



PUBLIC MEETING

February 25, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/5669454978>.

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, Brent Colbert, Charles Lane, Christian Lehnert, Alexa Noruk, Audra Zacherl, Dan Karlin, Eric Griffin, Nancy Everson, Jacki Pierson, Kevin Horne, Stephanie Beckert, Tanner McMahon, Tyler Youderian, Travis Craig, Craig Ashworth, Ken Frost, Neal Cleveland, Pat Dryan, Valeria Robinett, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary. All attendees were present via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2021-13 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

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 Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Bid Opening. Lewis and Clark County Landfill Phase 4A Landfill Expansion. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid opening for the Phase 4A landfill expansion within the licensed landfill area. The 7.3-acre expansion area will include excavation, embankment, and preparation of liner subgrade and lined with the liner system shown on the plans. The liner system includes the following elements from the top; compacted native liner subgrade, 60 mil. double-sided textured HDPE flexible membrane liner, non-woven geotextile fabric, gravel base drainage and protective layer, leachate collection piping, leachate pumping system, and accessories. Other work includes construction of stormwater diversion ditches, a stormwater detention pond, and access road.

Eight bids were received. The first bid is from Youderian Construction, Inc. of Stanford, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,538,790. The second bid is from Warren Transport, Inc. dba Weave Construction of Billings, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,994,817. The third bid is from Hard Rock Road Building

and Utilities, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,528,100. The fourth bid is from Montana Civil Contractors, Inc. of Belgrade, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,715,800. The fifth bid is from Shumaker Trucking & Excavating Contractors, Inc. of Great Falls, Montana for a total bid amount of \$2,176,345. The sixth bid is from Bullock Contracting, LLC of Boulder, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,235,269.50. The seventh bid is from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,996,069. The last bid is from MJD Contracting, LLC of Clancy, Montana for a total bid amount of \$1,396,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on March 4, 2021 and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Lease Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Mrs. Linda Converse. (Brent Colbert)

Brent Colbert, Undersheriff, presented the lease agreement with Linda Converse in an amount \$1,200 annually for the site location of radio equipment that serves public safety agencies and emergency services including equipment providing the primary radio paging frequency for Augusta Ambulance and Fire Service Area. The County will utilize the existing line that crosses near the proposed tower site with permission of Sun River Cooperative. The radio towers have been on the Converse property for quite a while and a new agreement is needed as the original agreement was with Mr. Converse and he is deceased. The lease term begins October 1, 2021 for 10 years. Staff recommends approval of the lease agreement with Linda Converse.

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.

Grant Application to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Alexa Noruk)

Alexa Noruk, Disaster & Emergency Services (DES) Coordinator, presented the grant application to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services for the FY21 Emergency Management Performances Grant (EMPG) Program in the amount of \$70,000 with a local match of \$70,000 for a total cost of \$140,000. The purpose of the EMPG program is to support the activities of state, local, tribal and territorial governments in preparing for all hazards. The grant will continue to fund portions of the daily disaster operations, any operations necessary in disaster response out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and coordination with other critical partners. Lewis and Clark County DES participates annually in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) which helps identify the risks in the county and guides how the EMPG grant is utilized. Staff recommends approval of the grant application to Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

Ms. Noruk stated there are no large specific projects identified over the coming year that the funds would go toward. There are necessary updates to the emergency operations and the pre-disaster mitigation plans, as the five-year update requirement is approaching. Other things are continued maintenance on the generator and bringing back in-person trainings and tabletop exercises when allowed after the pandemic. Deferred maintenance on physical infrastructure is not allowed under this type of grant.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management. (Christian Lehnert)

Christian Lehnert, Weed District Coordinator, presented the grant award and related agreement from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the US Department of Interior for invasive and noxious plant management. The purpose of the project is to help reduce noxious weed infestations on BLM lands within Lewis and Clark County. The funds will be mostly focused on the North Hills Fire area as well as other roads adjacent to BLM property. The grant is for \$50,000 with a 12.5% in-kind match of \$6,250 from the Weed District for a total project cost of \$56,250. The grant period is September 24, 2020 through September 23, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the grant award and affiliated agreement from the Bureau of Land Management.

No public comment was received.

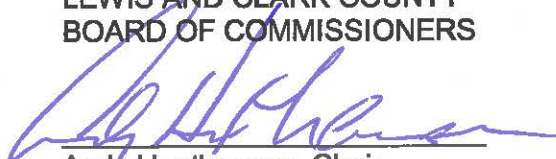
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

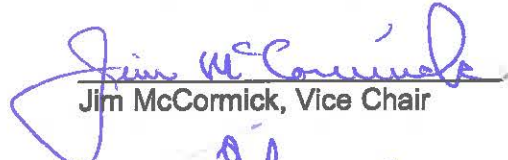
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board