



PUBLIC MEETING

January 25, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Brent Colbert, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Lindsay Morgan, Joe Murphy, Cherche Prezeau, Jill Steeley, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending January 26, 2018. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Memorandum of Understanding Between PureView Health Center and Boyd Andrew Community Services. (Jill Steeley)

Jill Steeley, Executive Director of PureView, presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Boyd Andrew Community Services. In expansion of the behavioral health plan, it was realized many patients are struggling with addiction. A grant was written to the Montana Healthcare Foundation to implement universal screening for all patients 10 years and older for addictions. The screenings would occur in the clinic and then if necessary refer to a licensed addiction counselor. Boyd Andrew Community Services will provide an addiction therapist full time at PureView. A Business Associate Agreement will also be signed since the therapist will have access to all medical records within the system. The agreement has been approved by the PureView Board of Directors. The terms of the MOU will be reviewed on an annual basis. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

Ms. Steeley explained this is one of the first partnerships in the state between a federally qualified health center and a community mental health services provider. Because Boyd Andrew is specifically geared towards addiction counseling, they were thought to be the best fit to provide these services. There are specific clinical outcomes that are expected of this agreement. Those include an increased ability by primary care staff to manage mental health in a primary care setting; prevention of medical and psychiatric deterioration via early identification and direct, on-site treatment; improved health by increasing behavioral health services; increase screenings for substance abuse disorders; and increased referrals to addiction services for PureView Health Center patients.

Ms. Steeley explained that federally health qualified centers receive a federal grant in order to subsidize their services because they provide services to uninsured and under-insured patients.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and the USDA, Forest Service, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. (Brent Colbert)

Brent Colbert, Sheriff Department's Captain, presented the cooperative law enforcement renewal with the USDA Forest Service for the annual cooperative law enforcement agreement in the amount of \$13,500.00. The contract period is upon the date of signature through December 31, 2018. The purpose of the agreement is to provide a cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Department and the US Forest Service to enhance state and local law enforcement with activities on National Forest lands and to provide reimbursement to the Sheriff's Department for this effort. The funds are to be used to perform campground patrol checks in the designated areas as outlined in the contract. Those areas would be outlying areas such as Lincoln, Augusta, and the York area.

No public comment was received.

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

Business Associates Agreement Between PureView Health Center and Boyd Andrew Community Services. (Jill Steeley)

Jill Steeley, Executive Director of PureView, presented the Business Associate Agreement with Boyd Andrew Community Services. This agreement is in relationship to the previously approved MOU with Boyd Andrew and is a standard agreement for the purpose of compliance with federal law. Anytime an entity can view the electronic medical records they sign a Business Associate Agreement. This agreement protects patients for Health Information Patient (HIPAA) violations by allowing PureView to audit patient records to see who was looking at those records.

No public comment was received.

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

Proposed Evacuation Plan for Holter Lake Lodge Subdivision. (Applicant: Backdoor Mountain, L.L.C.) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)

Lindsay Morgan, Planner II, presented the proposed evacuation plan for the preliminarily approved Holter Lake Lodge Subdivision; a 22 unit-condominium subdivision located at 1348 Beartooth

Road adjacent to Holter Lake. The subdivision was granted preliminary approval on December 13, 2013 under a settlement agreement. As a condition of the settlement agreement, an evacuation plan is to be prepared by the development and approved by the County Commission. A proposed plan has been prepared by Joe Murphy, P.E. in consultation with a qualified fire management specialist. On behalf of Backdoor Mountain, LLC, Ralph Beltrone is requesting that the Commission consider the proposed evacuation plan should Beartooth Road be blocked between the subdivision and the state highway to the north-northwest. The proposed plan states residents could drive south along the shore of Holter Lake to a campground where they could be rescued by helicopter or other aircraft; residents could boat across Holter Lake and if necessary up the Missouri River where they could be rescued by aircraft or other vehicular means. Additionally, Beartooth Road extends southerly beyond the end of Holter Lake, people could take that route by vehicle to a location where they could be reached by helicopter and all-terrain vehicles could be used to navigate the emergency routes described above. According to the County's GIS office, Beartooth Road is approximately 12 miles long and it is approximately 10 miles from the Holter Lake Lodge Subdivision to the end of the road and approximately 4 miles from the subdivision to the campground.

Ms. Morgan stated that the Planning Department has not visited with an emergency personnel regarding this plan; that was the responsibility of the consultant and the fire management specialist hired by the developer.

Joe Murphy, Big Sky Civil and Environmental, consultant hired by the developer. Mr. Murphy stated that they did contact a local fire management specialist and they indicated that they did not have experience with providing an evacuation plan for a development that only has one method of ingress/egress; however, he did look at the options and stated that they are reasonable. Mr. Murphy recommends adopting all of the options for the plan rather than picking just one as the evacuation plan. Mr. Murphy added that they have not contacted any of the landowners who's property would have to be accessed for these proposed evacuation routes.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Cherche Prezeau, 314 N. Last Chance Gulch, represents Backdoor Mountain, LLC gave a brief background on the development and stated that a variance for a single ingress/egress was approved for the subdivision in 2009 and is concerned that the Commission is getting hung up on an item that has been previously approved. Ms. Prezeau explained the private necessity doctrine which allows for a defense to trespass; if you were evacuating to save your life, you could trespass. Ms. Prezeau suggested removing the route that travels through Gray Gulch if the Commission is worried about landowner permission or trespassing. Removing that route would still leave 3 evacuation routes that the Commission could approve.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated that there isn't much guidance with regards to what is or is not a sufficient evacuation plan. The condition of approval regarding the evacuation plan cannot be used as a way to get a second ingress/egress.

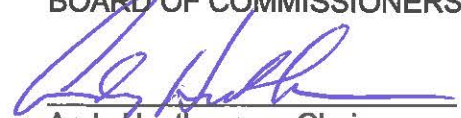
A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to table the item to the February 1, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Adjourn

There being no further information, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board