



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

November 24, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Mark Ebert, Eric Griffin, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Dan Karlin, Ann McCauley, Eric Merchant, Lindsay Morgan, Kevin Wright, Audra Zacherl, Kim Smith, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Announcement**

a. Employee Recognition Mark Ebert. (Eric Griffin).

Eric Griffin, Public Works Director, recognized Mark Ebert for his 26 years of service to the County. He began his work at the new landfill and moved over to road and bridge. He is a very dependable go to kind of guy, a classy person.

### **Consent Action Items**

a. Resolution 2020-103 Request for Prosecutorial Assistance. (Leo Gallagher)

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

No public comment was received.

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

### **Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and Augusta Fire District. (Kevin Wright)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated Kevin Wright, Sheriff Office Patrol Captain, has not been able to attend the meeting and presented the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Augusta Fire District in the amount of \$50 per month for the use of office space at the Fire District.

The MOU begins upon last signature and effective through November 1, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the MOU with the Augusta Fire District.

No public comment was received.

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

#### **Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Kenneth Iverson. (Eric Merchant)**

Eric Merchant, Public Health Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the contract with Kenneth Iverson of Iverson Scandinavian Manufacturing to retrofit a 2020 Mercedes Sprinter Van to be used as a mobile communicable disease unit and public health cargo van. The contract is not to exceed \$50,700 and work is to be completed no later than December 30, 2020. The mobile unit will be used for mobile vaccination services and communicable disease testing. In late October, Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Coordinator, identified that the purchase and retrofit would be eligible for CARES Act funding. The application was accepted, and the van needed to be purchased and retrofitted by December 30, 2020.

Through this process he learned there are two ways to complete the project and that is to purchase a clinic regulation unit from a dealer, but was unable to locate in the state, or can buy a base unit cargo van from a dealer and have it retrofitted. The clinic ready option from Pennsylvania was way over budget and would not be available until April 2021. Mr. Iverson guaranteed a retrofit project could be completed by the deadline and is very familiar with the retrofit.

Public Health works as a safety net for community wide immunization services regardless of inability to pay and other barriers. They have long sought increased convenience of a mobile health clinic and with the advent of COVID-19 and cold and flu season approaching, the objective in disease and prevention services has become imminent. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Kenneth Iverson.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if there are qualified people in the community to work on the van should it become necessary. Mr. Merchant noted the Mercedes was not their first choice, they looked at other options. It is challenging to find vans that are suitable for retrofit of this kind. He will have to look into the availability of maintenance in the community. They probably could have gone with another make, however, to purchase within the given timeframe was not possible.

No public comment was received.

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

#### **Task Order No. 4 Between Lewis and Clark County and RESPEC. (Dan Karlin)**

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the task order to the contract with RESPEC to perform hydraulic modeling, a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), and technical assistance to support the County application to FEMA for a Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant as a sub-applicant to the State of Montana. The proposed project is to route floodwater in excess of bank full flows from Silver Creek around the Sewell subdivision. A model and completed BCA is necessary to determine if the project is feasible as a grant application. If it is determined to not be a feasible grant application, the information would be used in future flood mitigation efforts. RESPEC provided a scope of work and cost estimate of \$6,000. The sub-application is due to Montana Department of Emergency Services (DES) by the middle of December for them to complete the application for the State as the applicant. The task order has an end date of February 28, 2021. Staff recommends approval of Task Order No. 4 with RESPEC. He added the project is part of a greater flood mitigation effort.

Mr. Karlin explained they are in the middle of the application process for Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant with RESPEC already. The Sewell Silver Creek mitigation project will fall somewhere in the priority list. It is known that it is separate from the flooding that occurs with Ten Mile Creek. As known, FEMA takes a long time to implement through their entire system and so would anticipate 3-5 years to get these funds and get the project started. With the analysis, the benefits need to outweigh costs. Network, flooding impacts and social impacts are all considered.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked what a likely project would look like, and Mr. Karlin explained they are looking at RESPEC to allow Silver Creek to flow normally with a diversion similar to irrigation that would populate when it would get to the level of cresting. It would then go out through the diversion and around the subdivision and then reconnect it to proceed. They would be looking at approaching landowners for flood easements.

No public comment was received.

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

#### **Change Order No. 9 to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Sletten Construction Company. (Audra Zacherl)**

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented Change Order No. 9 to the contract with Sletten Construction Company for the Detention Center Renovation project. The voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond earned more interest than was budgeted at the start of the renovation and these funds must be spent on the project. The list of items that were originally cut to meet the budget were prioritized. This scope of change is one of those priorities and requested by the County. The change order is to add Prime Coat Coating, an epoxy-like flooring, to additional areas of the upper level to protect the lower levels from flooding caused by inmates that occurs multiple times per year. The flooring will be added to Pods 2 A through G. The change order is in the amount of \$79,485.76 and will bring the Sletten Construction Company total contract amount to \$7,225,900. Funding for the change order will come from the unexpected bond interest earnings on the \$6.5 million general obligation bond. Staff recommends approval of Change Order No. 9 with Sletten Construction Company.

Ms. Zacherl explained the substantial completion is scheduled for December 24, 2020 and the approved painting and this flooring will be extended until the middle of February. It does not change substantial completion and occupancy.

Commissioner McCormick expressed his concern about the extension. He wanted the Sheriff's Office to be in attendance to explain the need for the flooring project, but a representative from the Sheriff's Office was unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Zacherl stated from a Public Works standpoint the floors are concrete and when flooding occurs the water finds every crack and crevasse and works its way down to the other floors. About a month ago, one flooding event occurred and it disrupted office operations due to repairs that needed done. Now, it would affect inmates and move them around. The epoxy will seal the concrete floor.

Discussion was held on the benefits of completing this flooring.

No public comment was received.

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

#### **Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)**

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the Detention Center Renovation project. Since the last update, Sletten Construction has completed nearly all demolition work on the upper floor. They need to finish demo of the recreation yard, roofing/flooring, removing glue and underlayment, and will then prepare the floor for new traffic coating flooring. Fire sprinkler system will be completed today. The dividing wall in the recreation yard is meshed to be constructed to divide the rec yard into two sections. Working on walls in dayroom and visitation, and the new pod restroom. Condensation has been an issue with first floor dorm windows and the team is looking for the cause to resolve that issue.

Additional funding from capital savings, bond premium, and bond interest is being received for a total of \$9 million. Voters approved \$6.5 million from the general obligation bond. There will be 156 beds in the renovated Detention Center. Current expenditures to date total about \$7,182,547 that includes: architecture at \$754,286; owner's rep at \$471,229; Sletten Construction at \$5,473,538; and miscellaneous at \$283,495 for testing, builder's risk, electric reroute, bond-related expenses. Ms. Zacherl provided a slide presentation of the project. Ms. Zacherl explained both painting and flooring are to be completed mid February.

There has been COVID-19 activity that has affected the progress and continued positives could alter the work at anytime.

No public comment was received.

**Letter of Support for Montana Learning Center. (Ann McCauley)**

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, stated she also has Ryan Hannahoe on the telephone. Ms. McCauley presented the letter of support for the Montana Learning Center at Canyon Ferry. It is a STEM-based and nature-based program. They applied for funding to expand their astronomy program.

Mr. Hannahoe stated the Montana Learning Center located at Canyon Ferry Lake is known for serving kids providing teacher training and serving as one of two NASA education partners. Recently they have constructed two observatories and have plans to construct a third as a part of the Tourism Grant proposal with the largest and most advanced telescope in Montana. They are seeking approval to implement an astrotourism program and grant proposal.

No public comment was received.

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

**Arrowsmith Major Subdivision - SUBD2019-020. (Tabled 11-12-20) (Applicant: Larry Kim Smith/Valley Construction of Helena, LLC) (Planner: Lindsay Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the Arrowsmith Major Subdivision that was tabled on November 12, 2020. On October 27, 2020, a public hearing was held. The Planning Board recommended approval of the application 6-0 with 3 recommended changes along with staff's recommended conditions of approval. Ms. Morgan requested that each staff report be entered into the record. One person has provided public comment over the telephone during the public hearing process with comments about water availability, trails, and parks.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted the four subdivisions are to be considered separately but are related and brought from the same applicant and have many things in common.

A global motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve Arrowsmith Subdivision and bring forward staff report and was seconded by Commissioner McCormick.

Commissioner Hunthausen discussed two of the three recommended amendments to the conditions.

The amendments recommended are 6c and 15d. The costs to improve Espelin Drive may be applied to the percentage of impact payments so long as the costs have not already been applied to other subdivision road requirements, and that property owners need to drill wells to a minimum depth of 130 feet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to add proposed amendments 6c and 15 d in the conditions of approval and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the findings of fact as recommended by the Planning Board and to adopt a conclusion that the proposed subdivision will have adverse impacts on the impact criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the findings of fact focusing on impacts on agriculture. The conclusion is proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts on agriculture. The property is currently not being used for agriculture, but there are nearby impacts of a canal running through the adjacent property that could pose a risk to animals and children.

Findings of fact focusing on local services. The conclusion is that the subdivision will not have adverse impacts on local services if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The findings include that each lot will have their own well. Water quality and quantity is good in the area. Well water is at around 70 feet, though there is a recommendation of at least 130 feet for longevity and quality of water. A community wastewater system will include a sequencing batch reactor and a pressure dose drain field.

Findings of fact focused on road and traffic. Roads and streets must be built to County standards, a traffic impact study must be completed, a minimum of two ingress/egress routes, and RIDs will be formed. This ensures safety to the public allowing emergency vehicles access through the subdivision.

Findings of facts for public health and safety. The conclusion is the proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts to public health and safety if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The area is in a radon zone, so builders must be aware when building. Helena Valley irrigation canal adjacent to the property, will be addressed in conditions. Legal and physical access will be provided to each parcel within the proposed subdivision. The conclusion is that legal access can be provided to each parcel if conditions are completed. Two ingress/egress routes are required.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve the amended conditions of approval and was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the conditions of approval; the applicant must submit plans for wastewater treatment and water supply to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); shall complete all improvements and requirements listed for the purpose of furthering fire protection with 3 fire hydrants being served by 2 large wells; must work with a licensed engineer to plan construction of all roads, streets, and utilities; must build and improve all roads providing legal access to all the lots and have 2 ingress/egress routes with permitted approaches; will be responsible for all proportionate share to road impacts; must meet all state and county standards; shall install a fence along the eastern edge of the easement for the Helena Valley Irrigation District canal; must complete all survey requirements; restrictive county covenants of clear notices related to lot use, access, easements, requirements and other information related to safety and welfare; protect the improvements and to promote health and safety of the future owners; the applicant shall create a Rural Improvement District (RID); preliminary approval is approved for 3 years and can be extended at that time with approval from the Commission.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a global motion on the table to approve Arrowsmith Subdivision as amended. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Blacksmith Major Subdivision - SUBD2019-017. (Tabled 11-12-20) (Applicant: Larry Kim Smith/Valley Construction of Helena, LLC) (Planner: Lindsay Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the Blacksmith Major Subdivision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the Blacksmith Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick.

Commissioner Hunthausen pointed out the proposed amendments from the Planning Board. The amendments recommended are 6c and 15d. The costs associated with improving Espelin Drive may be applied to the percentage of impact payments so long as the costs have not already been applied to other subdivision road requirements, and that property owners are encouraged to drill wells to a minimum depth of 130 feet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to add proposed amendments 6c and 15d to the conditions of approval and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve the findings of fact as recommended by the Planning Board and to adopt a conclusion that the proposed Blacksmith Major Subdivision will have adverse impacts on the impact criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the findings of fact focusing on impacts on agriculture. The conclusion is the proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts on agriculture. The finding is significant because the property is currently not being used for agriculture, but there are nearby impacts of a canal running through the adjacent property that could pose a risk to animals and children.

Findings of fact focusing on local services. The conclusion is that the subdivision will not have adverse impacts on local services if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The findings include that each lot will have their own well. Water quality and quantity are good in the area. Well is at around 70 feet, though there is a recommendation of at least 130 feet for longevity and quality of water. A community wastewater system will include a sequencing batch reactor and a pressure dose drain field.

Findings of fact focused on road and traffic. Roads and streets must be built to a County standard, a traffic impact study was completed, and minimum of two ingress/egress routes, and RIDs will be formed. This ensures safety to the public allowing emergency vehicles access through the subdivision and for longevity of roads; the applicant has proposed a class one fire system with 3 hydrants being served from 2 large wells.

Findings of facts for public health and safety. The conclusion is the proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts to public health and safety if the recommended conditions of approval are satisfactorily completed. The area is in a radon zone, so builders must be aware when building. Helena Valley irrigation canal adjacent to the property, will be addressed in conditions. Legal and physical access will be provided to each parcel within the proposed subdivision. The conclusion is that legal access can be provided to each parcel if conditions are completed. A minimum of two ingress/egress routes are required.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve conditions of approval as amended and was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the conditions of approval and noted that the conditions will: the applicant must submit plans for wastewater treatment and water supply to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); shall complete all improvements and requirements listed for the purpose of furthering fire protection with 3 fire hydrants being served by 2 large wells; must work with a licensed engineer to plan construction of all roads, streets, and utilities; must build and improve all roads providing legal access to all the lots and have 2 ingress/egress routes with permitted approaches; will be responsible for all proportionate share to road impacts; must meet all state and county standards; shall install a fence along the eastern edge of the easement for the Helena Valley Irrigation District canal; must complete all survey requirements; restrictive county covenants of clear notices related to lot use, access, easements, requirements and other information related to safety and welfare; protect the improvements and to promote health and safety of the future owners; the applicant shall create a Rural Improvement District (RID); there will be fencing or natural screening dividing commercial lots from residential lots to mitigate noise and other impacts of the commercial lots; preliminary approval is for 3 years and can be extended at that time with approval from the Commission.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a global motion on the table to approve Blacksmith Subdivision as amended. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Coppersmith Major Subdivision - SUBD2019-019. (Tabled 11-12-20) (Applicant: Larry Kim Smith/Valley Construction of Helena, LLC) (Planner: Lindsay Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the Coppersmith Major Subdivision.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve Coppersmith Subdivision with 2 proposed amendments to the conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick.

Commissioner Hunthausen pointed out the proposed amendments from the Planning Board. The amendments recommended are 6c and 15d. The costs to improve Esplin Drive may be applied to the percentage of impact payments so long as the costs have not already been applied to other subdivision road requirements, and that property owners need to drill to a minimum depth of 130 feet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the findings of fact and adopt a conclusion that the proposed subdivision will have adverse impacts on the impact criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the findings of fact focusing on impacts on agriculture. The conclusion is proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts on agriculture. The property is currently not being used for agriculture, but there are nearby impacts of a canal running through the adjacent property that could pose a risk to animals and children.

Findings of fact focusing on local services. The conclusion is that the subdivision will not have adverse impacts on local services if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The findings include that each lot will have their own well. Water quality and quantity is good in the area. Water is at around 70 feet, though there is a recommendation of at least 130 feet for longevity and quality of water. A community wastewater system will include a sequencing batch reactor and a pressure dose drain field.

Findings of fact focused on road and traffic. Roads and streets must be built to a standard, a traffic impact study was completed, minimum of two ingress/egress routes, and RID's will be formed. This ensures safety to the public allowing emergency vehicles access through the subdivision and for longevity of roads; the applicant has proposed a class one fire system with 3 hydrants being served from 2 large wells.

Findings of facts for public health and safety. The conclusion is the proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts to public health and safety if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The area is in a radon zone, so builders must be aware when building. Helena Valley irrigation canal adjacent to the property, will be addressed in conditions. Legal and physical access will be provided to each parcel within the proposed subdivision. The conclusion is that legal access can be provided to each parcel if conditions are completed. Two ingress/egress routes are required.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve the amended conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the conditions of approval; the applicant must submit plans for wastewater treatment and water supply to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); shall complete all improvements and requirements listed for the purpose of furthering fire protection with 3 fire hydrants being served by 2 large wells; must work with a licensed engineer to plan construction of all roads, streets, and utilities; must build and improve all roads providing legal access to all the lots and have 2 ingress/egress routes with permitted approaches; will be responsible for all proportionate share to road impacts; must meet all state and county standards; shall install a fence along the eastern edge of the easement for the Helena Valley Irrigation District canal; must complete all survey requirements; restrictive county covenants of clear notices related to lot use, access, easements, requirements and other information related to safety and welfare; protect the improvements and to promote health and safety of the future owners; the applicant shall create a Rural Improvement District (RID); there will be fencing or natural screening dividing commercial lots from residential lots to mitigate noise and other impacts of the commercial lots; preliminary approval is approved for 3 years and can be extended at that time with approval from the Commission.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a global motion on the table to approve the Coppersmith Subdivision as amended. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Wordsmith Major Subdivision - SUBD2019-018. (Tabled 11-12-20) (Applicant: Corey and Darci Crum and Larry Kim Smith/Valley Construction of Helena, LLC) (Planner: Lindsay Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the Wordsmith Major Subdivision.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve Wordsmith Subdivision with 2 proposed amendments to the conditions of approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick.

Commissioner Hunthausen pointed out the proposed amendments from the Planning Board. The amendments recommended are 6c and 15d. The costs to improve Esplin Drive may be applied to the percentage of impact payments so long as the costs have not already been applied to other subdivision road requirements, and that property owners need to drill to a minimum depth of 130 feet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the findings of fact and adopt a conclusion that the proposed subdivision will have adverse impacts on the impact criteria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the findings of fact focusing on impacts on agriculture. The conclusion is proposed subdivision will not have adverse impacts on agriculture. The property is currently not being used for agriculture, but there are nearby impacts of a canal running through the adjacent property that could pose a risk to animals and children.

Findings of fact focusing on local services, the conclusion is that the subdivision will not have adverse impacts on local services if the conditions are satisfactorily completed. The findings include that each lot will have their own well. Water quality and quantity is good in the area. Water



is at around 70 feet, though there is a recommendation of at least 130 feet for longevity and quality of water. A community wastewater system will include a sequencing batch reactor and a pressure dose drain field.

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Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to approve conditions of approval as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Hunthausen reviewed the conditions of approval; the applicant must submit plans for wastewater treatment and water supply to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); shall complete all improvements and requirements listed for the purpose of furthering fire protection with 3 fire hydrants being served by 2 large wells; must work with a licensed engineer to plan construction of all roads, streets, and utilities; must build and improve all roads providing legal access to all the lots and have 2 ingress/egress routes with permitted approaches; will be responsible for all proportionate share to road impacts; must meet all state and county standards; shall install a fence along the eastern edge of the easement for the Helena Valley Irrigation District canal; must complete all survey requirements; restrictive county covenants of clear notices related to lot use, access, easements, requirements and other information related to safety and welfare; protect the improvements and to promote health and safety of the future owners; the applicant shall create a Rural Improvement District (RID); there will be fencing or natural screening dividing commercial lots from residential lots to mitigate noise and other impacts of the commercial lots; preliminary approval is approved for 3 years and can be extended at that time with approval from the Commission.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is a global motion on the table to approve Wordsmith Subdivision as amended. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

#### **Approval of Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Project Charter. (Andy Hunthausen)**

Andy Hunthausen, Commissioner, presented the Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Project Charter stating a Behavioral Health Specialist was hired to improve community activity coordination and improvements. A working group was created to work with other community stakeholders that included: Sheriff's Office, Public Health, St. Peter's Hospital, Shodair Hospital, Pureview, and the Board of County Commissioners. A charter was established and signed in the Spring. There are a couple amendments to the charter.

St. Peter's Health requested some clarification on how the group will share responsibility in leadership and what the shared cost looks like.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer added the work has involved: data collection and sharing; community outreach and communication where there have been gaps in services; universal screening and referral protocols; and funding and funding mechanisms. This is very consistent with identified priorities of the Board of County Commissioners regarding partnerships and collaboration surrounding mental health and mental health services in our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kim Smith, thanks Lindsay Morgan and the Commission for all the hard work that has been done.

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

**Resolution 2020-99 to Establish Alternate Meeting Place and Additional Dates for Lewis and Clark County Commission Meetings due to Social Distancing. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the resolution to establish alternate meeting place and additional dates for County Commission meetings due to social distancing. This is to allow the County Commission public meetings to be held via the Zoom platform. Mr. Baltz read the resolution. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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 11:46 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 11.15.22

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jim McCormick, Chair

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Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board