



PUBLIC MEETING

October 15, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Drenda Niemann, Ann McCauley, Randall Coty, Max Eskildsen, Jeremy Gilliam, Rick Grady, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Resolution 2024-110 to Create the Oleo Acres Rural Improvement District No. 2024-8. (Jessica Makus)

[1:21] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to create the Oleo Acres Rural Improvement District. The 30 benefitting properties will be levied a 15-year debt service assessment of \$171 annually with an additional \$150 per year for maintenance. Legal notice was sent to each property owner and published in the Helena Independent Record. As of the closing of the comment period on October 10, 2024, no public protest was received. 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.

Grant Task Order HHS-ECFS-00000468 Amendment One to Lewis and Clark Public Health from Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

[15:55] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented an amendment to the grant task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to extend the term to

September 30, 2025 and increase the total amount to \$662,189 for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

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.

Amendment No. 2 to Grant Award Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Ann McCauley)

[24:39] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented an amendment to an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Minimum Allocation Grant Award agreement with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for water/sewer upgrades for the Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Water and Sewer District. The amendment will add construction activities to the project scope and expand the project period to March 31, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

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.

Amendment No.1 to Subrecipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Water-Sewer District. (Ann McCauley)

[29:01] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented an amendment to a subrecipient agreement with Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Water-Sewer District to execute an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Minimum Allocation Grant for Water and Sewer Infrastructure. The amendment extends the period of performance to March 31, 2025 and adds construction work to the project scope. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

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.

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

[32:20] Max Eskildsen, Canyon Creek Fire District, gave an update on Canyon Creek Rural Fire District. There was a security system installed last weekend due to items coming up missing, including medical supplies which will total \$1,400 to replace. He is requesting the fire truck be returned to the station and requests assistance from the Sheriff's Office.

[38:18] Rick Grady, chair of Canyon Creek Fire District, brought an agenda for the next meeting and submitted his certificate of completion of the Montana Fire Trustees Association Annual Conference he recently attended and a letter from 1994 that supports that he is trained for electrical and fire safety.

[44:42] Jeremy Gilliam, Canyon Creek interim fire chief, desires to move forward. Birdseye Fire District does have concerns though they are willing to continue to support Canyon Creek.

He listed his qualifications for his position and stated he is committed to the community. Currently, there are several applicants for the board.


Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-24-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Andy Hunthausen, Chair


Candace Payne, Vice Chair


Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board