



PUBLIC MEETING

February 20, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

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, Marni Bentley, Nancy Everson, Charles Lane, Audrey McCue, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending February 21, 2020. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for January 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; February 4, 11, 2020. (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 3-0 vote.

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

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, the request to amend the health department budget for an additional 1.00 FTE. Ms. Everson explained state statute allows the addition of the position, covered by a grant, without a public hearing.

It has been determined that there is a need for a Behavioral Health Systems Specialist. The position will coordinate behavioral health systems in the county; work with all the partners involved in behavioral health, including, but not limited to the St. Peter's and Shodair hospitals, the Center for Mental Health, City and County Law Enforcement and Good Samaritan; and will also facilitate the Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council.

It is anticipated that one year of funding for the position will be provided through a grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation. Permanent funding will be allocated through a coalition of partners

along with the County. The annual cost of the position is estimated to be \$74,827. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Ms. Everson explained previously the mental health services were a piece meal and with the departure of Western Montana Mental Health, it became apparent one place coordinating all of the activities would be best of which the position will accomplish.

Commissioner Hunthausen added with Western Montana Mental Health leaving that became an opportunity to review the efficiency of the management of the programs and finances. He added the Community Health Improvement Plan has indicated that behavioral health and suicide prevention are some of the highest priorities for work in the community.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the position is not being funded by the voter approved operations levy. The funds of \$200,000 in the levy was identified for mental health therapists and a case worker in the jail.

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.

Board Appointment. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the request for appointment to the York Fire Service Area Board of Trustees. Donald Zimmerman, a Trustee on the York Fire Service Area Board of Trustees, passed away in December of 2019. On February 13, 2020, J.R. McFadden submitted a request to be appointed to the vacancy. Mr. McFadden is a registered voter of the York Fire Service Area and is therefore qualified to serve as a trustee. Per MCA 7-3-2106, an appointment to fill a vacancy occurring during the term of office of a trustee must be made by the county governing body and the appointee shall hold office until the next trustee election. The action is to appoint J.R. McFadden as a trustee to the York Fire Service Area until the next regular election, May 5, 2020. At that time, a qualified candidate may be elected to the remainder of the term.

Ms. McCue explained the process of canceling an election when there is no competition for a special purpose district election to avoid costs associated with the ballot. The candidate would then be elected by acclamation.

No public comment was received.

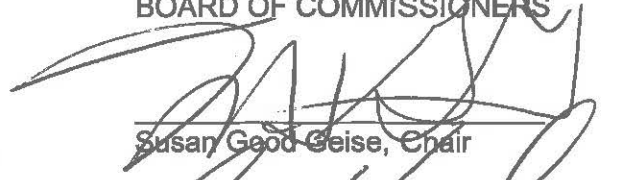
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

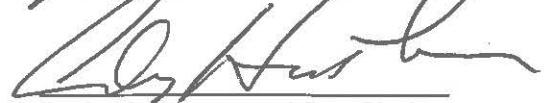
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair

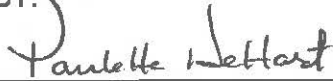


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board