



PUBLIC MEETING

December 21, 2023

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, December 21, 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, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Dan Karlin, Connor Fitzpatrick, Ann McCauley, Phil Gonzalez, Marni Bentley and Florence Liston, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending December 22, 2023. (Marni Bentley)

[01:48] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

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 Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Transportation. (Dan Karlin)

[02:53] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the grant award for the SB 536 grant funds in the amount of \$379,930 as the 50% match for the recently awarded Head Lane Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) bridge replacement project. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award.

Tentatively the project could be done by next winter. December, January, or February of 2024-2025

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.

Resolution 2023-105 Designating Polling Places in Lewis and Clark County. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[08:31] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the resolution designating polling places for the June 4, 2024, and November 5, 2024, elections. New polling places are Canyon Creek School, Birdseye Rural Fire Department Station No. 2, Tri Lake Station No. 1.

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.

Amendment No. 1 to Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Ann McCauley)

[04:14] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented amendment No.1 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Minimum Allocation Grant award from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to be used for the Craig County Water and Sewer District wastewater treatment upgrades project. The amendment includes a no-cost extension through December 31, 2024, an addition to the scope of work and no-cost budget modification. Staff recommends approval.

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.

Resolution 2023-104 To Declare Farm View Drive a County Road. (Phil Gonzalez)

[09:30] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented the resolution to declare Farm View Drive a county road. Farm View Drive is in the Bachmeier Minor Subdivision. Staff recommends approval.

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.

Requesting Investigation for a Road Abandonment Petition. (Phil Gonzalez)

[15:14] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented the request for an investigation for a road abandonment petition. The board needs to cause an investigation to be made of the feasibility, desirability, and cost of granting the prayer of the petition.

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.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[19:55] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Augusta Solid Waste Management District, City-County Library Board, DUI Task Force, and the Noxious Weed Board.

Staff recommends the following appointments: Brad McBratney to the Augusta Solid Waste Management District to a full first term that expires December 31, 2026; Helen Fandrich to a second term on the City-County Library to a term that expires December 31, 2028; Jason Grimmis to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force to a full first term that expires December 31, 2025; Susan DeBree, Dave Clark, and Gale Pikkula to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task

Force to second terms that expire December 31, 2025; Jayson Zander, Maureen Ward, Tracie Kiesel, Mike Jensen and Deanna Rothwell to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force to terms that expire December 31, 2025; and Mike Nordahl to the Noxious Weed Board as the Lincoln representative to a term that expires December 31, 2026.

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 9:39 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 5-2-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

