



PUBLIC MEETING

November 19, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 19, 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 and Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Kara Tangedal, Matt Walter, Brian Coplin, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for August 30, September 13, 25, October 2, November 15, 20, 29, and December 6, 2018. (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.

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana State University Extension. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the annual agreement with Montana State University (MSU) Extension for FY20 extension services that includes two agents and a half-time FCS agent. Lewis and Clark County contributes \$37,000 of their salary, a cell phone allowance, the cost of an administrative assistant and other administrative support such as travel and training for a total budget amount of \$328,434. The agreement period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with Montana State University Extension.

Kara Tangedal, MSU Extension, gave an overview of the services the Extension Office provides and her responsibilities that includes youth development programming, beekeeping and one of the largest 4-H programs in the state. Ms. Tangedal introduced the new agent Matt Walter.

Matt Walter, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, stated he is new to Lewis and Clark County and noted he has been in extension in Teton, Musselshell and Golden Valley Counties. He added his experience is mainly in agriculture, specializing in agronomy and crop science with a niche in pesticide education and recommendations. Mr. Walter gave an overview of big changes that have occurred this year within the MSU Extension Office.

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.

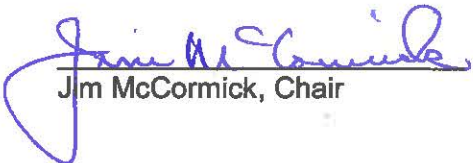
Brian Coplin, 1610 Hudson Street, No. 2, stated he heard of an amazing opportunity for the community at Hometown Helena regarding the possibility of available municipal funds. He added the continuum of care still does not flow the way it needs to. Mr. Coplin gave an overview of an individual that he has been trying to help get in-home healthcare and noted he is still on the Medicaid waiting list for the care. Mr. Coplin stated the disabled community had a roundtable meeting with Senator Tester and noted he has a roundtable occurring this evening with leaders from various organizations in the community. He added everyone needs to figure out a solution.

Commissioner McCormick stated his concern on this topic and informed Mr. Coplin he would get more direct answers by going to Medicare/Medicaid and noted he would help Mr. Coplin find a link that he heard discussed the night before.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 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