

PUBLIC MEETING
January 31, 2006

Chair Anita Varone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Murray and Tinsley are present. Others attending all or portion of the meeting included, Ron Alles, Jerry Grebenc, Jaci Grenfell, Kathy Ernst, Deborah Hayden, Larry Marshall, Lindsay Morgan, Marni Bentley, Cindy Morrison Swank, Bob Klean, Joyce Evans, and Maria Penna.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Items. Jerry Grebenc read the consent action items.

- a. Approval of 2006 Minutes. January 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19.
- b. Montana Board of Crime Control Grant. Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force Underage Drinking Enforcement. This grant application is a continuation from FY05-06 grant. Contract amount \$50,960.53 (Sheriff Liedle/Jacalyn Grenfell)
- c. Modification of Contract with Motorola Inc. for Phase II Spectrum Expansion for the Radio Project. Contract amount \$105,000. (Sheriff Liedle/Jacalyn Grenfell)

Commissioner Tinsley moved to table consent item 'b' to Thursday, February 2, at the recommendation of staff. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve consent items 'a' and 'c' and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Funding Request by Gateway Economic Development District. Deborah Hayden introduced Kathy Ernst, President of Gateway Economic Development District. The District has requested the amount of \$15,000 to be used as match funds for various grants in the effort to clean up the Lamping property in East Helena and to bring some productive development and taxable value to that land and for the benefit of jobs in the East Helena area. They have obtained \$150,000 in funding and will apply \$50,000 to that project.

Kathy Ernst stated the Lamping project and the ASARCO project are important projects targeted for cleanup and redevelopment. Having the community's support and the Commission's support helps the District in obtaining more funding.

During a discussion regarding the budgetary impact Ron Alles confirmed Gateway has received a \$150,000 HUD grant and they have approximately \$30,000 in place. Lewis and Clark County will be allocated \$50,000 for the Lamping property.

Commissioner Murray asked why this request has not proceeded through the County budget process. Ms. Hayden stated she was directed to come at this time and will try to join in the regular budget process in the future.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the funding request and authorize the Chair to sign. Chair Varone seconded the motion. Commissioner Murray opposed the motion because it is outside of the budget process. The motion carried 2-1.

Final Plat Approval for the Northwest Minor Subdivision (a.k.a. Northwest Major Subdivision-I). (Applicant, Larry Marshall) (cont. from 1/12/06). The Commissioners will consider the final plat and modify the subdivision improvements agreement that the applicant relocates the mailbox cluster. Lindsay Morgan reported this item is not ready to be considered for final plat today. Staff is waiting for updated title report to show there are no liens against the property.

Commissioner Murray stated in order to support condition 6, Mr. Marshall needs to present a letter of credit/bond as a guarantee that the mailboxes are moved.

Ms. Morgan stated there is an amendment to the subdivision improvements agreement that discusses the relocation of the mailbox and his bond agreement with the county is an additional \$800 to cover the mailbox relocation.

Commissioner Tinsley moved to table this to February 7 as recommended by staff. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution to Amend Rural Improvement District 2004-1, North Hills. Marni Bentley reported on December 8 the Board passed a resolution of intention to amend the scope of the North Hills Rural Improvement District No. 2004-1 to allow snow plowing on roads east of Collins Drive. The protest period ended January 23 and several letters were received. The last legislature changed the method of calculating protest for an RID. Since the protest percentage is 59% using the taxable valuation method no further action is required at this time.

Bond Resolution Relating to the Gable Estates Rural Improvement District No. 2003-1. Marni Bentley reported this resolution is the final loan drawn down in the amount of \$317,476.01 from the InterCap Loan Program. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner Murray moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the resolution. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution to Vacate and Abandon a Segment of an Alley Right-of-Way, Hewins Addition, Block 2, Pursuant to Section 7-14-2601, MCA. (Applicant Eastside Storage, LLC). The applicant has requested the county to vacate and abandon the alley right-of-way in the Hewins Addition, Block 2. Jerry Grebenc reported the subject alley is located north of Highway 12. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and quit claim deed. Commissioner Varone has inspected the property and signed off on it. Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the resolution and authorize the Chair to sign the necessary documents. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion.

Commissioner Murray asked why the alley is not needed. Commissioner Varone stated since the subdivision was been platted, there are more businesses rather than residents and the alley is more useful for parking and larger buildings for the businesses.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public comments on matters not mentioned above. Ron Alles reported Consultant Mosaic Architecture is holding a public meeting tonight to look at design characteristics of the new exhibition hall and grandstands.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Anita L. Varone, Chair

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board