



PUBLIC MEETING

November 20, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 20, 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 Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Eric Merchant, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Amended Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Eric Merchant)

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the amendment to the grant award from the Department of Public Health and Human Services for activities conducted under the previously approved contract for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program services in the amount of \$31,016. The amendment will be effective upon approval through June 30, 2019.

The initial grant award of \$82,707 was approved in May of 2018. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention restored some of the historical funding to the State PHEP program which boosted Lewis and Clark County's FY19 allocation to a total of \$113,723. The purpose of the amendment is to provide additional funding to the overall purpose of the PHEP grant services which is to enhance local public health emergency preparedness and public health capacity to respond to events impacting public health within the jurisdiction.

Additional services included in the amendment are to establish and administer a voluntary register for easy access to volunteers in the event of a public health emergency. All PHEP program staff is required to attend state sponsored training related to conducting a tabletop exercise. A tabletop exercise must also be conducted related to the strategic national stock pile mass counter measures,

an example would be for the mass distribution of vaccine in the event of a bioterrorism event. Staff recommends approval of the amended grant award.

Mr. Merchant noted the funds are intended to cover expenses related to the new deliverables, to meet the new capacities and to support the overall program. Public Health is also looking at expanding training exercise plans, supporting other activities for community exercising and training, and working with the MCPHEP Group, a multi-county public health emergency preparedness group.

Commissioner Good Geise stated that Public Health participates in the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) and referenced the sections of the community that are more difficult to serve such as group homes and hospitals.

Mr. Merchant stated they are planning with the COAD and other groups to help those sections of the community that need the most help with emergency preparedness.

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.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee and recommended the appointment of David Roberts to the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee to a term that expires June 30, 2020; the appointment of Kari Parmer to the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee as the St. Peter's Health representative; and the appointment of Emily Munn to the Mental Health Local Advisory Committee as the East Helena Public Schools representative.

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.

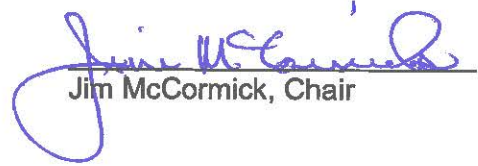
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Commissioner Good Geise gave a brief overview of the services at the County Cemetery to be held at 10:30 a.m. today to inter 153 sets of cremains and to honor those individuals that have passed away in the County. For various reasons the families were unable to take the remains and provide a proper disposition. There will be different faiths and traditions represented, the Honor Guard will be present, prayers and music to put these people to rest.


Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 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