



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

January 28, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28, 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, Nancy Everson, John Finn, Alan Hughes, Audrey McCue, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the State of Montana Board of Crime Control. (Alan Hughes)**

Alan Hughes, Detention Center Captain, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control for the purchase of bullet proof vests and handguns for detention transport officers in the amount of \$1,786. A previous award for \$5,692.30 was approved, however, they were notified this funding is available from a different pool of funds. Staff recommends approval of the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Captain Hughes stated funds will be used for replacement of vests that are coming to the end of their 5 year life cycle and a couple of handguns. He added with the vests being out of warranty they will no longer be used on officers and are then used for demonstrations at the shooting range and other training scenarios.

No public comment was received

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

### **Resolution 2020-6 of Lewis and Clark County Relating to Lewis and Clark County Library Loan from the State of Montana Board of Investments. (Nancy Everson)**

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolution regarding the Lewis and Clark Library loan from the State of Montana Board of Investments. The Board of Investments Intercap Loan Program requires the County to pass the resolution that certifies the County will include the debt service amount

in the Lewis and Clark Library budget included in the County budget every year for the 10 years of the InterCap loan. The library requested a loan in the amount \$2 million from the Board of Investments InterCap Loan Program for a remodel project. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

John Finn, Lewis and Clark Library Director, gave an overview of the remodel that includes a new café area, seismic upgrades and a fire suppression system. Mr. Finn also gave an overview of what will occur with the Genealogy Society documents located at the library after the remodel.

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.

**Board Appointment. (Tabled 1-21-20) (Audrey McCue)**

Commissioner Good Geise disclosed she will not be voting on the item due to a conflict of interest.

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the board appointment for the Augusta Volunteer Fire District and recommended the appointment of Ross Geise to the Board of Trustees. The regular May 2019 election for the Augusta Volunteer Fire District was canceled because there was no contest for the two open positions. Once candidate filed and was declared elected by acclamation. The other position has remained open.

On January 13, 2020, the elections office received a Petition for Appointment from Ross Geise. The elections office verified that Ross Geise is registered to vote in the Augusta Volunteer Fire District and is therefore qualified to serve as a Trustee.

Per 13-1-502, MCA, if an elections has been canceled and there are no regular or declared write-in candidates for a position, the governing body of the local government, or, if appropriate, of the conservation district shall fill the position by appointment. Staff recommends the appointment of Ross Geise to the Augusta Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees. His term will end when a successor is elected or appointed at the May 2022 regular election.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. Commissioner Good Geise recused. The motion Passed on a 2-0 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 9:27 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Susan Good Geise, Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board