



PUBLIC MEETING

June 4, 2024

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4, 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, Audra Zacherl, Christian Lehnert, Jessica Makus, Frank Cornwell, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. Magnesium Chloride Supply. (Audra Zacherl)

[1:36] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, opened bids for the Magnesium Chloride Supply. Two bids were received. The first bid was from WE Dust Control of Whitehall, MT in the amount of \$117,579.00. The second bid was from Dustbusters Enterprises Inc. of Evanston, Wyoming in the amount of \$106,750. Staff would like to take the bids under advisement and come back June 18, 2024 for recommendation of award.

No public comment was received.

A motion for staff to take the bids under advisement was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Grant Award Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Agriculture. (Christian Lehnert)

[5:24] Christian Lehnert, Noxious Weed Coordinator, presented a grant award agreement with Montana Department of Agriculture for the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Project Lander's Fork-Alice Creek Noxious Weed Cooperative. Weed control activities for an 8,300-acre area will be completed by October 31, 2025 in the amount of \$17,176.

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.

Resolution 2024-40. To Levy and Assess the Pine Hills Road Maintenance District No. 1990-12. (Jessica Makus)

[8:00] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented resolution 2024-40 to levy and assess the Pine Hills Road Maintenance District No. 1990-12. The assessment is for \$275.00 upon each 35 benefiting properties for a total of \$9,625 annually for maintenance. A meeting was held on January 24, 2024, with a total of 21 attendees. Legal notice was sent to all property owners and published in the Independent Record. As of June 4, 2024, no written testimony was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[15:10] Glenn Gormerly, resident, appreciates Public Works holding the meeting.

[15:52] Guy McCarthy, resident, is retired and on a fixed income. Does not agree with the increase.

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

Resolution 2024-41. To Levy and Assess the Rosendale Rural Improvement District No. 2005-8. (Jessica Makus)

[21:03] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented resolution 2024-41 to levy and assess the Rosendale Rural Improvement District. The assessment is for \$435.00 upon each developed benefiting property and \$217.50 upon each undeveloped benefiting property. With 19 benefiting properties, the total is \$7,395 annually for maintenance. A meeting was held on January 24, 2024, with a total of 5 attendees. Legal notice was sent to all property owners and published in the Independent Record. As of June 3, 2024, no written testimony was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[23:50] Diana Clausen, 5860 Gindale, asked if improvements on Rosendale will ruin connecting roads. In her opinion, improvements on Rosendale have made Gindale a one lane road instead of a two lane road due to drainage.

Ms. Makus stated it's challenging with Gindale not being part of the RID. It could be it's own RID if property owners are interested. She will speak to Caleb Marquis about whether drainage is affecting Gindale and if maintaining drainage is part of the resolution for the Rosendale RID.

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

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Issues Review and Direction. (Frank Cornwell)

[37:15] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an overview of the budget process.

[44:30] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented fiscal year 2025 budget issues review and direction. Mr. Cornwell presented recommended approval items followed by recommended non-approval items. The Commissioners did move some items from the recommended non-approval items to the recommended approval item column.

No public comment was received.

No action needed.

Preliminary budget adoption is set for June 27, 2024. Final budget hearing is tentatively July 11, 2024.

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 12:19 pm.

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