



PUBLIC MEETING

October 22, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22, 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, Keegan Shea, Pam Attardo, Phil Gonzalez, Rachel Ward, Greg McNally, Kim Smith, Anna Baker, Lawrence Lesofski, Gail Jester, Wally Jester, Justin Evans, Anne Blotkamp, Sarah Crowley, Michael Jacobson, John Carter, David Nardinger, Donna Church, Cory Baker, Jeff Miller, Joy Holloway, Jason Sorenson, Kyler Perkins, David Nimick, Jeff Dorrington, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Budget Amendments. (Frank Cornwell)

[1:30] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, and Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented budget amendments for October, 2024. Health plan claims are higher this year and the amendment is to address the higher claims by moving \$820,000 savings to the group health fund.

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.

Update on Unionville School American Rescue Plan Act Project. (Pam Attardo)

[13:40] Pam Attardo, Heritage Preservation Officer, gave an update on the Unionville school project. Anna Baker, Unionville resident, gave an overview of the project and shared a video of

the project.

No public comment was received.

Final Plat Application for Amended Parcels P1 & P2, Amending Lot P2K of the Hahn Tracts Subdivision, SUBD2024-007. (Applicant: Lawrence & Alexis Lesofski) (Planner: Phil Gonzalez)

[32:32] Phil Gonzalez, Planner II, presented a final plat application amendment for Lot P2K of the Hahn Tracts Subdivision to decrease a no access restriction by 50 feet along Michelle Drive. The conditions of approval have been met. Staff recommends approval of the final plat application.

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.

Request for Modification of Conditional Approval of the Wordsmith Subdivision. (Applicant: Kim Smith) (Planner: Rachel Ward)

[39:44] Rachel Ward, Planner II, presented a modification of conditional approval for the Coppersmith Subdivision to amend the condition that requires the approach of Esplin Drive be expanded to a three-lane approach, as suggested by the Montana Department of Transportation and County Engineer, Dan Karlin. Legal notice was posted on site, sent to adjacent property owners, and published in the Helena Independent record. There were no protests received. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

[52:00] Kim Smith, applicant, gave an overview of the process of the subdivisions.

[55:14] Ms. Ward reviewed the findings of facts and conclusions related to the amendment.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the modification of conditional approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Request for Modification of Conditional Approval of the Blacksmith Subdivision. (Applicant: Kim Smith) (Planner: Rachel Ward)

[1:23:12] Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to bring the Coppersmith subdivision discussion into the Wordsmith Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[1:23:45] Rachel Ward, Planner II, presented a modification of conditional approval for the Wordsmith Subdivision to amend the condition that requires the approach of Esplin Drive be expanded to a three-lane approach, as suggested by the Montana Department of Transportation and County Engineer, Dan Karlin. Legal notice was posted on site, sent to adjacent property owners, and published in the Helena Independent record. There were no protests received. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

[1:27:59] Kim Smith, applicant, spoke about the landowner and how he is authorized to submit the application for the subdivision.

[1:29:03] Ms. Ward reviewed the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve the modification of condition of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Request for Modification of Conditional Approval of the Coppersmith Subdivision. (Applicant: Kim Smith) (Planner: Rachel Ward)

[1:40:00] Rachel Ward, Planner II, presented a modification of conditional approval for the Blacksmith Subdivision to amend the condition that requires the approach of Esplin Drive be expanded to a three-lane approach, as suggested by the Montana Department of Transportation and County Engineer, Dan Karlin. Legal notice was posted on site, sent to adjacent property owners, and published in the Helena Independent record. There were no protests received. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

No public comment was received.

[1:44:11] Ms. Ward reviewed the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve modifications of conditional approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Request for Modification of Conditional Approval of the Arrowsmith Subdivision. (Applicant: Kim Smith) (Planner: Rachel Ward)

[1:55:12] Rachel Ward, Planner II, presented a modification of conditional approval for the Arrowsmith Subdivision to amend the condition that requires the approach of Esplin Drive be expanded to a three-lane approach, as suggested by the Montana Department of Transportation and County Engineer, Dan Karlin. Legal notice was posted on site, sent to adjacent property owners, and published in the Helena Independent record. There were no protests received. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

No public comment was received.

[2:00:01] Ms. Ward reviewed the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve the findings of fact and conclusions related to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to approve modifications of conditional approval. The motion was 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.

[2:12:35] Kim Smith thanked staff for the hard work.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12am.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-31-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

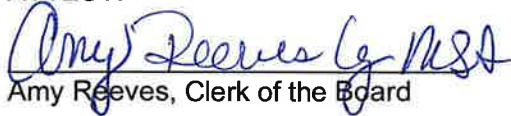


Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board