



PUBLIC MEETING
September 15, 2015
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Michele Peterson-Cook, K. Paul Stahl, Kevin Hamilton, Christal Ness, Paul Spengler, Jim Wilbur, Matt Heimel, Sandy Oitzinger, John Vieiner, and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes: August 18, 20, 25, 27, 2015 and September 1, 2015. (Nichole Nisbet)
- b. Resolution 2015-135 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by DMS Imaging, Inc. in the Amount of \$815.84. (Cheryl Green)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items 2a-b and recommended approval.

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.

Tri-County Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update. (Paul Spengler)

Paul Spengler, DES Coordinator, presented the revised Tri-County Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update that covers Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Jefferson Counties to identify fuel hazards and recommend mitigation programs to reduce the risk to people and structures in the Wildland Urban Interface. The CWPP is required for the Tri-County Fire Safe Working Group to receive federal grants for wildfire mitigation projects.

No public comment was received.

A motion to adopt the revised Tri-County Regional Community Wildlife Protection Plan as presented was made by Commissioner Geise and seconded by Commissioner Murray. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Modification Between Lewis & Clark County and the Department of Environmental Quality. (Jim Wilbur)

Jim Wilbur, WQPD Coordinator, presented the contract modification between the Lewis & Clark County Water Quality Protection District and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality for the Lake Helena Watershed Restoration Project providing additional funding in the amount of \$18,500. The additional funding will cover the additional expenses that were incurred during the completion of the project last spring. The contract is through December 31, 2015.

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 2015-131 To Create The Valleyview Farms Rural Improvement District No. 2015-10. (Matt HeimeI)

Matt HeimeI, Special Districts Planner, presented resolution 2015-131 to create the Valleyview Farms Rural Improvement District. Staff has processed a request to create a rural improvement district by the subdivision applicant for the Valleyview Farms Subdivision in order to satisfy condition of approval number 12. The Valleyview Farms RID is for maintenance of the subdivision's internal roads. Property within this district is also identified as benefited property of the Walter Drive RID, a separate district for maintenance of external roads. The maintenance activities include snow plowing, road grading, soil stabilization, and miscellaneous road work as needed. The estimated cost for said maintenance is \$3,959.22 per year, or \$989.81 per parcel per year.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Sandy Oitzinger, partner of Valleyview Farms, stated her support for the RID to ensure the roads are maintained.

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

Resolution 2015-132 To Create The Walter Drive Rural Improvement District No. 2015-8. (Matt HeimeI)

Matt HeimeI, Special Districts Planner, presented resolution 2015-132 to create the Walter Drive Rural Improvement District. Staff has processed a request to create a Rural Improvement District by the subdivision applicant for the proposed Valleyview Farms Subdivision in order to satisfy condition of approval number 12. The Walter Drive RID is for maintenance of external roads that are accessed by the subdivision. A resolution of intention for the Walter Drive RID was adopted on August 13, 2015, under Resolution 2015-115. A protest period was opened and we received six protest letters which is 41.67% of the proposed district. After the waivers of right to protest are considered, the formal protest percentage is 4.16%. It was noted that the threshold to block formal proceedings is over 50%. The maintenance activities include snow plowing, road grading, soil stabilization, and miscellaneous road work as needed. The estimated cost for said maintenance is \$3,039 per year, or \$126.67 per parcel per year.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Sandy Oitzinger, partner of Valleyview Farms, confirmed that this was the correct RID she wanted to state her support for.

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

Board Appointment. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson presented the board appointments and recommended the appointment of Steve Erb to the board of trustees on the Baxendale Fire District, the appointment of Rick Hays to the Airport Authority Board and the reappointment of Jay Nelson to the STOP DUI Task Force.

No public comment was received.

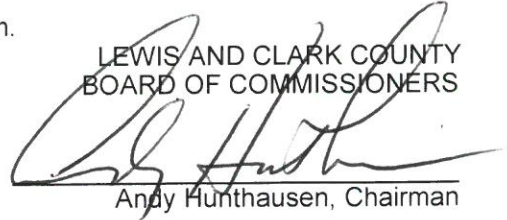
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 9:27 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chairman



Michael Murray, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board