



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

January 3, 2019  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 3, 2019, 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, Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Art Pembroke, Jim Strachan, Jonathon Ambarian, Mike Woodel, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Resolution 2019-3 to Establish the 2019 Fire Season and Related Burn Permits and Fees for Lewis and Clark County. (Art Pembroke)

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

No public comment was received.

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

### **Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and LMG Security. (Art Pembroke)**

Art Pembroke, Director of Information Technology Services presented the contract with LMG Security to conduct a NIST baseline cybersecurity assessment of the technology environment. The contract is in the amount of \$8,500 with work to begin upon approval by both parties. Staff recommends approval of the contract with LMG Security.

Mr. Pembroke stated the assessment is a recommendation from the recently completed Information Technology assessment and gave an overview of the baseline assessment and the associated recommendations for making the improvements.

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.

**Resolution 2019-1 Establishing Regular Meeting Dates of the Lewis and Clark County Commission and to Describe Procedures for Public Participation. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented the annual resolution that establishes the regular meeting dates and places of the County Commission to include the Public Meeting, Administrative Staff Meeting, Lincoln Public Meeting and Augusta Public Meeting and also describes procedures for public participation. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise emphasized that the comments heard are within the purview of the Commission.

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

**Resolution 2019-2 Establishing Hours of Operation for All Lewis and Clark County Offices. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented the annual resolution that establishes hours of operation for all Lewis and Clark County offices to include the County Attorney/Public Administrator, County Commission, Clerk of District Court, PureView, Lewis and Clark Public Health, Justice Court, Sheriff's/Coroner Office, Superintendent of Schools, Treasurer/Clerk and Recorder/Auditor, and all other County departments of which could be modified as determined by the department head to better serve the public. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

**Termination Letter to D&V, LLC. (Nancy Everson)**

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer presented the request to provide a notice of termination letter to D&V, LLC that would terminate the lease of the Coroner's office space located at 111 Rodney Street, Suite C in Helena, Montana. The lease requires 120 day notice and they would like to provide that notice effective January 3, 2019 and have the Coroner's office moved out by May 2, 2019.

Funds have been identified in the Coroner capital account and some budget authority in the Capital Development Fund that will allow the County to do a small remodel in the Law and Justice Center and move the Coroner's office into that building. With the consolidation of the Coroner's and Sheriff's office, it will provide efficiencies to both offices to have them co-located in the same building. The property owner has been verbally notified and is aware of the letter. Staff recommends approval of the lease termination letter.

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.

**Board of County Commission Chair and Vice-Chair Designation for Calendar Year 2019.**

A motion to nominate Commissioner Jim McCormick as Chair for 2019 was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Good Geise gave an overview of the traditional rotation of the chair position.

A motion to nominate Commissioner Susan Good Geise as Vice Chair for 2019 was made by Commissioner McCormick 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.**

Jim Strachan, lives in York stated he understands the Commission is limited to what they have authority over. Mr. Strachan stated he has tried to approach the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department and the County Attorney's Office with no luck and noted that is why he has made numerous appearances to ask for the help of the Commission to look into his allegations.

Commissioner Hunthausen informed Mr. Strachan that the Commission is not an investigative body and that he would have to work with those elected officials and their staff. The Commission can encourage the offices to sit with Mr. Strachan.

Mr. Strachan noted he and his family's lives have been put in danger and serious harm has come as a result of not being able to access the County Attorney's Office or the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted the County Attorney's office will not act as any public person's lawyer and informed Mr. Strachan someone will follow up with Mr. Strachan after the meeting regarding setting up a meeting time.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jim McCormick, Chair

  
Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

