



PUBLIC MEETING

December 5, 2023

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 5, 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 was present. Commissioner Candace Payne was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Drenda Niemann, Kathy Moore, Dustin Noel, Jessica Makus, Jenny Chambers, Kevin Horne, Mary Jennifer McKay, Beth Norberg, Valerie Stacey, Dawn Sullivan, Jay Plant, Jennifer McBroom, Ann McCauley, Rachel Ward, Angie Hubbard, Kari DesRosier, Keni Gross, Emily McGlenn, Owen Brown, Donagene LaFromboise, Jessica Makus, Lyla Hall, Laurel Riek, Betsy Kirkeby, and Florence Liston, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Announcement

a. Employee Recognition. (Drenda Niemann)

[01:41] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, read a proclamation honoring Kathy Moore, for her 30-years of service.

Beth Norberg, Environmental Division Programs Supervisor, honored Kathy. Commissioner Hunthausen, talked about his memories with Kathy. Commissioner Rolfe presented Kathy with a 30-year service plaque.

Kathy said a few words of thankfulness.

Consent Action Items

a. State of Montana Motor Vehicle Invoice Recycling & Disposal. (Kathy Moore)

[15:18] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 3a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and 3-V Distributing, Inc. (Dustin Noel)

[16:18] Dustin Noel, Shop Manager, presented the amendment to the contract with 3-V Distributing. In July Public Works performed a Request for Proposals (RFP) looking for qualified professionals that are capable of assembling components to build two designated snowplow trucks (cabs & chassis, plows, sand spreaders, hydraulics, lights, etc.) for the road division. A contract was executed in October for a total of \$105,740. The road division requested and received early purchase approval for two additional designated snowplow trucks in the FY23 budget. After receiving no bids for the two cabs and chassis, Public Works was given approval to negotiate directly with vendors and was recently able to order two Freightliner 114SD cabs and chassis to be received by spring of 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract amendment for the assembly of two additional designated snowplows for an additional amount of \$105,740, bringing the total contract amount to \$211,480.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2023-103. To Levy and Assess the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District No. 2023-3. (Jessica Makus)

[25:36] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution to levy and assess the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District. The resolution will levy and assess a special assessment of \$1,005 for fifteen (15) year debt service upon benefited properties within the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District, which will pay back financing of district improvements. The resolution also includes an annual special assessment of \$295 upon benefited properties to provide annual maintenance of these improvements. This is the third and final public hearing in the RID creation process. This RID is located to the east of the Frontage Road and to the south of the Pleasant Valley and Grass-Land subdivisions. Staff recommends to table the resolution for two weeks. More time to investigate and communicate with the property owners is needed.

Public Comment -

Mary McKay, a property owner recommends to table the resolution. Mary has limited access to the road and must go through five gates to get to her property. She wants to be excluded from this RID because she has a new access road. She does not want to pay the taxes on a limited road.

Owen Brown is a property owner on Juniper Drive, also expressed his concerns. He doesn't want to pay for the access road taxes on a limited access road.

Donagene LaFromboise is a property owner. She doesn't want to pay the access road taxes for a limited road.

Owen Brown made additional comments about the legal access road off Juniper Drive which makes it a benefiting property.

Mary McKay made additional comments about the access road.

Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, recommended tabling the discussion.

The motion to table the item to December 19 was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

INTERCAP Loan Application to the Montana Board of Investments. (Jessica Makus)

[04:33] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the INTERCAP loan application to be submitted to the Montana Board of Investments. The loan request is in the amount of \$321,957 and is intended to fund the road improvements within the Juniper Stable Rural Improvement District (RID). Staff recommends to table the INTERCAP loan application to December 19, 2023.

Public Comment -

Owen Brown, a property owner, asked about the process now since it has changed.

A motion to table the item to December 19, 2023, was made by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

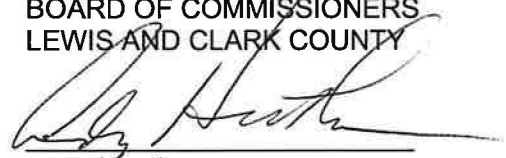
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 1-23-24

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LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY



Andy Hunthausen, Chair




Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board