



PUBLIC MEETING

August 6, 2015
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, K. Paul Stahl, Matt Heimel, Brent Sarchet, Laura Erikson, Drenda Niemann, Cheryl Green, Kevin Hamilton, George Theborge, Jackie Furlong, Audra Zacherl, Genevieve Massey, Jeff Fulton, Brandi Steward, Gina Newby, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation Recognizing the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jail.

Commissioner Hunthausen read the proclamation recognizing the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.

Consent Action Items

No Consent Action Items.

Bid Opening - 2015 Paint Striping. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Finance Coordinator, presented the bid opening for the 2015 paint striping of County roads and Rural Improvement Maintenance Districts. One bid was received from HighMark Traffic Services, Inc. of Billings, MT. The bid bond was included and the total bid amount is \$98,411.22.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray to take the bids under advisement and have the staff proceed as presented and take up the item at the regularly scheduled meeting on August 11, 2015 and seconded by Commissioner Geise. The Motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2015-109 Ordering The Cancellation of Delinquent Property Taxes. (Cheryl Green)

Cheryl Green, Property Tax Supervisor, presented the resolution canceling \$1,285.07 in delinquent property taxes on mobile homes that have been abandoned. These homes must go to the landfill or be demolished.

No public comment was received.

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

FY2016 Extension Services Agreement Between Lewis & Clark County and Montana State University Extension.(Brent Sarchet)

Brent Sarchet, County Natural Resources Agent, presented the annual agreement between Lewis & Clark County and MSU Extension in the amount of \$324,663 for the funding and operation of Extension in Lewis & Clark County. There is an increase in the agreement for a full time position in family consumer science.

No public comment was received.

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

Amendment Number One to Contract #14-331-74087-0 Between Lewis & Clark County and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator, presented the amendment number one to the contract between Lewis & Clark County and the Montana DPHHS. The amendment extends the current contract one year and adds an additional \$60,000 for the operation of Our Place Drop In Center.

No public comment was received.

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

Contractor Agreement Between Lewis & Clark County and Cascade County Health Department. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract between Lewis & Clark Public and Cascade County Health Department in the amount of \$11,888 to provide 400 hours of technical assistance to implement the Consented Referral System in Cascade County. The agreement is effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Agreement Between Lewis & Clark Public Health and Catholic Social Services. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract between Lewis & Clark Public Health and Catholic Social Services in the amount of \$2,000 to provide child care services during the Circle of Security parent education and support group sessions. The contract is effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Agreement Between Lewis & Clark Public Health and Cheryl Ronish, LCPC. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract between Lewis & Clark Public Health and Cheryl Ronish in the amount of \$3,000 to provide therapeutic facilitation during the Circle of Security parent education sessions. The contract is effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2015-105 To Create the North Star Rural Improvement District No. 2015-6. (tabled 7/30/15) (Matt Heimel)

Matt Heimel, Special Districts Planner, presented the resolution to create the North Star Rural Improvement District No. 2015-6. There were attempts to receive additional information from the Home Owner's Association (HOA) however no calls were returned from a HOA representative. There is a letter of credit in the amount of \$539,310.00 that covers improvements on the internal road network for Phase 6b and offsite road improvements and storm water drain improvements on Valley View Road and Montana Ave.

Eric Bryson stated that there was an inquiry about signage in the subdivision. Those signs have been installed by Public Works and the sub divider will be responsible for those costs incurred to install signage.

Commissioner Geise asked for clarification on the request for the RID was brought forward by the Home Owner's Association.

Matt Heimel stated that is correct.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Jeffrey Fulton, HOA member, asked about the developer's responsibility for the roads being brought up to standards and if alley ways would be covered in the RID scope of work. There is a covenant to develop a weed and road district. The current expenditures have been snow plowing in the last two years and have not been used for road improvements or maintenance. Mr. Fulton stated there are about 90% of dues being paid. The HOA fees may be reduced if the RID was in place.

Matt Heimel, stated the district could be amended to include public access ways such as the alleys however this current resolution only specifies paved roads.

Eric Bryson stated that the outstanding obligations of the developer are included in a Subdivision Improvements Agreement and a financial guarantee. The work left to be done and the costs associated with that have been certified and the SIA and financial guarantee is left to be completed.

Jackie Furlong, resident, asked if the RID is passed what happens to the HOA funds they have paid into. She also asked if the developer is responsible for the alleyways.

Brandi Steward, resident, stated she contacted Mr. Fulton and asked for the HOA records. She was provided a profit and loss statement and noted that they did not pay for snow plowing in 2013 and the records reflect paying for advertising. She expressed concern about the records. There was a letter sent from the HOA stated they did not initiate the RID process.

Gina Newby, resident, asked if the Commission approved the development.

Brenda Dewitt, resident, stated there has been miscommunication among the residents, the HOA and the County. She expressed concerns about the management of the HOA funds.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated that the public comment is now closed.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated that the County has no involvement with the HOA. The resolution before the Commission can guarantee that maintenance will be done.

Commissioner Murray stated that if the RID passes that County will provide financial records and full transparency to ensure the money is being spent as intended.

Eric Bryson addressed the alley improvements and possible damage brought forward by Ms. Furlong to notify the contractor or Public Works to ensure that damage is addressed.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Murray. 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 10:10 am.

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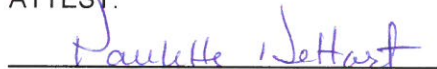
Andy Hunthausen, Chairman



Michael Murray, Vice Chair

Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board