



PUBLIC MEETING

December 10, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 10, 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, Keegan Shea, Jessica Makus, Myrna Austin, Sarah Sandau, Troy Christensen, Frank Cornwell, Jolene Greive, Sherryl Martin, Brent Colbert, Phil Gonzalez, Greg McNally, Kim Smith, Worby McNamee, Chuck Duffy, Stephanie Wallace, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for November 19, 21, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Budget Amendments for December, 2024. (Frank Cornwell)

[1:08] 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 Payne and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Eagle Ridge Road Association. (Jessica Makus)

[2:12] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a contract with Eagle Ridge Road Association for Rural Improvement District (RID) winter snow removal services for the 2024/2025 winter season. 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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Shaffners Bindery. (Myrna Austin)

[6:15] Myrna Austin, Records Division Supervisor, presented a contract with Shaffners Bindery for repair and restoration of record books in the amount of \$24,000. Work will be completed by November 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

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 to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Michigan Public Health Institute. (Sarah Sandau)

[12:23] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented a contract with the Michigan Public Health Institute for the Fetal, Infant, Child, Maternal, Mortality Review (FICMMR) Mentoring Program in the amount of \$3,000. The contract period is July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 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 Award Agreement Between Montana Opioid Abatement Trust and Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Captain Bradley Bragg)

[19:05] Troy Christensen, Detention Center Commander, presented a grant award from the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust to help fund a medical provider for primary care and urgent care needs within the detention center in the amount of \$115,200. The grant will begin upon signature of both parties and will terminate one year after date of execution. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

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.

Preliminary Plat Application for Wade Minor Subdivision and Variance Requests, SUBD2004-006. (Applicant: Kim Smith) (Planner: Phil Gonzalez)

[25:19] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a preliminary plat application and three variance requests from subdivision regulations for Wade Minor Subdivision. Staff recommends approval of the plat application and variance requests subject to the condition of approval based on the findings of fact.

Variance requests include a requirement of connectivity to surrounding lots, a requirement of an off-site fire protection system to be within 1 mile, and a requirement for the Fire Protection Agency Having Jurisdiction (FPAHJ) not be required to cross an arterial or major collector road to get an offsite fire protection. The applicant is proposing using an existing offsite fire suppression system that is 2 miles away, hence the request for the variances. Legal notice was sent to adjoining landowners, local agencies, posted on site, and published in the Helena Independent Record. Two public comments were received.

[45:03] Greg McNally, Community Development and Planning Director, staff have been looking at subdivision regulations and have fire chiefs that support these variances when looking at an offsite fire protection source. The subdivision regulations are in the process of being amended and there likely will be changes to these regulations.

[56:54] Kim Smith, 7510 Applegate Dr., applicant, discussed the fire system proposal and believes the subdivision will be an improvement to the area. He depends on the Planning Department's professionalism and noted the DEQ approval of the subdivision.

[58:34] Mr. McNally stated that the subdivision will automatically be part of the Fire District.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[1:10:53] Chuck Duffy, neighbor, asked what types of housing is going onto the property? Is it homes or multi-family dwellings?

[1:12:30] Mr. Smith said the residential lots are single family dwellings and the current home on the property may not be savable. The storage facility is not a priority at this time and the commercial lot is to be determined.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to table the decision to December 17, 2024 and to keep public comment open. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[1:17:40] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a board appointment to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force and recommended the Commissioners consider the candidates for a partial term that will expire December 31, 2025.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to appoint Bill Grossman to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force to a partial term that will expire December 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. 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.

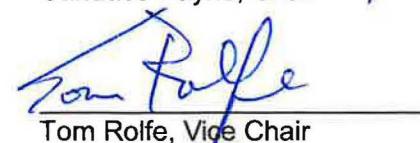
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 1-2-25

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board