



PUBLIC MEETING

January 18, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Carrie Lutkehus, Ann McCauley, Carrie Krepps, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for November 23 and 25, December 13 and 23, 2021 and January 4, 2022. (Nadine McCarty)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the consent action items 2a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Request for American Rescue Plan Act Funds Direct Allocation from Florence Crittenton Home and Services. (Carrie Lutkehus)

Carrie Lutkehus, ARPA Program Specialist, presented the request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a purchase and acquisition project for the Florence Crittenton Home and Services (FCHS). FCHS has requested \$600,000 in ARPA funds to complete the purchase and acquisition of the Cooney Building located at 3404 Cooney Drive in Helena. FCHS is currently restricted by its facility layout and size and is operating out of multiple buildings. With the goal of co-locating all program and administrative services in one building, FCHS has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,250,000 which covers just over 40% of the total project cost. FCHS has sought private donations for an additional \$1,250,000 to match the amount of the CDBG, leaving \$600,000 for this request. Securing these funds will allow FCHS to immediately begin providing services upon relocation to the new facility. This translates to the ability to serve 74 additional families in the community, which is a 50% increase over their current capacity across all programs. The expanded

programs will open an additional 22 childcare slots allowing families to continue working amid childcare shortages, will establish pre-kindergarten classes, and it will create 14 new jobs.

The ARPA eligible expenditure category for the request is Category 3: Services to the Disproportionately Impacted Communities in both the Healthy Childhood Environments and Social Determinants of Health subcategories.

Carrie Krepps, FCHS Executive Director, gave an overview of the Home and the programs they offer. The completion of this purchase without debt will allow them to jump right into the renovations of the building so that they can begin offering programs in the facility as soon as possible. They have conducted a preliminary architectural report and have a plan moving forward. Ms. Krepps thanked the Commission for their support of this project as well as the CDBG application.

Commissioners stated that this is an excellent example of public-private partnerships that create jobs in the community.

Staff recommends approval of the ARPA request in the amount of \$600,000.

No public comment was received.

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

Subrecipient Agreement between Lewis and Clark County and Florence Crittenton Home and Services (Carrie Lutkehus)

Carrie Lutkehus, ARPA Program Specialist, presented the subrecipient agreement with Florence Crittenton Home and Services (FCHS). The agreement is for the implementation of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) direct allocation award from the County. Through this sub-award, FCHS will purchase and acquire the Cooney Building to locate all of its operations and services in one building. The amount of the ARPA award is \$600,000 and the period of performance for the agreement is January 18, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Staff recommends approval of the subrecipient agreement.

No public comment was received.

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

Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim McCormick, Chair

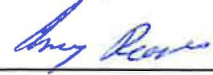


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board