



PUBLIC MEETING

March 19, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Candace Payne and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Frank Cornwell, Connor Fitzpatrick, Nicho Hash, Ann McCauley, Greg McNally, Eric Spangenberg, Richard Grady, Jonathan Cunningham, Crystal Cunningham, Constance Horder, Michael Alkire, Jason Crocker, John Keller, Jim Thomas, Barbara Nye, Mike Fasbender, Katejan Bauer, Victoria Dee, Rocky Infanger, Wendy Smith-Adamson, William Adamson, Jay Plant, Matt Mudd, and Florence Liston, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Yearly Road Mileage Certification Update. (Eric Spangenberg)
- b. Approval of \$25,000 in Funding on a Reimbursement Basis to Helena Housing Authority for Fair Market Rent Reevaluation Project. (Frank Cornwell)

[0:01:14] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Bureau of Land Management Lands Update. (Lindsey Babcock)

Lindsey Babcock had to cancel due to family emergency. There was no presentation.

No public comment was received.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Commerce. (Ann McCauley)

[0:03:26] Ann McCauley, Grants & Purchasing Director, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$401,000 for the Craig Water and Sewer District. The Craig Water and Sewer District will provide a match in the amount of \$525,000 from secured state grant funds. The grant period is December 13, 2023, through September 30, 2027. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

Jason Crocker, Vice Chair from the Craig Sewer Board, reported on the update of the project.

Matt Mudd, Great West Engineering, reported on the scope of the project.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointment - Canyon Creek Rural Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[0:14:34] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following five applicants: Wendy C. Smith-Adamson, Michael A. Alkire, James "Jim" A. Thomas, Victoria "Kori" R. Dee, and John Keller for the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District vacancies. Vacancies were created by the resignation of Joane Bayer, Katejan Bauer, and Barbara Nye with terms not yet expired. The Elections Office has confirmed all applicants have been deemed eligible to serve as a trustee. Per MCA 7-33-2106 (3), Appointments to fill vacancies during a term must be made by the governing board and appointees shall serve until the next regular election in May 2025. Staff recommends filling all vacancies.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Grady, resident of Canyon Creek, read the support letter from Edward and Eileen Grady.

Jonathan Cunningham, resident of Marysville and Acting Fire Chief for Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, read a letter of support.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to nominate Kori Dee for the short-term seat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to nominate James Thomas as an appointed trustee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to nominate Wendy C. Smith-Adamson as an appointed trustee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Agreement to Extend Preliminary Subdivision Approval for the Fasbender Minor Subdivision. (Applicant: Mike Fasbender) (Planner: Greg McNally)

[00:04] [2 of 2] Greg McNally, Community Development & Planning Director, presented the extension request for the preliminary plat approval for the Fasbender Minor Subdivision. The applicant has not been able to complete the required conditions of approval for the Subdivision in a timely manner. This is a third request for the extension. The Fasbender Minor Subdivision located north of and adjacent to Munger Road and west of the adjacent

to Buoy Boulevard. The new deadline for moving the cars out will be September 22, 2024. Staff recommends acceptance.

Mike Fasbender, 3930 Buoy Blvd., apologized for not getting everything completed and stated he has about five days to finish removing vehicles from the property.

Discussion occurred regarding the complaints received about the 250 vehicles moved to 46 City View with still no privacy fence. Mr. Fasbender added they are the vehicles from the property being discussed. Mr. Fasbender confirmed this can be completed in six months, however DEQ could delay the project. Mr. McNally discussed the amended dates.

Jay Plant, Environmental Health Specialist, stated all received complaints are documented. He added the County contracts with DEQ to administer the junk vehicle program.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to amend the proposed agreement as suggested by Mr. McNally to have a deadline of September 22, 2024. The motion was 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.

Mike Fasbender, 3930 Buoy Blvd., asked if there is anything the County can do about speed control on Munger? It is a safety hazard.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 6-27-24


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board