



PUBLIC MEETING

January 10, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Peter Italiano, Sam Neill, Brian Coplin, Jim Strachan, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending January 11, 2019. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2019-9 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- c. Resolution 2019-10 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-c and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2019-8 Designating an Environmental Certifying Official. (Planner: Sam Neill)

Sam Neill, Planner I presented the resolution appointing Samantha Neill as the Environmental Certifying Official for Lewis and Clark County. In order for Lewis and Clark County to apply and receive federal, state, local and private funding to construct affordable housing for low and moderate income persons as well as to provide homebuyer and/or rent assistance, an Environmental Certifying Official (ECO) must be appointed. The ECO will produce an annual Environmental Review Record for projects funded and approved by the Montana Department of Commerce HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs conducted in Lewis and Clark County. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented the board appointments for the City-County Library Board, City-County Parks Board, and the Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC).

Staff recommends the following appointments: Helen Fandrich to the City-County Library Board to a term that expires December 31, 2023; Leah Norberg to the City-County Parks Board to a term that expires September 30, 2021; Jess Hegstrom to the Mental Health LAC as a Family member to complete the unexpired term of a previous member to expire June 30, 2019; Vannessa Yang to the Mental Health LAC as a Consumer member to complete the unexpired term of a previous member to expire June 30, 2020; Bob Stewart to the Mental Health LAC as a Consumer member to complete the unexpired term of a previous member to expire June 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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.

Brian Coplin, 1805 Joslyn Street, #129 asked where a person goes for the type of services listed on the Helena's Victim of Services brochure. Montana has a mental health crisis and is listed as the highest suicide rate per capita in the nation. Mr. Coplin gave an overview of a veteran that he has been working with that has substance abuse issues, anger management issues, thinks no one cares about him so why should he care about anyone. He is 90% correct as most of the community does not care about people like that and they do not have the time to care.

Mr. Coplin stated he recently found out that he is considered more of a problem than part of the solution and noted he has been working on being part of the solution for the past 30 years. The veteran he has been trying to help beat on him and is currently in jail. Mr. Coplin stated he is not able to utilize the listed services because of his location.

Commissioner McCormick stated the Commission understands his message, thanked Mr. Coplin for the brochure and noted the contact information listed in the brochure. Commissioner McCormick also informed Mr. Coplin the Commission could try and arrange time with the people listed.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated Mr. Coplin is correct that Montana is one of the leading states for suicide. The community is working on the issue such as the formation and funding of the Suicide Prevention Coalition and many other initiatives that the County has provided leadership to enact. The services listed in the brochure are available to all Lewis and Clark County residents.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jim McCormick, Chair


Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair


Andy Munthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board