



PUBLIC MEETING

August 8, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 8, 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, Kellie McBride, Jessica Makus, Angie Hubbard, Kendra Piedaloe, Jade Willis, Tiffany Mowery, Calob Marquis, Greg McNally, Jenny Chambers, Phil Gonzalez, Jon Jackson, Harold Begger, Sheila Magby, Melissa Carpenter, Robert Ellis, Boe Shuman, Mark Manlove, Yvette Gutienuz, Kelley Shields, Murphy's, Catherine Ockey, Randl Ockey, Michael Manlove, Dane Sank, Paul Sebens, Jean Purus, Josh Nagel, Paul Beckstead, Leslie Beckstead, Kenny Stockman, Michael Johnson, John Felter, Lance Wenger, Taylor Edwards, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2024-84 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

[1:03] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative 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.

Interagency Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana State Office of the Court Administrator. (Kellie Goodwin McBride)

[2:15] Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented an interagency agreement with Montana State Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) for the Pretrial Services Pilot program in the amount of \$101,000 with a period of performance from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Ms. McBride read a letter from Judge Mark Piskolich in support of the Pretrial Services program. Staff recommends approval of the interagency agreement.

[7:31] Tiffany Mowery, Misdemeanor Pretrial Officer, introduced Yvette Gutienuz, a former Pretrial defendant, who spoke about her positive experiences with the Pretrial program. She felt supported throughout her experience and thanked Tiffany for going above and beyond. Without Tiffany's support, she feels like she wouldn't have succeeded.

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 2024-83 Levying Assessments upon Benefited Property Within Road Improvement Districts and Rural Improvement Districts in Lewis and Clark County, Montana. (Jessica Makus)

[14:38] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to levy and assess benefited property within Rural Improvement Districts in Lewis and Clark County where there will be no change to the current assessment. Legal notice was sent out to property owners and published in the Helena Independent Record. One protest letter was received as well as two letters of support. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[35:58] Jonathan Jackson, 1990 Harvest Loop, lives on the back side next to gravel road, can those rocks left over from chip seal be used on the gravel road?

[38:42] Catherine Ockey, 1005 Cheyenne Rd, BelAir Subdivision, is in support of their RID. County staff has been fabulous and responsive.

[39:56] Jerry Strong, Colorado Gulch, is concerned about weight limit on that road, weight limit sign is taken down. A permit used to be needed to haul heavy loads.

[41:14] Robert Ellis, 55 Guthrie, Big Valley RID, where does equity come from on Applegate? Does the County plan on paving the unpaved parts of Green Meadow and Applegate?

[42:16] Michael Johnson, 8230 Green Meadow Drive, Big Valley RID, is in support of his RID, but Green Meadow is his only access and no longer uses roads within the RID. He feels he is being double-taxed since he is paying for the RID and for maintenance on Green Meadow Drive.

[44:42] Nels Herem, Big Valley RID, pointed out that county road equipment was used in the RID. He believes that if county equipment is used, it automatically becomes a county road. Ditch was dug out of the road and narrowed the road on the S curve.

[46:52] Jean Purus, Elkhorn RID, thinks their RID is the best thing they ever did. Does anyone have any info on Lead Corp contracted for conduit work and made a mess of the roads. She requests another public meeting to discuss more work being needed.

[49:14] Boe Shuman, 907 Menlow Park, has an issue with TDS subcontractor for conduit work and he did not give permission for them to work on the front lot easement and made a mess and put a pad in his front lawn. At the time, he was told the County gave the permission because they own the road, but it is a public road.

[51:17] Bob Kline, BelAir RID, is in support of the RID, County has done a great job with maintenance and upkeep. Cheyenne Road from the edges to the gutter is collapsing. He feels that needs to be addressed.

[53:17] Rich Delory, 1103 Vega Road, thought that Northstar RID was just chip sealed and wants to know if they can allocate money in the fund toward culvert cleaning or other things in the RID.

[54:40] Paul Sebens, 635 Staddler Road, asked if there is any plans to prevent flooding from 10-mile to Mill Rd.

[55:20] Sheila Magby, 2619 Pike Drive, Eastgate II RID, stated that Boundary and Remington are in terrible shape. They need to be repaired.

[56:30] Harold Begger, 790 Sewell, Helena Valley Flood Committee Chairman, flood mitigation will continue beyond Arrowhead and a lot of good work being done.

[58:08] Taylor Edwards, 8131 Adele Drive, states that Jeanne Road RID was created in 2023 and she never sees maintenance being done on that road.

Commissioner Hunthausen closed public comment.

[1:01:05] Ms. Makus addressed questions from the public.

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

Northstar Park Master Plan Presentation. (Sanderson Stewart) (Planner: Angie Hubbard)

[1:41:04] Angie Hubbard, Planner II, presented the Northstar Park project and introduced Sanderson Stewart representative.

[1:42:19] Kendra Piedalue, Sanderson Stewart, presented two drafts for the Northstar Park Master Plan project and gathered feedback regarding the options. An open house is scheduled for August 14, 2024 at 4:30pm.

No public comment was received.


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 11:39am.

Meeting minutes approved on 8-20-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board