



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

October 16, 2018  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 16, 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 Susan Good Geise was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was out of the office on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Kellie McBride, Leo Dutton, Jeni Garcin, Jason Grimmis, Nicho Hash, Gloria Soja, Michael Woodel, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Recommendation for Approval of Lewis and Clark County Jail Standards. (Tabled 9/25/18) (Kellie McBride)**

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the Lewis and Clark County Jail Standards as recommended by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) and approved by Sheriff Leo Dutton.

The Jail Standards have been utilized by the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center for some time and are based on the Montana Association of Counties (MACo) standards. The standards were reviewed to ensure the 14 points recommended by the CAC were included. The American Correctional Association cell size was used to ensure the efforts are maximized regarding the jail renovation. The recommended operational best practices include, but are not limited to: suicide; solitary confinement; staff; medical care; overcrowding; exercise; fresh air and sunlight; natural light and lighting schedules; sanitation and plumbing; laundry and clothing; visitation; mail and phone communication; law library access; food; and grievance procedures.

Commissioner Good Geise referenced the data gathered from multiple sources and asked if the standards were then customized to the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center. Ms. McBride stated work began on the standards in February of 2018 and it was ensured the standards are specific to the detention center.

Sheriff Leo Dutton stated the standards to be adopted have been in affect for the past 15 years in the Detention Center. They are not new, they have been voluntary to this point. The standards are important as they: ensure compliance with the 8th Amendment, the care and custody of inmates; it is a risk and liability issue when they go to court, are the inmates being taken care of; and peer review participation done through MACo and the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. The peer review inspects jails across the state and informs the sheriff departments of any deficiencies. Sheriff Dutton noted the standards are voluntary by law, but by the discipline they are mandatory and recommends the adoption of the Jail Standards.

Commissioner Good Geise briefly reviewed the standards and noted that the inmate is the responsibility of the County while they are in the detention center.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated the standards have informed some of the design of the remodeled facility as some of the standards have been difficult to meet with the current facility limitations.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

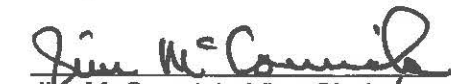
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There begin no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

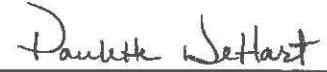
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