



PUBLIC MEETING

September 12, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 12, 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, Misty Edwards, Reese Martin, Pete Schade, Joe Wojton, Kevin Wright, Aiden Bagwell, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Resolution 2019-93 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance. (Leo Gallagher)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2 a and recommended approval.

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.

Presentation from the Elkhorn Community Organizations Active in Disaster. (Reese Martin & Joe Wojton)

Reese Martin, Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator, stated the response to the North Hills Fire was excellent with no lost structures. He stated he is here to recognize those behind the scenes when donations or volunteers are called for and introduced Joe Wojton, Chair of the Elkhorn Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD).

Joe Wojton, Chair of the Elkhorn Community Organizations Active in Disaster, stated the COAD is comprised of nonprofit and local community agencies and businesses that can aid and assist during a natural disaster. During the North Hills Fire the COAD was called upon to provide water for the first responders and noted about 15 pallets of water were delivered along with several pallets of other drinks. Boy Scout Troop 214 manned the water station at Tri-Lakes Fire Station 2 and also stood in front of Costco soliciting the public for water contributions.

Mr. Wojton gave an overview of the resources available to the COAD in order to assist in a disaster and noted they focus on victims with aid, comfort, recovery, and disaster case management as well as aid and assistance to the first responders and firefighters such as emergency emotional and spiritual care.

Mr. Wojton outlined the family preparedness fair scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2019.

Mr. Wojton noted the COAD will not post anything until the County has posted and when they do it is the same release. He went on to explain the process they are working on when it comes to spontaneous volunteers noting that people want to volunteer after seeing something on social media.

Contracted Services Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Tech. (Pete Schade)

Peter Schade, Water Quality Protection District (WQPD) Hydrologist, presented the contracted services agreement with Montana Tech. The WQPD is paid \$675 quarterly or \$2,700 annually for the quarterly monitoring of about 45 wells throughout the Helena Valley. These wells are a component of about 170 wells that are done quarterly and most monthly around the valley giving the WQPD a variety of groundwater levels throughout the valley. The contract period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contracted services agreement with Montana Tech.

Mr. Schade stated he does not have the exact number of wells in the valley but there must be thousands. He noted when wells are drilled after a certain point they must be registered with the state. He noted the technical service that Montana Tech provides allows for storage and retrieval of the well data for agencies and the public.

Mr. Schade noted what would constitute enough data would be on a case by case basis depending on how the aquifer responds and the number of wells in an area. He stressed their concern with areas that have very little to no data with the proposal of new subdivisions and the program through Montana Tech helps with this. He stated a longer term, multi-year data set would be preferred.

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 2019-91 Levying an Assessment Upon Customers of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management District Who Own Real Property in the District and Owe an Unpaid Overage Charge for FY19. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the resolution to place unpaid solid waste charges on the tax bills of customers in the Lincoln Solid Waste District who own real property in the district. Customers that exceeded their assessed cubic yard limit were mailed statements on August 1, 2019 showing the breakdown of the charges and the amount due. Customers were advised that if their accounts had not been paid by August 30, the charges would be added to their tax bill. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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 2019-92 Levying an Assessment upon Customers of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management District who Own Personal Property in the District and Owe an Unpaid Overage Charge for FY 2019. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the resolution to place unpaid solid waste charges on the tax bills of customers in the Lincoln Solid Waste District who own personal property in the district. Customers that exceeded their assessed cubic yard limit were mailed statements on August 1, 2019 showing the breakdown of the charges and the amount due. Customers were advised that if their accounts had not been paid by August 30, 2019, the charges would be added to their tax bills. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment for the Forestvale Historic Preservation Committee and recommended the reappointment of Annie Kurtz to the Forestvale Historic Preservation Committee to a term that expires August 31, 2022.

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.

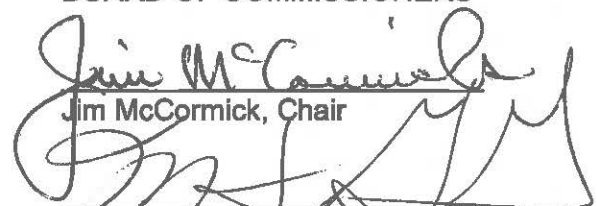
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Aiden Bagwell, AmeriCorps member lives in Boulder, stated he was just here to observe and thanked the Commission for everything they do in Lewis and Clark County.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 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