am.

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Michael Murray

Susan Good Geise Vice Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board