



PUBLIC MEETING

April 18, 2023
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Tom Rolfe called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Audra Zacherl, Jenny Chambers, Drenda Niemann, Amy Teegarden, Ann McCauley, Jesse Whitford, Calob Marquis, Lois Olsen, and Brandi Spangler Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Award. 2023 Chip Seal Project. (Audra Zacherl)

[1:12] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a bid award for the 2023 Chip Seal Surfacing Project. Two bids were opened on April 4, 2023. Staff recommends the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Bullock Contracting, LLC of Boulder, Montana for \$1,068,361.36 with all work to be completed by September 17, 2023.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Award. 2023 County Crack Seal Project. (Audra Zacherl)

[4:25] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a bid award for the 2023 County Crack Seal Project. Three bids were opened on April 11, 2023. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Cap Paving, Inc. of East Helena, Montana for \$72,892.60.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Award. 2023 RID Crack Seal Project. (Audra Zacher)

[7:37] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a bid award for the 2023 Rural Improvement Districts (RIDs) Crack Seal Project. Three bids were opened on April 11, 2023. Staff recommends the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Yellowstone Pavement Solutions of Belgrade, Montana for \$142,187.50.

No public comment was received.

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

Notice of Intent to Dissolve the Helena Transportation Coordinating Committee. (Jenny Chambers)

[10:48] Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented a Notice of Intent to dissolve the Helena Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC). The Decennial Census of 2020 announced Helena Urban Area's population was 52,380. The population of the area being over 50,000, it is required by federal regulations to designate a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and establish a Policy Board. Decision making authority will transition to the MPO Policy Board, which will be comprised of elected and executive-level officials. This is the first step in the process and the transition is expected to be complete by the end of December 2023. Some priorities that were in process will remain priorities once the transition is complete. Staff recommends approval of dissolving the TCC.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Justice. (Drenda Niemann)

[17:43] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program grant in the amount of \$550,000 with a 20% match in year one and two and 40% match in year three. A partnership with St. Peter's Health and law enforcement help provide assistance to people experiencing crisis starting with the mobile crisis unit. There is an anticipated growth and enhancement to the program by hiring Peer Support Specialists for the program. The grant period is from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

No public comment was received.

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

Tri-County Fire Safety Working Group Informational Update. (Amy Teegarden)

[34:02] Amy Teegarden, Tri-County Fire Safety Working Group Project Manager, and Lois Olsen, Board of Tri-County Fire Safety Working Group, gave an informational update and shared a PowerPoint presentation. They discussed a variety of projects and current challenges including

funding for fuel mitigation, fire suppression, and partnerships in relieving the challenges. They are requesting that the Commission consider giving \$30,000 annually toward their efforts.

[1:08:33] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, discussed grant opportunities that can help provide mitigation work and volunteered to research an opt-in option for Lewis and Clark County for federal timber receipt dollars.

No public comment was received.

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

[1:15:05] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Board Appointment to the Noxious Weed Board and recommended the appointment of Stacey Baertsch to the Noxious Weed Board to a partial term that will expire December 31, 2025.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. 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 10:17 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on MAY 11, 2023

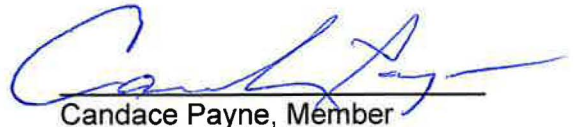
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Tom Rolfe, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board