



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 5, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 5, 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, Frank Cornwell, Nicho Hash, Greg McNally, Keegan Shea, Rachel Ward, Audra Zacherl, Dan Karlin, Ray LaFramboise, Donagene LaFramboise, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 22, 27, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)

[1:51] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended 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.

### **Bid Opening. RID Overlays. (Audra Zacherl)**

[2:46] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for the construction of the Rural Improvement Districts (RIDs) overlay in the Helena Valley. Four bids were received. Schedule 1 to be completed by October 31, 2024 and Schedule 2 to be completed by July 31, 2025. The first bid is from Advantage Asphalt Paving LLC of Missoula, MT, Schedule 2 for \$421,343.64. The second bid is from Cap Paving of East Helena, MT, Schedule 1 for \$284,095.71, Schedule 2 for \$284,309.95. The third bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel of Helena, MT, Schedule 1 for \$268,183.45, Schedule 2 for \$268,196.45. The last bid is from Hoffman's R&M Services of Butte, MT, Schedule 1 for \$310,593.16, Schedule 2 \$290,911. Staff

recommends taking the bids under advisement and coming back with a recommendation on September 19, 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 September 19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Presentation of School District Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2024. (Katrina Chaney)**

[11:02] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the school district mill levies for Fiscal Year 2025. 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 3-0 vote.

**Resolution 2024-100 Providing for the Annual Tax Levy in Mills for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (Frank Cornwell)**

[18:11] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution providing for the annual tax levy in mills for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

**Preliminary Plat Application for Bitterroot Estates Subdivision, SUBD2023-011. (Tabled from 8-22-24) (Applicant: Raymond & Donagene LaFromboise) (Planner: Rachel Ward)**

[55:58] Rachel Ward, Planner II, presented the Bitterroot Minor Subdivision preliminary plat application and variance request that was tabled from August 22, 2024. Staff recommends approval.

[1:003:58] Ray LaFromboise stated it has been a pleasure working with Rachel Ward.

No public comment was received.

A global motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to conditionally approve the preliminary plat application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne.

[1:10:04] Ms. Ward and Commissioner Hunthausen discussed the four conclusions of the Findings of Fact with additional discussion on not granting the variance or granting it with conditions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to adopt the Findings of Fact related to the variance request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe.

[1:40:53] Mr. LaFromboise explained the reason for the 40-foot easement.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a motion on the floor to adopt the Findings of Fact. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to adopt the Conclusions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to adopt the variance request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[1:49:03] Ms. Ward and Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed and discussed the Findings of Fact related to impacts on agriculture; agriculture water users; water and wastewater; solid waste; mail delivery; utilities; roads and traffic; schools; emergency services, no comments were received from West Valley Fire; natural environment; wildlife; wildlife habitat; public health and safety; compliance with subdivision regulations; compliance with survey requirements; provision of easements within and to the proposed subdivision for the location and installation of any planned utilities; provision of legal and physical access to each parcel within the proposed subdivision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to adopt the Findings of Fact. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to adopt the Conclusions that Bitterroot Estates Minor Subdivision will have adverse impacts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[3:10:50] Ms. Ward and Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed and discussed the conditions of approval related to the listed impacts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to adopt the Conditions of Approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a global motion on the floor to conditionally approve the preliminary plat application for the Bitterroot Minor Subdivision. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

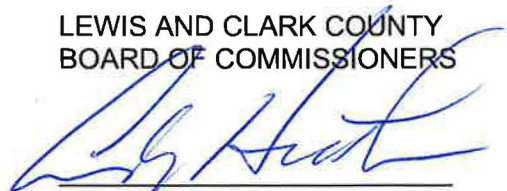
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-3-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

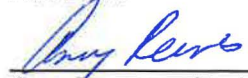


Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board