



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 15, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 15, 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 Frank Cornwell, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Lori Ladas, Marni Bentley, Christian Lehnert, Kevin Wright, Brittany Hogan, Brian Robinson, Jenny Chambers, Greg McNally, Ann McCauley, Phil Gonzalez, Sherri Martin, Kathy Marks, Annette Ryerson, Stephen Ryerson, Rachel Ward, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending August 16, 2024. (Marni Bentley)

[1:12] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

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.

### **Presentation of the Rocky Mountain Development Council 2024-25 Work Plan. (Lori Ladas)**

[2:18] Lori Ladas, Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC) Executive Director, and Kathy Marks, RMDC Operations Manager, presented the RMDC 2024-25 work plan. They gave an overview of RMDC programs and statistics. Staff recommends approval of the work plan.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[21:38] Steve Ryerson, Helena resident, did not know about RMDC, encourages billboards and more promotions to gain teachers.

[23:28] Ms. Marks explained that federal money does not allow for advertising but does recognize that RMDC does need to be more visible in the community.

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

**Interlocal Agreement and Noxious Weed Management Plan Between the Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Board and the City of Helena. (Christian Lehnert)**

[25:16] Christian Lehnert, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Supervisor, presented an interlocal agreement and noxious weed management plan with the City of Helena for management of noxious weeds on City-owned and administered lands within the bounds of the Noxious Weed District boundaries. Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement and noxious weed management plan.

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.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and CoHero RMS. (Captain Kevin Wright)**

[34:11] Kevin Wright, Special Operations Captain, presented a contract with CoHero RMS in the amount of \$11,778 annually for a Coroner Case Management System. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

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.

**Grant Contract Amendment from the Montana Department of Commerce. (Ann McCauley)**

[44:03] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented a no-cost budget amendment from the Montana Department of Congress for the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development (CDBG-ED) for Florence Crittenton Home and Services. The amendment consists of re-allocation of \$27,393 from the "Construction" line item to "Architecture/Engineering Costs" which must be approved in advance as per a condition of the grant. Staff recommends approval of the budget amendment.

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 2024-89 to Levy and Assess a Tax upon Benefited Property Within the Cattle Baron Estates Rural Improvement District No.2022-09. (Phil Gonzalez)**

[50:02] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a resolution to levy and assess a special assessment within the Cattle Baron Estates Road Rural Improvement District (RID) in the amount of \$231 per benefited property for road maintenance. Legal notice was sent to all property owners and published in the Helena Independent Record. A protest was received August 14, 2024 from the landowner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[57:09] Valerie Robinett, property owner, stated the RID is not needed at this time and request the decision on the RID be tabled. There is no intention of selling any of the lots, as they divided to separate their home from their businesses. She would like time to look into other options aside from creating the RID.

[59:11] Mr. Gonzalez explained the RID was part of the conditions of approval of the subdivision though there are options including dissolving the RID.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to table the discussion to August 27, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Zoning Variance Request for 2800 Park Drive. (Applicant: Annette & Steven Ryerson) (Planner: Rachel Ward)**

[1:07:08] Rachel Ward, Planner I, presented a variance request from the 100-foot lot width requirement for two properties located at 2800 Park Drive as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Legal notice was mailed to adjacent property owners and published in the Helena Independent Record. There were five agency comments received with no considerable concerns. No public comment was received. Staff recommends approval of the variance request.

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 10:23am.

Meeting minutes approved on 8-29-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board