



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
December 13, 2018  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, December 13, 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 was present; Commissioner Susan Good Geise was out of office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Eric Merchant, Audra Zacherl, Ken Frost, Kari Yakawich, Steve Burch, Jim Strachan, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

**Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending December 14, 2018. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Sheriff's Office Budget Amendment. (Nancy Everson)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action items 2 a-b 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 2-0 vote.

**Bid Opening. High Bridge Bank Repairs and Smith Creek Road Bridge Repairs. (Audra Zacherl)**

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director Public Works, presented the bid opening. Seven bids were received. The first bid is from Shumaker Trucking and Excavating Contractors, Inc. of Great Falls, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$16,500, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$106,000, Item 3 random riprap \$44,100 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$166,600. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$4,700, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$15,375, Item 3 random riprap \$12,350, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$15,000 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$47,425. The second bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$40,000, Item 2 cast unclassified excavation and embankment \$25,000, Item 3 random riprap \$54,000 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$119,000. Schedule 2

bid Item 1 mobilization \$24,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$26,250, Item 3 random riprap \$22,100, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$7,500 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$79,850. The third bid is from Rocky Mountain Dirtwork of Arlee, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$10,000, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$44,000, Item 3 random riprap \$59,850 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$113,850. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$6,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$14,250, Item 3 random riprap \$21,970, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$15,750 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$57,970. The fourth bid is from Missouri River Contractors of Helena, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$10,000, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$65,000, Item 3 random riprap \$101,250 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$176,250. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$10,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$75,000, Item 3 random riprap \$29,250, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$25,000 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$139,250. The fifth bid is from Mission Valley Concrete of Ronan, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$35,000, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$60,000, Item 3 random riprap \$47,497.50 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$142,497.50. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$35,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$32,505, Item 3 random riprap \$29,510, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$32,500 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$129,515. The sixth bid is from Highland Construction Services, LLC of Belgrade, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$12,000, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$22,000, Item 3 random riprap \$99,000 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$133,000. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$8,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$15,000, Item 3 random riprap \$26,000, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$17,500 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$66,500. The last bid is from 3 Bull Contracting, LLC of Billings, MT for Schedule 1 bid Item 1 mobilization \$14,000, Item 2 unclassified excavation and embankment \$37,016.82, Item 3 random riprap \$104,688 for a total Schedule 1 bid price of \$155,704.82. Schedule 2 bid Item 1 mobilization \$7,000, Item 2 cast in place concrete \$31,500, Item 3 random riprap \$30,243.20, Item 4 grout concrete for riprap voids \$7,225 for a total Schedule 2 bid price of \$75,968.20.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on December 27, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

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

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the amended grant award with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for HIV Prevention Services for the high risk population in the amount of \$20,570. The effective date is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The grant and contract has been in existence for some time and there are no significant changes to the contracted services from the previous year. Mr. Merchant gave an overview of the services provided under the contract to include: counseling, testing and referral services, education, outreach and access to prophylaxis for high risk individuals, condom distribution and targeted advertising. The services are provided by Public Health nursing staff in the Health Department and staff from FDH & Associates of Missoula, Montana under the subcontract approved in June of 2018. Mr. Merchant noted that HIV testing data collected since June of 2018 provides evidence that FDH & Associates has the credibility needed to engage the high risk population and noted the number of high risks tests conducted increased by 94% from 2014. Staff recommends approval of the amended contract.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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.**

Jim Strachan, lives in York stated he would like to further his discussion and gave his family history in the York community. Mr. Strachan gave an overview of activities that the group of individuals that call themselves the York Vigilantes have been involved in, including the formation of a neighborhood watch and when he made the Sheriff's Department aware of the activities they did not seem to be interested. Mr. Strachan went on to note the three strange deaths that occurred in the community and gave an overview of each of the occurrences. Rumors, originating from the neighborhood watch went around that Mr. Strachan was being investigated for the murders but he was never questioned.

Commissioner Hunthausen asked Mr. Strachan to focus on something that the Commission can help him with and Mr. Strachan wanted to make the Commission aware of things that are going on because Commissioner McCormick had told him that he was not aware of this when they met. Mr. Strachan noted all of the entities that he has been to and they send him somewhere else.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated when crimes occur the County Commission are not made aware of the law enforcement investigations. People are allowed to form neighborhood watches in their community and the Commission has no participation.

Mr. Strachan hopes the Commission can send him in the right direction to where he can see some action on the issues.

Commissioner McCormick told Mr. Strachan when they spoke on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 that he would probably not have answers for him by today, but he is following up.

Mr. Strachan began discussing Black Bear Road and other topics, continuing to talk over Commissioner McCormick.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 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