

**PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2014  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 8, 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, Katie Jerstad, Larry Hoffman, Carrie Severson, Greg McNally, Dean Retz, Christal Ness, Al Knauber, James Bissett, Scott Powers, Jim Cottrill, Keith Allen, Colleen Leppink, Luba Solomenko and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

The Commission recognized and thanked Luba Solomenko, Beartooth NBC reporter, for her faithful and fair reporting during the past year, as she was departing Helena for Florida.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Consent for Assignment between Rocky Mountain Dev. Council, Inc. and Montana Youth Homes for Lease Agreement dated May 9, 1994, between the County and Montana Youth Homes for the Margaret Stuart Shelter Home. Nunc Pro Tunc (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action item and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of consent action item a.

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

Independent Contractor Contract between Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito Control District of L&C County and JHS, Inc. (Larry Hoffman) The Commissioners will consider the contract for mosquito control in an amount not to exceed \$9,420.00 for the period May 1 – Dec. 31, 2014.

Larry Hoffman, Weed Dist. Coordinator, presented the Independent Contractor Contract between the Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito District and JHS, Inc. for mosquito control in the amount of \$9,420.00. The contract runs May 1 – Dec. 31, 2014 and covered the area from the Wolf Creek Bridge through Craig, Montana. Program funding was through a special mill levy.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract between Wolf-Creek Craig Mosquito Control District of Lewis & Clark County and JHS, Inc. as presented.

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

Independent Contractor Contract between Helena Valley Mosquito Control District of L&C County and JHS, Inc. (Larry Hoffman) The Commissioners will consider the contract for mosquito control in an amount not to exceed \$184,750.00 for the period May 1 – Dec. 31, 2014.



Commissioner Good Geise. Action Item 4. Independent Contractor Contract between Helena Valley Mosquito Control District of L&C County and JHS, Inc.

Larry Hoffman, Weed Dist. Coordinator, presented the Independent Contractor Contract between the Helena Valley Mosquito Control District and JHS, Inc. for mosquito control in the amount of \$184,750. The contract runs May 1 – Dec. 31, 2014 and covered the Helena Valley area. Program funding was through a special mill levy.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract between Helena Valley Mosquito Control District and JHS, Inc.

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

Commissioner Good Geise was currently serving as the Commission's representative on the Mosquito Boards.

Resolution 2014-37. Resolution of Intent to Create a Rural Improvement District for Lake Home Road Number 2014-1. (Carrie Severson) The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Carrie Severson, Special Districts Coordinator, presented Resolution 2014-37, a Resolution of Intent to Create a Rural Improvement District for Lake Home Road Number 2014-1. The petitioners requested a Scope of Service that included an asphalt mat to be placed along a public portion of Lake Home Road, as indicated on the map, at a cost of approx. \$1,657.78 per parcel per year for 15 years, and annual maintenance was \$937.02. The district was bounded by Lake Helena Road and Lake Helena in the Lakeside Bar area. One ingress/egress served the properties to be included in the district. The petition was circulated in May of 2013, and contained 57% of parcels to be included in the district; County policy required signatures representing 60% of parcels to be represented. Petitioners had submitted a letter requesting a pardon from that particular requirement. Staff provided options for Commission consideration. If the Commission moved forward, the required protest would be 50%; if less than 50% a public hearing was still required to consider testimony prior to rendering a decision.

Public comment –

Keith Allen, 4997 Lake Home Road, East Helena, noted his address was incorrect in the County GIS data and could not be corrected until the State Dept. of Revenue received title deed; requested assistance. Mr. Allen stated his opposition to the creation of the RID for the following reasons: questioned the number of benefitted properties; petition signatures were not dated; 60% threshold had not been met; condo addresses on the petition were not correct.

Colleen Leppick, 4994 Lake Home Road, a full-time area resident for 52 years, expressed opposition to the RID as she was on a fixed income and could not afford the cost of the RID.

Commissioner Murray moved to take the public comment under advisement and render a decision on April 10, 2014, at the regularly scheduled public meeting.

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

Resolution 2014-38. Resolution of Intent to Create a Rural Improvement District for Lake Home Condominium Public Access Easements Number 2014-2. (Carrie Severson) The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Carrie Severson, Special Districts Coordinator, presented Resolution 2014-38, a Resolution of Intent to Create a Rural Improvement District for Lake Home Condominium Public Access Easements Number 2014-2. The petitioners requested the RID to pave the accesses to their condominium homes. The petition contained 100% of property owners to be included in the RID, at a cost of \$1,680.17 per parcel for 15 years, and the annual maintenance was \$983.31.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2014-38, as presented.

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

Resolution 2014-39 Establishing a Schedule of Administrative Fees for the Application and Review of Buildings for Rent or Lease. (Greg McNally) The Commissioners will consider the resolution.

Greg McNally, Planner, presented Resolution 2014-39 Establishing a Schedule of Administrative Fees for the Application and Review of Buildings for Rent or Lease. Exhibit A contained the fee schedule of \$500 + \$25 per residential unit, + \$50 per non-residential unit, for a total fee not to exceed \$1,000. On Aug. 29, 2013, the Commission adopted regulations that guided the application and review of the creation of four or more buildings for rent or lease on a single tract of land when those uses were not otherwise exempt under State Law. The law also provided that the Commission may establish reasonable fees to be paid by a landowner commensurate with the cost of application review. The County's Community Development and Planning Staff researched for comparable jurisdictions and recommended the fee schedule in Exhibit A, and the attached application template. The review process would include administration, on-site investigations, inspections, analysis and data entry. Options were presented for Commission consideration and action.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2014-39 Establishing a Schedule of Administrative Fees for the Application and Review of Buildings for Rent or Lease.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion.

Discussion –

Commissioner Hunthausen noted the Commission was directed in the last Legislative Session to establish guidelines for reviewing buildings for rent or lease. Establishing a fee for the review process was permitted, but not required.

Commissioner Good Geise stated her comfort in supporting the motion, based on Staff's research and recommended fee schedule.

The motion carried 3-0.

Volunteers of America Northern Rockies Update. (James Bissett) The Commissioners will receive an update on the status of the program and statistics on the number of homeless veterans in the county placed into employment and housing.

James Bissett, Director of Volunteers of America Northern Rockies, 1205 Butte Ave., Helena, provided an overview of the program and its success in placing veterans into employment and housing. Since its inception, 122 homeless veterans had enrolled in the program; 47 had been placed in housing and 76 into full-time employment. The programs were heavily integrated into the community through partnership with groups such as God's Love and Good Samaritan, in addition to being housed at the Job Service. Partnering with companies such as Home Depot allowed for a streamlining the application and hiring process for veterans.

Scott Powers, Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program and Supported Service for Veterans Program, administered the grant program funded by the Veteran's Administration through the Dept. of Labor. The Dept. of Labor grant assists with employment, and the SSV Grant assists with housing. Currently 32 veterans' families in Lewis & Clark County were enrolled in the program; the program was projected to serve 50 families by October 1, when the 2-year grant renewal would be sought.

Discussion –

Commissioner Murray expressed appreciation for the work of the Volunteers of American program, noting the average person doesn't often encounter homeless in the community.

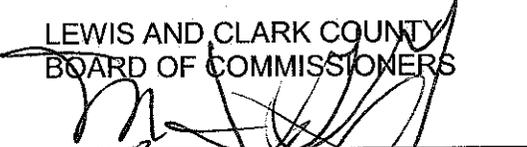
Commissioner Good Geise asked if there was a particular service to assist veterans who may become involved in the justice system.

James Bissett responded this was challenging; PTSD was currently a hot topic. He had not worked directly with the Sheriff's Dept. on PTSD related cases. Scott Powers noted attempts were made to put them in touch with the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs for assistance.

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

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

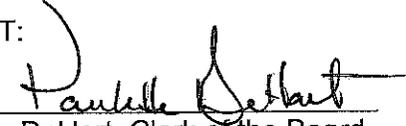
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