



PUBLIC MEETING

March 12, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 12, 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, Brent Colbert, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Ann McCauley, Audrey McCue, Christal Ness, Annie Kurtz, Brittany Hogan, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Stahly Engineering & Associates, Inc. (Brent Colbert)

Brent Colbert, Sheriff's Office Captain, presented the contract with Stahly Engineering and Associates, Inc. for land surveying and civil engineering services needed for the Lewis and Clark County Morgue project. The contract is not to exceed \$12,480. The contract would be to ensure the site chosen for the possible morgue would be sustaining and the correct place to do so. The contract begins upon approval by all parties through June 30, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Stahly Engineering & Associates, Inc.

Captain Colbert gave an overview of the possible morgue project that would be a 30' by 30' building with a cooler unit that would be mostly for storage with no lab onsite. This would make their jobs more efficient.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Nonprofit Association. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the grant award from the Montana Nonprofit Association's Census 2020 Mini-Grant program in the amount of \$1,800 to be used for the development, creation and distribution of 2,777 postcards to be distributed to rural post office boxes and includes East Helena, Marysville, Canyon Creek, Lincoln, Augusta, Wolf Creek and Craig. The U.S. Census Bureau does not mail to post office boxes and will only conduct property visits. The grant period is March 12, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant from Montana Nonprofit Association.

Ms. McCauley noted the Montana Nonprofit Association Census Mini-Grant Program commented that the Lewis and Clark County application has been the most direct reach application they have seen and they hope to replicate what the County is doing in other parts of the state.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen explained the importance of everyone completing the census, noting that each person counted represents about \$2,000 annually. He added March 12th is the first day that individuals can complete the census online.

Ms. McCauley added she uses the census data all the time for grant applications.

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

Recommendations for a Court Ordered Land Division. (Tabled 2-27-20) (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the recommendation for comment on a Court Ordered Land Division that was tabled on February 27, 2020. Since that meeting a court order was received that divided the property pursuant to the petition presented. Both Ms. Ness and Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney kept in contact with the attorney for Lisa Barton and the order took them both by surprise because the attorney understood the County was in process of providing comment. The Court signed the order without a hearing as it was a joint motion and both parties agreed to the proposition of the property division.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated no action is required on this item.

No public comment was received.

Declaring Helena Valley Irrigation District Commissioners Elected by Acclamation. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the two candidates to be elected by acclamation for the Helena Valley Irrigation District Commissioners election that was scheduled to be held on March 25, 2020 for a Division 5 Commissioner and a Division 3 Commissioner. By the close of candidate filing on December 31, 2019 one candidate filed for each division and no write-in candidates filed by the January 21, 2020 deadline. Pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA, the election was canceled and the candidates shall be elected by acclamation by the Board of County Commissioners.

The requested actions are to declare Gary Burnham elected by acclamation to a two-year term as the Helena Valley Irrigation District Division 3 Commissioner and Mark T. Diehl elected by acclamation to a three-year term as the Helena Valley Irrigation District Division 5 Commissioner.

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.


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

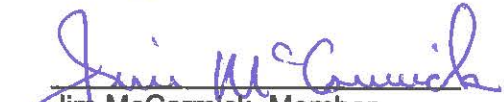
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 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