



PUBLIC MEETING

April 18, 2024

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 18, 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, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Kathy Bushnell, Mary Hallow, Travis Benson, Kelly Traynham, Angie Enger, Willis Yarberr, Autumn Ashdale, Phil Gonzalez, Casey Hayes, Nadine McCarty, Michael Kaiser, Jim Yarbrough, Travis Vincent, Kevin League, Sarah Christopherson, Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Ann McCauley, Johnna Vinich, and Florence Liston, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Presentation/Update from the US Forest Service. (Katherine Bushnell)

[1:57] Kathy Bushnell, Helena District Ranger; Jim Yarbrough, Lincoln District Ranger; and Mike Kaiser, Helena District Fire Management Officer, gave a presentation and update from the United States Forest Service.

No public comment was received.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Many Rivers Whole Health. (Drenda Niemann)

Contract not ready so no action needed at this time.

No public comment was received.

Grant Application to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (Autumn Ashdale)

[27:55] Autumn Ashdale, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator, presented the grant application to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Cooperative Fire Protection Capacity Grant. The grant is for the amount of \$100,000, with no match required. The grant

period of performance is dependent on award date. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

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.

Birdseye Ranch Open Lands Application. (Applicant: Prickly Pear Land Trust) (Phil Gonzalez)

[31:40] Phil Gonzalez, Planner I, presented the Birdseye Ranch Open Lands Application. The application seeks a \$1 million dollar financial request for land to be held by the applicant, Prickley Pear Land Trust. Next step is opening a 30-day open comment period. Staff recommends approval of the application.

[51:57] Sara Christopherson, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, reported that the CAC recommends the application process move forward.

[43:49] Mary Hollow, PPLT Land Trust Executive Director, gave an overview of land trusts in Montana and discussed operations.

[54:43] Travis Vincent, PPLT Lands Director, gave a presentation of geography of the property.

[1:08:52] Angie Ingar, real estate broker and RV Ranch representative, is in support of this project.

[1:13:35] Willis Yarberry, PPLT Board member, gave an overview of the approval process and is in support of this 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.

Resolution 2024-22 to Rescind Resolution 2003-173 Adopting the Montana Procurement Act. (Casey Hayes)

[1:23:39] Casey Hayes, Purchasing Officer, presented a resolution rescinding adoption of the Montana Procurement Act. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

[1:27:45] Nicho Hash explained that the Procurement Act is generally set up for states. The County has their own statutes and parts of the Procurement Act do not always fit County process.

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

Revisions to Lewis and Clark County Procurement Policy. (Casey Hayes)

[1:34:32] Casey Hayes, Purchasing Director, presented revisions of the Lewis and Clark County Procurement Policy.

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.

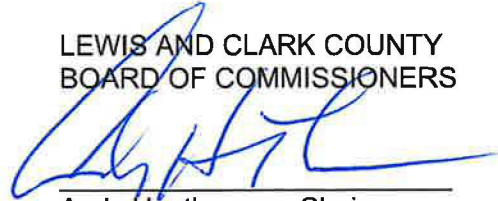
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 6-27-24

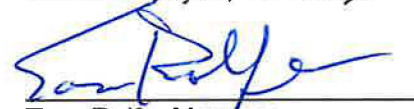
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board