



PUBLIC MEETING

December 12, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, December 12, 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. Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Nancy Everson, Charles Lane, Alan Hughes, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending December 13, 2019. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2018; August 22, 29; September 5; October 24; November 12, 14, 19, 28; and December 3, 2019. (Nadine McCarty)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-b 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.

Budget Amendment to the County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the request for an additional 1.3 FTE in the jail medical department. The request is to increase the FY20 budget for nursing FTE's, either RN or LPN. There has been difficulty recruiting for the position and the cost for traveling nurses has been costly. The cost of the increase for the remainder of the year is \$78,721 and the cost would be paid from the Public Safety Fund. Because this is an increase in the number of FTE's over what was authorized in the FY20 budget and an increase in the budget authority a public hearing is required per MCA 7-6-4031. The public hearing has been advertised in the Independent Record for two weeks as required. Staff recommends approval of the request to increase staffing by 1.3 FTE and approximately \$78,721 in budget authority.

Alan Hughes, Detention Center Captain, stated the current way of doing business has been reviewed and noted in the past when PureView was leaving the FTE numbers were not accounted for and found out the jail was not even close to the numbers to make the system work. The additional 1.3 FTE would allow for the Detention Center medical department to run.

Captain Hughes stated the numbers have been looked at and the request will also account for the necessary minimum nursing staff once the jail renovation is complete. He added when PureView decided to no longer contract for the nursing services other ways to fulfill the need were reviewed and it was determined the cost would be cheaper to run in-house. The problem was acquiring nursing staff willing to come into correctional medicine. Captain Hughes noted once nurses get into the facility and understand correctional medicine they seem to like it.

Ms. Everson explained the .7 FTE was actual staff and a mid-level provider and noted the service had been a contracted service for several years and there was not enough in-house history as to the exact necessary numbers.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated if the request is approved, the summary of resources for medical services in the jail would be a combination of nurses, a possible physician, and a nursing supervisor.

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.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim McCormick, Chair

Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board