



PUBLIC MEETING

March 26, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 26, 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 was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was present via telephone. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nancy Everson, Dan Karlin via telephone, Ann McCauley via telephone, Audra Zacherl, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the detention center renovation. In the past month Sletten Construction completed the security ceilings in the lower level cells, the dayroom ceilings were being framed, taping of the framed walls began on both levels, wire was being pulled through the conduit on the lower level, the fire sprinkler system was inspected and signed off by the Helena Fire Marshal, decking was installed for office floor and control room floor and concrete will be poured in the next couple weeks.

Over the next few weeks Sletten will complete the security ceilings on the main level, ductwork and plumbing loose ends, complete the framing in the ceilings and get approval to start the drywall on the ceilings on the main floor.

Inmates will be transitioned from the upper floor down to the newly renovated space the end of May, to be completed in two phases. This will enable the upper floor to undergo minor renovations that include: splitting the exercise area in two; the laundry will be turned into a program room; the kitchen and medical areas will become interview rooms; the visitation area, booking floor and detention offices will become a 16-person dorm, public visitation, staff restroom and storage; minor changes to Pod H to provide code required egress route; plumbing upgrades that include replacing valves for the sinks and lavatories in all cells, a new shower and ADA toilet/sink in Pod H; and security upgrades that include CAT 5 cabling, new cameras, tie existing locks, lighting and tv power into new controls; new security graphic plans and controls; and add duress alarms to all control stations.

Construction is expected to continue into September. Renovations will transform all three floors of the Law enforcement Center into detention space with a minimum of 156 beds. Funding for the renovation is from the voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond. Additional funding is being provided from capital savings, bond premium and bond interest for an initial total project budget of \$8.4 million.

Since the last update two scope changes were added to the project, one for ADA parking between the Detention Center and the Courthouse for \$52,921.49 and the other one for replacement of the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) that services the state radio room for \$110,192.70. Both items have funding sources identified separate from the bond funding.

Expenditures to date total \$4,836,790 with architecture at \$593,550; owner's rep at \$352,741; Sletten Construction at \$3,674,800; miscellaneous at \$215,700 that include testing, builder's risk, electric reroute, bond-related expenses.

Ms. Zacherl explained the reason for the delay in transition from the upper floor to the main floors had to do with approval of the sprinkler system above the ceiling. It took longer than expected with the outside agency. The City of Helena was unable to perform the review and approved the same day it was received.

Lewis and Clark County Public Works Manual Appeal Request for Trerise Road by Vigilante Developers, LLC. (Tabled March 24, 2020) (Dan Karlin)

Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented the appeal request for Trerise Road, a county road about 1,300 feet with a current longitudinal grade of approximately 0.29%. The East Helena City Commission required that the Vigilante Subdivision developer bring the road to Lewis and Clark County standard. The developer is trying to do so while also accommodating the wishes of adjacent property owners. The request is to allow a 0.4% longitudinal grade that deviates from the minimum 0.5% County standard. He has discussed this with road and bridge personnel as well as others and it is believed the request can be supported. This is primarily due to the road not having formalized ditches and this allows stormwater to shed away from the road base. Staff recommends approval of the request.

Mr. Karlin stated the current state of the road is functioning well with the grade at 0.29% with no ponding or puddling issues. He explained bringing the road to standards would widen the road to a consistent 24 foot width, adjust the grade slightly with not much of the footprint being moved or drainage of the structure.

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.

Contract Amendment Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Commerce. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the contract amendment with Montana Department of Commerce to extend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to August 31, 2020 for the West Mont Farm and Garden Rehabilitation project. The rehabilitation project is complete, however to complete the closeout documentation the extension is being requested. Ms. McCauley will work with West Mont to get the final documents in by the end of the month. Staff recommends approval of the contract amendment with Montana Department of Commerce.

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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the contract with JHS, Inc. for mosquito control services within the Craig-Wolf Creek Mosquito District in the amount of \$16,320. This annual contract runs May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Ms. Everson explained a mill levy is assessed on the residents in the District to pay the contractor. The amount is about a 3% increase from the prior year. Staff recommends approval of the contract with JHS, Inc.

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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the contract with JHS, Inc. for mosquito control services within the Helena Valley Mosquito District in the amount of \$213,550. This annual contract runs April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Ms. Everson explained a mill levy is assessed on the residents in the District to pay the contractor. The amount is about a 3% increase from the prior year. Staff recommends approval of the contract with JHS, Inc.

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 9:33 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