



PUBLIC MEETING

October 22, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Leo Dutton, Nicho Hash, Dan Karlin, Reese Martin, Marvin Weber, Kevin Wright, Kelly Tuck, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2018; April 11; September 26; October 3 and 8, 2019.
(Nadine McCarty)

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

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Leo Dutton)

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services in the amount of \$140,000 to be used for the Microwave Radio Technician position with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's office. Sheriff Dutton noted the technician travels statewide to maintain the microwave system. He gave an overview of how the state and local counties began maintaining the local radio system. Sheriff Dutton noted the grant award is about \$50,000 short and for about three years that money has come from the Sheriff's Office Communications budget, and the public safety mill levy to maintain the system. Sheriff Dutton added the passing of Senate Bill 352 put in the amount of \$37 million over ten years that will go toward communications infrastructure on the mountains, master site upgrades and the technician position. It is unknown when that will transfer over. The grant period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

No public comment was received.

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

Interlocal Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena. (Leo Dutton)

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, presented the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) interlocal agreement with the City of Helena in the amount of \$14,644 to be used by the Sheriff's Office for costs associated with the Missouri River Drug Task Force part-time finance coordinator position. Sheriff Dutton gave an overview of the Task Force and how it is formed with certain positions. Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement with the City of Helena.

Sheriff Dutton stated the grant is applied for every year. He added there are other purpose areas to choose from when applying for the grant and this particular grant was chosen for the Missouri River Drug Task Force.

No public comment was received.

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

Change Order No. 3 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Bullock Contracting, LLC. (Dan Karlin)

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the change order to the contract with Bullock Contracting, LLC on the Lake Helena Drive and Lewis Street Intersection Improvement Project. Mr. Karlin explained how the bid quantities are determined and compared to the improvements. He noted although the quantities are usually close, situations arise that are addressed while the contractor is on site. Because of these reasons, it is common for the actual quantities to not quite match up with the bid quantities. To keep the written contract price correct, a change order is necessary to reconcile the actual quantities and total contract price. Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$3,400 is to account for the quantity reconciliation. If approved, it will bring the total contract amount to \$270,370.66. The total contract, if the change order is approved, remains below the engineer's opinion or probable cost. Staff recommends approval of the change order with Bullock Contracting, LLC.

Mr. Karlin gave a brief overview of the project and drainage issues involved. He also explained the process of and reasons for the reconciliation.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Marvin Weber)

Marvin Weber, Sheriff Deputy, presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services in the amount of \$105,000. The funds will go to certification training costs for two new Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) members of the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$30,000, the first year of the grant. Deputy Weber explained that civilian or law enforcement EOD teams are administratively managed by the FBI in terms of their jurisdiction and the number of certified bomb techs allowed on a team. The Helena team has room for three. He explained the remaining funds of the grant award resulted from an adjustment during the application period where the subsequent year award was brought into the original application and was made available to the three EOD teams in Montana. The teams are located in Billings, Helena, and Missoula. The funds will be used to purchase necessary equipment upgrades for portable x-ray equipment and the communications platform for the primary response robots. Deputy Weber described the equipment and robot upgrades and how it will all work. There is no required match for the award. The grant period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Reese Martin)

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services in the amount of \$51,300 federal funds with a local match of \$12,825 for a total of \$64,125 for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Program. This is to contract with the Helena Regional Airport, Rocky Mountain Fire Training Services to provide training to surrounding firefighting agencies including volunteer fire agencies in the 40-Hour Basic Aircraft Firefighting Course. The grant period is October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

Kelly Tuck, Helena Regional Airport Fire Chief and Emergency Services Coordinator, stated he coordinates for the Rocky Mountain Services Training Center at the airport. Chief Tuck gave an overview of the training to volunteer and paid city firefighters. He added that 87% of aircraft emergencies occur off of airport properties and there was found to be a training deficit of volunteer firefighters in aircraft emergencies. He added a pilot program was conducted last year with just local area entities with success. This is the first year of a three-year program to provide training statewide.

Chief Tuck stated the Rocky Mountain Services Training Center is one of three FAA design built facilities west of the Mississippi River and noted people from all over come to the facility. He briefly gave an overview of other trainings that occur at the center.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. 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 9:40 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