



PUBLIC MEETING
December 5, 2017
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick arrived at 9:20 am. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out of the office on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Bryan Backeberg, LaRae Backeberg, Roger Baltz, Nancy Everson, Brittany Hogan, Tammy Potter, Cherche Prezeau, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Commissioner Good Geise stated since there is no quorum, there will be a recess until Commissioner McCormick arrives.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes: May 16, November 9, 14, 16, 2017. (Nadine McCarty)

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 McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Resolution 2017-154 Intent to Consider the Consolidation of the Office of County Coroner with the Office of County Sheriff. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolution of intent to consider the consolidation of the office of County Coroner with the office of County Sheriff. The consolidation would be effective January 1, 2019.

There is currently an appointed County Coroner, Bryan Backeberg who will serve out his term until December 31, 2018. It has been determined combining these two offices would be an effective use of county resources. The Sheriff's Deputies that want to will be trained as coroners to assist in the operation of the coroner duties. Ms. Everson further explained if the decision is made to not combine the two offices then the filing period for this office will open in January of 2018.

A public hearing notice will be advertised on December 10, 2017 and December 17, 2017 with a public hearing on December 19, 2017 at which time decision on approval of resolution would occur.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise stated she spoke with other county commissioners throughout the state asking them to share their experience with regards to combined offices, receiving positive feedback. There are currently 38 of the 56 Montana counties where the coroner and sheriff offices are combined. She referenced the more urban counties that are served by combined offices.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. 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.

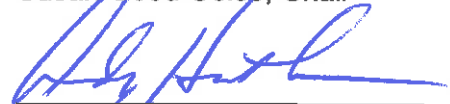
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair

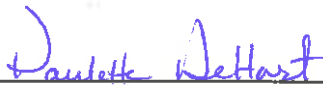


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board