



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 7, 2017  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Laura Erikson, Nancy Everson, Katrina Chaney, Charles Lane, Nicho Hash, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending September 8, 2017. (Marni Bentley)

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

No public comment was received.

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

### **Resolution 2017-29 Amending the Lewis and Clark County Helena Valley Area Plan by Adding Chapter 7: Fort Harrison Joint Land Use Study. (Corrected Version) (Laura Erikson)**

Laura Erikson, Community Development Coordinator, presented the corrected version of Resolution 2017-29. The original resolution was approved in March, 2017 and referenced the incorrect statute; this version changes the statute to 76-1-604, MCA.

No public comment was received.

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

**Presentation of School District Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2018. (Katrina Chaney)**

Katrina Chaney, Superintendent of Schools, presented the levies for schools for the 2017-2018 year. An overview of the school districts in which the County is responsible was given. Lewis and Clark County has approximately 9,500 students in public schools and 800 in private or homes schools. A breakdown of the levies was given and it was noted that the mills for transportation and retirement are slightly less this year but the funding is up. The reason for this is because the retirement funding has gone up approximately \$500,000 but the transportation funding has gone down. Ms. Chaney noted that some bus routes have been shortened which is a cost savings.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2017-130 Providing for the Annual Tax Levy in Mills for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018. (Nancy Everson)**

Nancy Everson, Chief Finance Officer, presented resolution 2017-130 providing for the annual tax levy in mills for fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The resolution includes a breakdown of the County mill levies. This is the final step in the budget process. There are 4 types of levies: all county property levies, outside incorporated cities levies, special assessments (RID) and special districts. One new levy that Ms. Everson wanted to point out is the Sheriff's Retirement levy. The 2017 legislature passed a 3% increase in the Sheriff's retirement employer contribution and allowed local governments the authority to levy for that increase. One other new levy noted was the Lincoln Ambulance levy. Voters in Lincoln approved the levy last fall to fund an additional \$30,000 for the ambulance. In Fiscal Year 2017, the revenue that was levied was just over \$5 million; this year, in Fiscal Year 2018 the revenue is \$5.1 million. A homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 will notice an approximate increase of \$48 on their tax bill on just mill levies. Ms. Everson stated that the majority of that increase is from the last spring's voter approved school mill levies in School District No. 1.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Helena Regional Airport Authority, Mental Health LAC, Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee, Water Quality Protection District, Tax Appeal Board, and City-County Consolidated Planning Board. Staff recommends the following appointments: Jon Moe to the Airport Authority Board to a term that expires September 1, 2020; Kim Gardner to the Mental Health LAC to a term that expires June 30, 2020; Wynn Randall to the Mental Health LAC to a term that expires June 30, 2020; Art Compton to a second term on the Open Lands CAC that expires June 30, 2020; Jeff Ryan to a second term on the Water Quality Protection District to a term that expires June 30, 2020; Mike Noble to an additional term on the Tax Appeal Board that expires June 30, 2020; Kory Kennaugh to a second

term on the City-County Consolidated Planning Board to a term that expires September 1, 2020; and, Kate Miller to the City-County Consolidated Planning Board to a term that expires September 1, 2020.

No public comment was received.

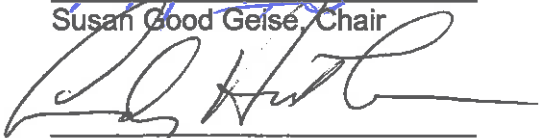
A motion to approve the board appointments was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**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 9:37 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Susan Good Geise, Chair  
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Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair  
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Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board