



PUBLIC MEETING

June 27, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, June 27, 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, Jessica Makus, Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Drenda Niemann, Kari DesRosier, Misty Edwards, Frank Cornwell, William Hoffman, Ken Liston, Michael Rausch, Sydney Blair, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for September 14; October 17, 19, 26; December 28, 2023; February 1, 29; March 19; April 9, 16, 18; May 2, 30; June 4, 6, 11, 13, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)

[49] [1of3] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 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.

Grant Award Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Jessica Makus)

[2:05] [1of3] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a grant award agreement with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation in the amount of \$30,000 with a match of \$56,800 for the Eastgate I and Eastgate II drainage feasibility study. The grant period is July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the grant award agreement.

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 2024-60 to Create the Lucky Strike Rural Improvement District No. 2024-1. (Jessica Makus)

[7:22] [1of3] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to create the Lucky Strike Rural Improvement District (RID). Improvement financing is estimated at \$78,079.00. Each of the nine benefitting properties are proposed to be levied \$849 annually for a 15-year debt period with an additional \$320 annually for maintenance. Legal notice was mailed to each property owner and published in the Helena Independent Record. The 30-day comment period ended Friday, June 21, 2024. No written testimony was received. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[16:30] [1of3] Ken Liston, 1909 Lucky Strike, is in support of the RID.

[17:45] [1of3] Bill Hoffman, Lucky Strike resident, fears the road becoming unpassable for emergency vehicles. He is in support of the RID.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. (Kyle Sturgill-Simon)

[21:24] [1of3] Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a grant award from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Local Government Forestry Assistance Program in the amount of \$5,000 with a \$500 match. The period of performance begins upon signature through February 28, 2025. 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.

Labor Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Laborers' International Union, Local #1686. (Kari DesRosier)

[26:59] [1of3] Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented a labor agreement with the Laborers' International Union Local #1686. The agreement begins July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

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 2024-61 Increasing the Solid Waste Disposal Fee as Recommended by the Lincoln Solid Waste District. (Misty Edwards)

[30:20] [1of3] Misty Edwards, Senior Finance Coordinator, presented a resolution increasing the solid waste disposal fee to \$144 per assessment as recommended by the Lincoln Solid Waste District Board. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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 2024-62 Transferring Real Property Between Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena. (Misty Edwards)

[35:12] [1of3] Misty Edwards, Senior Finance Coordinator, presented a resolution transferring real property to the City of Helena. The property is west of and adjacent to Grizzly Gulch Drive and the County has no need or use for the property. The City of Helena intends to add the property to Mount Helena City Park and maintain it as open space. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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 2024-63 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Roger Baltz & Nicho Hash)

[38:25] [1of3] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, and Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, presented a resolution declaring county property surplus property. The property is the Journey Home located at 45 E. 16th Street, Helena, Montana. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

[40:40] [1of3] Nicho Hash requests the Commission adopt exhibit A to this resolution and the buy-sell agreement which lists personal property located inside the building as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[49:00] [1of3] Michael Rausch, Attorney for Many Rivers Whole Health, gave an overview of the Journey Home. He is excited the Journey Home will operate again and serve a number of people. He is in support of all agenda items related to the Journey home.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the resolution and adopt exhibit A to the resolution and the buy-sell agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Buy-Sell Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Many Rivers Whole Health. (Roger Baltz & Nicho Hash)

[55:05] [1of3] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, and Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, presented a buy-sell agreement with Many Rivers Whole Health for real property and a bill of sale for the Journey Home building for the purchase price of \$500,000. Staff recommends approval of the buy-sell agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[57:08] [1of3] Michael Rausch, Attorney for Many Rivers Whole Health, has check in hand and will deliver upon approval.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the buy-sell agreement and make an amendment to the memorandum from "as-in" to "as-is". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

QuitClaim Deed. (Roger Baltz & Nicho Hash)

[1:00:07] [1of3] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, and Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, presented a quit claim deed for the Journey Home building. Staff recommends approval of the quit claim deed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[1:00:30] [1of3] Michael Rausch, Attorney for Many Rivers Whole Health, stated he urges approval.

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

Grant Task Order 25-07-1-01-125-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

[1:06:46] [1of3] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant task order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in the amount of \$100,000 to sustain epidemiology staffing between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the grant task order.

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 Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Budget. (Frank Cornwell)

[1:14:59] [1of3 through 3of3] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Budget. A public hearing is scheduled for July 11, 2024 with a final presentation to follow. Staff recommends approval of the preliminary budget.

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 11:00am.

Meeting minutes approved on 7-9-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board