



PUBLIC MEETING

March 14, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 14, 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 was present. Commissioner Tom Rolfe was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Connor Fitzpatrick, Nicho Hash, Dan Karlin, Keegan Shea, Brent Colbert, David Wassmuth, Heather Grahame, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation Declaring March 17, 2024, as Irish Heritage Day.

[0:01:06] Commissioner Hunthausen read the proclamation declaring March 17, 2024, St. Patrick's Day as Irish Heritage Day.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending March 15, 2024. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2024-17 Request For Prosecutorial Assistance. (Nicho Hash)

[0:03:21] 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 Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Bid Award. 2024 Birdseye Road Improvements Project. (Dan Karlin)

[0:05:21] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the 2024 Birdseye Road Improvements Bid Award. On February 29, 2024, three bids were opened for the 2024 Birdseye Road Improvements Project. The project generally consists of an asphalt overlay for a portion of the Birdseye Road, from Austin Road to Threemile Road. Funding for this project is in the road infrastructure budget. After reviewing the bids, staff recommends awarding the contract to Helena Sand and Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for the total contract amount of \$434,127.

Mr. Karlin gave a brief overview of the asphalt overlay process.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Grant Application to Montana Secretary of State's Office. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[0:11:12] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the grant application to the Montana Secretary of State's Office for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant program. The maximum amount the County could ask for is \$38,777.46. The actual request will be \$22,596.44. A match will be provided by the Lewis and Clark County Elections Office and has been budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2024. He gave an overview of the HAVA program that concentrates on voting security. Staff recommends approval of the grant application submittal.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

[0:31:41] Heather Grahame, 17 Reeders Village Drive, spoke on behalf of the Helena Regional Sports Association. Their goal is to address the lack of indoor recreational facilities in the community. They have been working with the Fair Board for nearly a year in planning a proposal for a sports complex called the ARC. They plan to bring the proposal to the Commission for consideration of putting it on a ballot for public funding in 2025. They have retained third party consultants that are analyzing the economic sustainability of the project and the economic impact on the community. They will be having stakeholder meetings and a full public education campaign.

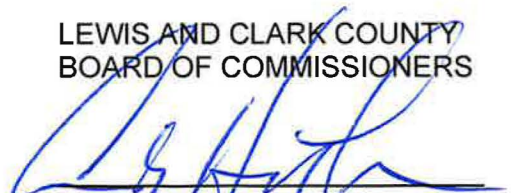
[0:42:26] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, requested of the public to ensure their voter records are up to date.

Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 5-23-24

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Andy Hunthausen, Chair


Candace Payne, Vice Chair


Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board