

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

November 5, 2019 MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

## Roll Call

Commissioner McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Good Geise was out on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Ann McCauley, Peter Italiano, Theresa Ortega, Emily McVey, Kevin Wright, Nicho Hash, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

#### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

# Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Good Samaritan Ministries. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the contract with Good Samaritan Ministries for Housing Navigation Services in the amount of \$30,000. The contract begins upon execution through December 31, 2020. This City of Helena is also in the process of executing a Housing Navigation Services contract with Good Samaritan for identical services and for the same time period.

Ms. McCauley stated that in July, 2019 Lewis and Clark County and the City of Helena partnered on a Request for Proposals for Housing Navigation Services. In part, the purpose of the services for the County is to help improve opportunities for workforce housing. This can be accomplished by connecting and engaging citizens, landlords, property managers, realtors, employers, and housing partners in Lewis and Clark County to services and resources for those experiencing difficulties securing housing. The contract was awarded to Good Samaritan Ministries in partnership with United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area. Good Samaritan will be the lead entity with respect to employing and supervising a dedicated staff member to carry out the Housing Navigation Services, and United Way will provide outreach and programmatic support. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

Theresa Ortega, Good Samaritan Ministries Executive Director, thanked the Commission for the opportunity to partner together on this project and gave a brief overview of the Housing Navigation Services that will be offered.

Emily McVey, United Way Executive Director, explained the services that they will provide in conjunction with this contract. The goal is to meet the needs of the community for people who are at risk of homelessness and to provide support for people needing housing. The work will cover the entire County, including Lincoln and Augusta.

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.

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

# **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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