



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
December 23, 2021  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

**Roll Call**

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Drenda Niemann, Charles Lane, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

**Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending December 24, 2021. (Marni Bentley)

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

No public comment was received.

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

10 minute recess.

**Review of a Personal Injury Claim Against Lewis and Clark County. (Charles Lane)**

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, presented a personal injury claim against Lewis and Clark County stemming from a high impact motor vehicle collision that occurred on January 23, 2021 outside of Helena, Montana. The police report notes the stop sign on the southeast corner of the intersection of Forestvale Road and McHugh Drive had blown over due to strong winds in the area earlier that morning. The claimant received serious injuries from the accident as well as disabling damage to both vehicles.

The claim is for negligence against Lewis and Clark County as the County knows that high winds are common in the area and they negligently failed to construct the stop sign to withstand strong winds. The County also failed to repair the stop sign in a timely manner after it had been down for an extended period of time.

The process now is to either deny or accept the claim. If the claim is denied, the claimant may file a claim in court.

A motion to deny the claim was made by Commissioner McCormick. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. Motion to deny the claim passed on a 3-0 vote.

No public comment was received.

**Interlocal Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County, the City of Helena, and the City of East Helena. (Charles Lane)**

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, presented the interlocal agreement with the City of Helena and the City of East Helena for the formation, authority and administration of the Lewis and Clark County City-County Board of Health. This agreement follows the recently adopted House Bill 121 and establishes the necessary boards and departments to protect public health in Lewis and Clark County and the cities of Helena and East Helena. This agreement replaces the prior 1975 agreement that established the Lewis and Clark City-County Board of Health. The board shall consist of nine members all of whom are qualified electors of Lewis and Clark County. Membership on the board shall consist of a County Commissioner, a City of Helena Commissioner, the Mayor of East Helena and six additional members that are to be appointed by the Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners which shall include the Superintendent of School District 1; a licensed doctor; a professional person with experience in a science field; a consumer of health services; a member at large residing outside the City limits of Helena and East Helena; and a member at large that resides in the City of Helena.

The City of East Helena has approved the agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement with the City of Helena and the City of East Helena.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. 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 9:30 a.m.

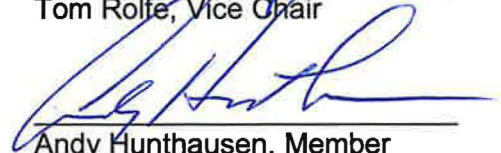
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair



Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board