



PUBLIC MEETING

November 18, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nancy Everson, Charles Lane, Ann McCauley, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Beth Norberg, Misty Edwards, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2021-101 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- b. Notice of Intent for Pesticide Application for Helena Valley Mosquito Control District. (Nancy Everson)
- c. Notice of Intent for Pesticide Application for Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito Control District. (Nancy Everson)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-c and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Missoula City-County Health Department. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the agreement with Missoula City-County Health Department for the provision of nurse supervision and data entry for the Nurse-Family Partnership evidence-based home-visiting program in Lewis and Clark County. They have been providing these services for about the last nine years. This is a four county collaborative with the Nurse-Family Partnership that includes Yellowstone, Butte-Silver Bow, Lewis and Clark and Missoula Counties. The agreement is from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for \$36,777.77. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with Missoula City-County Health Department.

Ms. Rothenbuecher explained the financial aspect of the agreement that uses Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services home visiting funds to help support the program. She gave an overview of the program outcomes, noting this is part of the early childhood system.

No public comment was received.

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

Request for County Cash Reserves Funding for Wastewater Revolving Loan Program. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented the request from the County Environmental Health Division for an allocation of county cash reserves from CARES reimbursement for \$150,000. The funds are for the Lewis and Clark County Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program administered by the Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC). There has been an increased demand for the existing septic RLF program over the last 18 months, largely depleting the funds. The funds would result in more Lewis and Clark County residents being served by the program. Staff recommends approval of the request from the County Environmental Health Division.

Ms. McCauley explained the program that is for individual homeowners' wastewater systems.

Beth Norberg, Environmental Health Program Supervisor, stated the revolving loan program started late 2010 with loans beginning in 2011. Since then there has been about 21 loans. There has been an increase of failed septic systems with so many people at home in early 2020. There are 10 outstanding loans at this time, with one condominium failed onsite system at the cost of about \$40,000. Average loans are between \$8,000 and \$10,000, with the outlier of the condominium system. The loan program began when the septic maintenance program started to give individual property owners an option when their septic system was found to have failed. They also work with the USDA Rural Development for low income populations.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. 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.

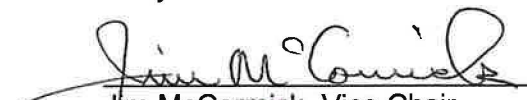
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board