



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

May 23, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

### **Roll Call**

Vice Chair Candace Payne called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Tom Rolfe was present. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Greg McNally, Keegan Shea, Pam Attardo, Marni Bentley, Jenny Chambers, Brent Colbert, Leo Dutton, Connor Fitzpatrick, Karie Frydenlund, Greg Holmlund, Kevin Horne, Dan Karlin, Betsy Kirkeby, Jessica Makus, Drenda Niemann, Amy Reeves, Laurel Riek, Dick Sloan, Jesse Whitford, Sherryl Martin, Chapin Storrar, Trent Thomas, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending May 24, 2024.(Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for February 13; March 14, 28; April 23, 25, 30; May 7, 9, 2024. (Nadine McCarty)
- c. Resolution 2024-36 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Loretta A. Herndon in the amount of \$5,228.90 (Karie Frydenlund)
- d. Resolution 2024-37 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Joseph Kelley in the Amount of \$711.67. (Karie Frydenlund)
- e. Resolution 2024-38 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Tim & Lillian Miller in the Amount of \$3,963.68. (Karie Frydenlund)
- f. Resolution 2024-39 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by John & Anne Wheeler in the Amount of \$1,829.52. (Karie Frydenlund)

[1:40] [8:08] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-f and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

**Upper 10 Mile Project Update from Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Dick Sloan)**

[7:53] Dick Sloan, Department of Environmental Quality; Chapin Storrar; and Trent Thomas gave an update on the Upper 10 Mile superfund project and a history of the mines contributing to creek contamination.

No public comment was received.

**Bid Opening. Country Club Overlay. (Dan Karlin)**

[27:15] Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the bid opening. Two bids were received. The first bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel of Helena, Montana, schedule 1 for \$274,316.50 and schedule 2 for \$270,355. The second bid is from Hoffman R & M Services and Excavation, schedule 1 for \$337,387 and schedule 2 for \$332,105. Staff would like to take the bids under advisement and return with recommendation on June 6, 2024.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on June 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Bid Opening. Country Club Chip Seal. (Dan Karlin)**

[31:43] Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the bid opening. Two bids were received. The first bid is from Bullock Contracting of Boulder, MT for \$86,073.68. The second bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel of Helena, MT for \$113,222.32. Staff would like to take the bids under advisement and return with recommendation on June 6, 2024.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on June 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Grant Award Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Commerce. (Dan Karlin)**

[35:08] Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the grant award from the Department of Commerce for funds from the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) in the amount of \$32,000 to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that meets all requirements for infrastructure planning grants, and to submit one electronic copy of the PER to the Department. There is a 20% match, up to \$8,000 for a total project cost of \$40,000. The project selected for the funds is the Augusta-Clemons bridge. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2024-35 Intention to Create the Oro Fino Rural Improvement District No. 2024-2. (Jessica Makus)**

[38:46] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution of intention to create the Oro Fino Rural Improvement District (RID). Staff received a petition to create a new RID signed by 75% of the property owners, for the purpose of improving and maintaining Menlo Park Road, Lodestar Road, Homestake Drive, a portion of Bernice Drive. The original RID was created in 1994 to maintain the roads and the improvements have reached their functional life and no longer benefit from maintenance. There are 36 properties in the proposed district. The estimated financing is \$317,641 with a 15-year debt service assessment of \$909 per benefiting property annually with an additional \$230 annually for maintenance. 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 2-0 vote.

**Extended Warranty Between Lewis and Clark County and NomadGCS. (Greg Holmlund)**

[46:34] Greg Holmlund, Sheriff's Office Sergeant, presented an extended warranty with Nomad GCS for the Sheriff's Office new command vehicle for annual payments of \$32,676.19 for a total contract amount of \$228,733.34. The warranty begins May 2025 through May 2032. Staff recommends approval of the warranty.

Leo Dutton, Sheriff/Coroner, stated this is included in the Sheriff's Office 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 2-0 vote.

No public comment was received.

**Grant Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Laurel Riek)**

[58:37] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented the grant award renewal with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$21,227 for the Air Pollution Control Program, a long-standing contract. The grant contract begins July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Extension Between Lewis and Clark County and Diamond Construction, Inc. (Pam Attardo)**

[1:03:39] Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the extension to the existing contract with Diamond Construction, Inc. for repair of the rafters and hanging drywall in the vestibule of the Unionville School. The extension would go to August 26, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract extension.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Contract Extension Between Lewis and Clark County and Eagle Electric, Inc. (Pam Attardo)**

[1:05:39] Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the extension to the existing contract with Eagle Electric, Inc. for electrical services for the Unionville School. The extension is to August 26, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract extension.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Extension Between Lewis and Clark County and Stahly Engineering & Associates. (Pam Attardo)**

[1:07:42] Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the extension to the existing contract with Stahly Engineering & Associates for structural engineering services for the rafters at the Unionville School. The extension to August 26, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract extension.

No public comment was received.

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

**Elections Update. (Amy Reeves/Connor Fitzpatrick)**

[1:09:22] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor; and Amy Reeves, Treasurer, Clerk & Recorder and Elections Administrator, gave an update on the current elections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brent Colbert, Undersheriff, commended the Elections Department for doing an excellent job.

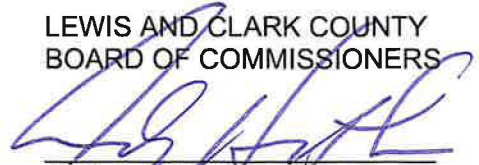
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

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