



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 3, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Frank Cornwell, Nicho Hash, Betsy Kirkeby, Zach Angstead, Laura Parr, Emily Parker, Kelly McDermott, Alex Blackmer, Erin Benedict, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Proclamation - 60th Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act.**

[0:02:17] Zach Angstead, Wild Montana Federal Legislative Director, acknowledged some of the key past and present people involved and read the proclamation recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Federal Wilderness Act.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Resolution 2024-99 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

[0:11:59] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

### **Recognition of the Special Relationship with the Helena Symphony Under the Stars. (Andy Hunthausen)**

[0:13:02] Commissioner Hunthausen recognized the Helena Symphony Under the Stars.

[0:13:47] Allan R. Scott, Music Director of the Helena Symphony gave an overview of the Symphony Under the Stars and stated the economic impact for the community is massive. The Helena Symphony is celebrating 70 years and is the largest annual event in Montana. He discussed the desire to keep the event free to the community, partnerships, sponsorships, the high cost of keeping it going, and the request for increased funding.

**Resolution 2024-98 Intention to Create the Oleo Acres Rural Improvement District, No. 2024-8. (Jessica Makus)**

[0:35:50] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented the resolution of intention to create the Oleo Acres Rural Improvement District (RID) for the purpose of improving and maintaining Birkland Drive. The original RID was created in 1995 to maintain the improvements that are at the end of their functional life and no longer benefit from annual maintenance. Staff held a meeting with property owners and the result was a petition with 40% of the 30 property owners signatures for a new gravel improvement. Ms. Makus reviewed the character of the improvements with financing estimated at \$49,705 for a 15-year debt service assessment of \$171 annually for each benefiting property. She reviewed the character of the annual maintenance with an annual maintenance of approximately \$4,500 and benefiting properties maintenance assessment of \$150 annually. The total proposed assessment is \$321 per property for the first 15 years; dropping to annual maintenance at loan payoff. If approved legal notice will be published and mailed to all property owners, with public comment accepted by October 15, 2024. Staff recommends 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.

**Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)**

[0:44:20] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the board appointment for the Noxious Weed Board; staff recommends that the Commissioners consider the candidate for the Lincoln Representative on the Noxious Weed Board to a partial term that will expire December 31, 2026.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to appoint Monte Miles to the Noxious Weed Board as the Lincoln Representative and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[0:48:02] Mr. Cornwell presented the board appointment for the Lincoln Solid Waste Board; staff recommends that the Commissioners consider the candidate for the Lincoln Solid Waste Board to a term that expires June 30, 2027.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to appoint Mike Winters to the Lincoln Solid Waste Board and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[0:49:06] Mr. Cornwell presented the board appointment for the Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee; staff recommends that the Commissioners consider the candidates for reappointment to the Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee to terms that will expire June 30, 2027.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to appoint Jayson O'Neill and Joe Cohenour to the Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[0:50:10] Mr. Cornwell presented the board appointment for the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Board; staff recommends that the Commissioners consider the candidate as the joint City-County member to the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Board to a term that will expire June 30, 2027.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to appoint William Rust to the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Board and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

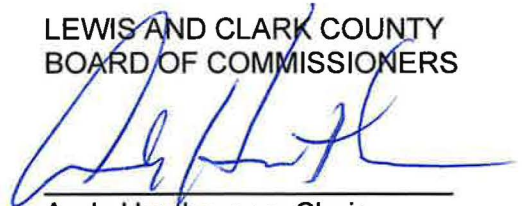
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-3-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board