



PUBLIC MEETING

January 16, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Charles Lane, Eric Merchant, Audra Zacherl, Kevin Wright, Brent Colbert, Conrad Evarts, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between Lewis & Clark Public Health and FDH & Associates. (Eric Merchant)

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the contract with FDH & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for HIV prevention services. The contract begins upon approval through December 31, 2020. This contract is a continuation of services that started in June, 2018. The contract has resulted in a 90% increase in testing over the past year and a half. The contract scope of services includes outreach and prevention services for both HIV and Hepatitis C such as: counseling, testing and referral services for HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis C; comprehensive HIV prevention services for high risk HIV-negative persons; condom distribution; targeted HIV prevention advertising for services provided through social media, billboards, newspaper; report any reactive test results to FDH & Associates.

No public comment was received.

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

Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the Detention Center Renovation. In the past couple of months, CMU block wall construction was completed on the main level. Window and door frames were installed on the main and lower levels. Main breakers were changed over for the entire building, new electrical panels in the lower level were installed and wire is being pulled into them

with some permanent circuits completed. New cell fixtures were received and are being installed along with new duct work in the attic. The new cooler has been installed and is in use.

Over the next few weeks electrical conduit runs will be completed; overhead rough-in will be completed in the lower level; new duct work will be running into the ceilings in all areas; taping and texturing drywall will take place; installation of Trusswall panels will begin; doors will be hung in the already installed frames and the exterior window frames will be set.

Expenditures to date total \$3,611,268. Construction is expected to continue through August, 2020 and will transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space with 156 beds.

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

Conrad Evarts, local business owner, would like to suggest a change to the community decay ordinance. Mr. Evarts has been trying to get a neighboring piece of property cleaned up, has worked closely with the Environmental Health Department and County Sanitarians for two and half years but feels that the Sheriff's Office and County Attorney refuse to enforce the regulations. He would like to see changes, particularly to junk vehicles.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair
Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board