



PUBLIC MEETING

October 6, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Rolfe was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Kevin Horne, Carrie Lutkehus, Misty Edwards, Candace Payne, Jeff Battershell, Ellery Craven, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Duke's Consulting, LLC. (Kevin Horne)

Kevin Horne, Road and Bridges Supervisor, presented a contract with Duke's Consulting, LLC to remove 289 trees along Stemple Pass Road on a 26-mile section of right of way. The contract is for \$38,000 to be completed by November 30, 2022. Merchantable timber will be moved by the contractor, non-merchantable timber will be decked at locations designated by the US Forest Service, and limbs or branches will be chipped and dispersed within the right of way. Tree stumps within 5 feet of the roadway will be ground down. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Duke's Consulting, LLC.

Mr. Horne gave background on the project. It started about four years ago and they started to determine trees that were in the way and hindering road grading and plowing. They are also a safety hazard for the public. The project was stalled due to Covid and is now moving forward. A traffic control plan is required to be brought to Public Works for approval from Duke's Consulting, LLC. Most likely it will be done in segments.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Request for American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Public Works Department. (Carrie Lutkehus)

Carrie Lutkehus, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Specialist, presented a request from American Plan Act Program (ARPA) funds for the Public Works department for the cured-in-place-pipe project at Wolf Creek. Total project cost is \$177,000 with a period of performance from February 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

In February 2022, the Commission approved \$55,000 in Direct Allocation ARPA funds for this project with acknowledgment the cost could increase. In July 2022, the Department of Transportation bid at a cost higher than initially budgeted. The request is for an additional \$33,500 in Direct Allocation funds along with \$88,500 in Minimum Allocation funds to match. Application to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is due November 1, 2022. Staff recommends approval of this request.

Ms. Lutkehus explained that the Minimum Allocation fund is only for water and sewer infrastructure. The Direct Allocation funds are for several different projects which includes water and sewer infrastructure. The Minimum Allocation funds need to be applied for from DNRC.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Carrie Lutkehus)

Carrie Lutkehus, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Program Specialist, presented a grant award from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in the amount of \$15,000 for Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report for Craig County Water and Sewer District. The grant period is March 3, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The Commission approved the implementation on January 13, 2022. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

Ms. Lutkehus explained that the Craig water and sewer project is needed due to an overwhelmed system that is no longer handling the solids as it should. The overwhelmed system is due to growth and an influx of recreational activity in the area. This project starts with the Engineering Report before the work can be done to get the system fully functional.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Carrie Lutkehus)

Carrie Lutkehus, American Rescue Plan Act Program Specialist, presented a grant award from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) in the amount of \$178,550 for a Wastewater Treatment System Upgrade for Craig County Water and Sewer District. The period is from March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2023. The Commission approved the award on February 22, 2022. Staff recommends approval.

Ms. Lutkehus stated this funding is for getting the Craig Water and Sewer system fully functional.

There is a Direct Allocation match that was previously approved by the Commission.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Sale of County Owned Land. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the bid opening for the sale of county property located in the CW Cannon Addition, S29, T10 N, R03 W, Block 20, lots 3-4. Fair market value is \$64,000 which is the minimum bid. Public notice was posted, and bidding closed October 5, 2022. One bid was received from Jeff Battershell in the amount of \$64,101. Commissioner Hunthausen confirmed the bid.

Ms. Edwards stated that the property cannot be sold for less than the appraised value.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 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 9:30 am.

Meeting minutes approved on Jan 03, 2023

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Rolfe, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board