

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**December 20, 2007**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Commissioners Andy Hunthausen and Ed Tinsley were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Kelly Blake, Lindsay Morgan, Nancy Everson, Jack Walsh, Susan Hughes, Bernie Franks-Ongy, and Maria Penna, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. None.

Subdivision Improvements Agreement for the Northwest Major Subdivision - II. (Applicant, Sunshine Investments, LLC/Susan Hughes, Member) (Planner, Lindsay Morgan) The Commissioners will consider the agreement. The property is located in the NE1/4 of Section 7, T11N, R3W.

Lindsay Morgan reported that the applicant had requested an extension of the subdivision improvements agreement until February 1, 2008 to complete some remaining improvements. The majority of the improvements have been completed.

Mike Hughes, 809 Harrison, stated the only item to complete was the installation of street signs.

Hearing no public comments, the comment period closed. Commissioner Tinsley moved approval of the extension for the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Financing a Portion of a Proposed Project for the Montana Advocacy Program, Inc., A Non-Profit Corporation, Under Title 90, Chapter 5, Montana Code Annotated. The Commissioners will consider the resolution calling for a public hearing to be scheduled on January 15, 2008 at 9 a.m. The proposed project is to finance the acquisition and remodeling of a building into offices for the corporation located at 1022 Chestnut Avenue in Helena, MT.

Bernadette Franks-Ongy, Executive Director of the Montana Advocacy Program, discussed the project. The Montana Advocacy Program is a private non-profit organization that provides legal and advocacy services along with information referral services to the public and community about disability rights. The intent is to purchase the building on Chestnut Avenue with bond financing and Wells Fargo will be the purchasers of the bonds.

Ron Alles stated that the county, as a local government, has the ability to issue bonds

on behalf of a non-profit organization that are in the best interests of the community. The bonds that would be issued ultimately are no liability to the county or citizens of the county and it is a program that state and federal law allows local governments to do.

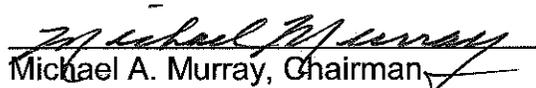
Hearing no public comments, the comment period closed. Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the resolution calling for a public hearing on January 15, 2008 and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

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

The Commissioners wished everybody joy and peace of the season.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Michael A. Murray, Chairman

  
Ed Tinsley, Vice-Chairman

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board