



PUBLIC MEETING

December 1, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/5669454978>.

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, Kari DesRosier, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Jacqueline Isaly, Peter Italiano, Kellie McBride, Jason McNeese, Alan Hughes, Jessica Makus, J. Danes, Leo Dutton, Kyle Ann Johnson, Amy Reeves, Jeni Garcin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

All attendees were present via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2020-101 Setting the Salaries for Certain Elected Officials. (Kari DesRosier)
- b. Resolution 2020-102 Setting the Salary for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and Establishing Office Hours. (Kari DesRosier)
- c. Resolution 2020-104 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- d. Resolution 2020-105 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- e. Resolution 2020-106 Rescinding Resolution 2020-52 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- f. FY2021 Extension Services Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana State University. (Nancy Everson)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the consent action items 2a-f 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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the grant award from United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$600,000 for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program. The grant period is from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The grant will allow for Medicated Assistant Treatment (MAT) bridges program for opioid and stimulant disorder at the detention center. The Sheriff's Office supports the grant award. Staff recommends approval.

Leo Dutton, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff, stated the project is not normally taken on by the state or county. Some are looking at it for medical assisted treatment and he is in favor of the program.

Ms. McBride stated that community partners are instrumental on how the program works, which are the Helena Indian Alliance and PureView Health Center.

Jason McNees, Certified Peer Support Specialist at the Helena Indian Alliance Leo Pocha Clinic, gave an overview of services within the organization. Services include mental health, addiction, diabetes nutrition and health program, medication assisted treatment, youth program, and cultural activities. Opioid use disorders using medication assistance proves that the treatment is successful. The success rate is higher with medication assistance than with abstinence-based treatments. The program is not just about prescribing medications. A higher integrated team is assigned to the individual and helps them to get a handle early on withdrawal that often end in relapse. The team consists of a nurse practitioner who looks at medical and physical health to see what medication is best. An addictions counselor does an assessment to get a treatment plan. A peer support specialist gives them more support to help them through the long-term recovery process.

Ms. McBride stated they were diligent with budget that was presented. There were 15 counties that were chosen out of the entire United States and Lewis and Clark County was specifically invited to participate.

Kyle Johnson, Helena Indian Alliance, stated that they have been involved in this program for about the last year. They have had experience bridging people in the community. The roadblocks they have faced will be financially covered through this grant and urges the Commission to approve it.

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 Amendment Number One Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and St. Peter's Health for Crisis Response Team Agreement. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the amendment to a contract with St. Peter's Health for Crisis Response Team Agreement. The agreement is not to exceed \$345,000 to begin August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The mobile crisis response team provides 24/7 acute assessment stabilization and safety care planning services on-site at the location of a behavioral health crisis. It is a part to integrate behavioral health services to the community within existing systems. It will increase access to services, reduce emergency room visits, decriminalize mental health, and ultimately reduce total number of behavioral health crisis. They will correspond with emergency services to behavioral health crisis calls. Staff recommends approval.

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, encourages the amendment of the contract. When he was a paramedic, they used this program a lot. They would call out the response team especially if they were seeing repeat calls from the same people that were having mental health issues.

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.

Contract Amendment Number One for Sub-Contract Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Florence Crittenton Home and Services. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented a contract amendment for sub-contract agreement with Florence Crittenton Home and Services. The amendment adds an additional \$1,490 to the existing contract bringing the total to \$45,652.48 to being on July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The contract is for implementation of Parents as Teachers home visiting model. The increase has been awarded from the State of Montana to help purchase equipment for virtual home visits during the COVID-19 public health emergency and it is part of the state CARES Act funding. Staff recommends 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 3-0 vote.

Grant Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Mental Health Trust. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented a grant contract with Montana Mental Health Trust in the amount of \$34,890 for the Safer Communities Montana Suicide Prevention pilot project. The grant period begins January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The project focuses on means reduction strategies for firearms and pharmaceuticals. Strategies include tip sheets for firearm dealers, gun ranges, and pawnshops on recognizing suicide risk warning signs and slowing down sales and rentals. Tip sheets will also be provided to pharmacies along with pharmaceutical deactivation kits; public facing information on safe storage, warning signs and how to access crisis resources; along with the suicide prevention lifeline and suicide education. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if it was mainly opioids they are focusing on and will pawn shop employees be trained on suicide warning signs. Ms. Isaly stated they will educate employees and train them on warning signs along with signage inside the stores, providing gun locks and promoting safe storage to the public for both firearms and pharmaceuticals. This program is not intended to stop the sale of firearms but is intended to create access to more resources and services and encourage people to use those resources.

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 Amendment Number One Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services for Contract Number 20-25-5-41-174-0 (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented a contract amendment with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the CARES Act package funding. The amendment adds an additional \$5,250 to the existing contract for support equipment necessary for virtual home visits. The funding must be spent by December 31, 2020. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner McCormick asked about virtual vs. telehealth. It is an expanded healthcare delivery system. Ms. Isaly states it can be used interchangeably but telehealth would be providing a health service using technology. They purchased a HIPPA compliant version of Zoom, so the required confidentiality laws are upheld. Access in a rural state has been expanded due to telehealth and they hope it will still be used after COVID.

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 10:20 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-13-22

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


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