



PUBLIC MEETING
January 27, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 27, 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 Pam Attardo, Roger Baltz, Kari DesRosier, Charles Lane, Audra Zacherl, Katrina Chaney, Casey Hayes, Phil Gonzalez, Kevin Horne, Betsy Kirkeby, Angie Sparks, Rachel Harlow-Schalk, Bill Fields, Katy Fields, Andrew Fields, Sean Morrison, Jennifer Craig, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation Declaring April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, read the proclamation declaring April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day, which coincides with National Arbor Day in 2022. Though this is months in advance, a copy of the proclamation is necessary for submission of a grant application to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Arbor Day Grant Program. Lewis and Clark County proposes an application to the Arbor Day Grant program in the amount of \$750 to support planting of multiple trees at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds. The planting will be done in partnership with Growing Friends of Helena, a local nonprofit tree organization who will provide both cash and in-kind (volunteer time) match on the project. Staff recommends approval on this Proclamation.

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.

Consent Action Item

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Burdick's Locksmith. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the contract with Burdick's Locksmith to provide materials, equipment, and labor to install Millenium Access Control Systems in the 222 and 310 buildings, as an extension of the Courthouse fob access system. Work was to be completed by

September 17, 2021, actual completion occurred by December 1, 2021, and an invoice was received last week. Activities occurred out of order due to COVID-19 and Burdick's staffing. The projects were budgeted in the FY22 building budgets and work was completed for the budgeted amounts. The 222 building's capital budget amount of \$15,450 and the 310 building's operational budget of \$10,000 for a total budget authority of \$25,450. The contract is for a total of \$25,427.50. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Burdick's Locksmith.

Ms. Zacherl gave a brief explanation of the locks.

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.

Labor Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Lewis and Clark Sheriff Employees' Association. (Kari DesRosier)

Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented the collective bargaining agreement with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association. The agreement period is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Relevant changes to the agreement include: update of the health plan benefit contribution made by the County; language regarding minimum staffing in the Detention Center; probationary period for covered members changed to one year, previously probationary period for detention officers was longer than administrative staff and other non-sworn staff; detention officers entry level step was bumped up two steps; added a Detention Officer II position; increased pay grade for Corporal and Sergeant; Field Training Officer pay increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per hour; agreed to form a committee to explore proposals to address the workers' compensation pay for lost wages for non-sworn detention staff with a deadline of April 30, 2022 to have a proposal ready to present to the Commission. The proposed contract has been ratified by the Association members and staff recommends your approval of the collective bargaining agreement with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association.

Discussion occurred on the workers' compensation.

Ms. DesRosier thanked Charles Lane for helping with the mediation and negotiations. Ms. DesRosier also recognized the importance of Keni Grose and thanked her for her hard work and great relationship with the Sheriffs' office employees.

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.

Proclamation in Special Recognition of William "Billy" Moore. (Pam Attardo)

Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, read the proclamation in special recognition of William "Billy" Moore.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Ken Morrison, grandson of William Moore, stated there is a large family contingency in attendance, including grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

Mr. Moore was Lewis and Clark County Treasurer from 1917-1920 and Lewis and Clark County Commissioner from 1920-1926. On July 23, 1926, Commissioners were traveling to inspect the wagon road between Craig and the Beartooth Ranch near Holter Dam. Because of a faulty steering mechanism in the County car, the car went off the road, instantly killing Mr. Moore and ejecting two other commissioners. Two men from the County went to retrieve the crashed vehicle, flipped it over,

and it started up and ran fine. One employee drove it out, the other one was in the vehicle they came in. The two vehicles were separated on the way back to Helena and the crashed vehicle didn't make it back. The car was found off the road, and the County employee was deceased. Two dead in two days from the same vehicle. Mr. Morrison and the family of Mr. Moore would like to honor the sacrifices Commissioners make to serve the public. The Moore family recognize this is an out of the ordinary request and thanked Pam Attardo for being a great resource for the community and her compassion through the process.

Warren Craig stated he has a dim memory of his mother telling him of her father's accident. She was supposed to go on the trip with him and something changed. Mr. Craig stated, "Our lives can change in a moment and those changes can go down through generations."

Other family members introduced themselves that included: Sean Patrick Morrison, great grandson; Katy Fields, great granddaughter; Andrew Fields, great great grandson; Amy Polatski, great granddaughter; and Scott Morrison, grandson.

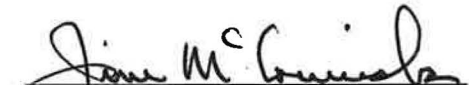
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

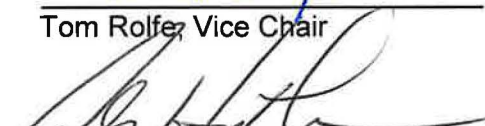
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jim McCormick, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board