

**PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2014  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Michele Peterson-Cook, Marni Bentley, Tammy Potter, Joani Tompkins, Andrea Silverman, Frank Rives, Al Knauber, Jeanne Holmgren and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Vendor Claims Report for the Week of October 20, 2014. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes: October 9 and 14, 2014. (Nichole Nisbet)
- c. Resolution 2014-114 Ordering a Refund of Taxes/Fees/Assessments Paid by Thomas J & Rhonda K Vogl in the amount of \$1,382.94. (Cheryl Green)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items 2a-c and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve consent item 2a-c.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Quit Claim Deed for 6 ¼ Percent Royalty Interest in the William Tiddy Parcel. (Eric Bryson)

The Commissioners will consider conveying royalty interests held by Lewis and Clark County to Prickly Pear Land Trust as part of a land transfer to the Forest Service.

Eric Bryson presented the quit claim deed for the 6 ¼ percent royalty interest in the William Tiddy parcel that was acquired by tax deed and sold by the County. In that process the County has reserved the statutory allowed royalty interest and in this case there is an interested party that is willing to accept them and warranty deed them to the Forest Service as part of a larger conservation project.

**DISCUSSION-**

Jeanne Holmgren with the Forest Service stated that the in holdings were transferred to Prickly Pear Land Trust and the final package for the Forest Service to acquire the in holdings would be for the Forest Service hold the royalty interests and they would be ready to close by the end of November. The intent of the easement is not to allow for future mining and revenue would not likely be produced since the mining of minerals or mineral potential has been exhausted.

No further public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the quit claim deed.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

State of Montana Board of Crime Control Violence Against Women Act Grant Award FY15 to Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Joani Tompkins)

The Commissioners will consider the Violence Against Women Award (VAWA) FY15 grant award to Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office for \$37,933, with a local match of \$12,644 for the total of \$50,577. The grant period is through 6/30/2015.

Deputy Joani Tompkins presented the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Violence against Women Act grant award FY15 to Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office. The grant pays a portion of her salary each year and allows her to serve the victims in Lewis and Clark County of domestic violence and sexual assault which includes children. Services are also provided to men. Deputy Tompkins is available at 447-8245.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve the grant award.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Decision. Proposed Road Vacation of Segments of Grand Aerie Boulevard and Eight Avenue and Vacation of Alleys in Block 17 and 18 of Eagle Heights Addition to Leslieton. (tabled from 10/16/14). (Applicant: Julie Ageson, Planner: Frank Rives)

The Commissioners will consider the proposed road vacation of segments of Grand Aerie Boulevard and Eight Avenue and vacation of alleys in the Block 17 and 18 of the Eagle Heights Addition to Leslieton.

Frank Rives presented the proposed road vacation of segments of Grand Aerie Boulevard and Eight Avenue and vacation of alleys in Block 17 and 18 of Eagle Heights addition to Leslieton. Frank stated that research has been completed to whether the road and alley vacations would affect access for other land owners who use Castles Road in order to access their properties and it was determined that the access east of the subject property and the easements are protected by easements agreements and does not affect the right of access of those property owners east of the applicant's property and their right of access is recorded in documents found in the County's Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Deputy County Attorney, Michele Peterson-Cook stated that amending the resolution to clarify that additional research has been done to include the following, it was determined this abandonment, vacation, or discontinuance of easements does not affect or impair the access of private landowners to the east of Julie B. Ageson's property; and whereas, it was determined this abandonment, vacation, or discontinuance of easements does not affect the public's access to public lands or waters.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the resolution as presented and amended by adding the following: whereas it was determined this abandonment, vacation, or discontinuance of easements does not affect or impair the access of private landowners to the east of Julie B. Ageson's property; and whereas, it was determined this abandonment, vacation, or discontinuance of easements does not affect the public's access to public lands or waters.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

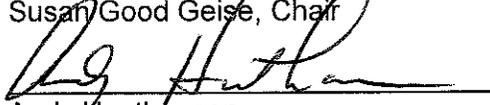
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Susan Good Geise, Chair



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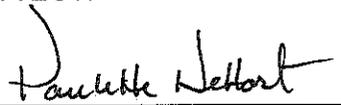
Andy Hunthausen



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Michael Murray

ATTEST:



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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board