



PUBLIC MEETING

March 5, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 5, 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 out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Reese Martin, Kellie McBride, Lindsay Morgan, Eric Spangenberg, Jillian DeAmicis-Danesi, Ann McCauley, Bob Utick, Brian Coplin, Kevin Wright, Tyler Manning, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending March 6, 2020. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Yearly Roadway Mileage Certification. (Eric Spangenberg)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, 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 Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding Commitment Letter for Fiscal Year 2020-21. (Reese Martin)

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant funding commitment letter for FY20-21 in the amount of \$129,948 with 50% from the EMPG Federal share and 50% County match of \$64,974. The funds will be used for the DES Department to include the DES Coordinator salary, training, necessary supplies or equipment.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division for effective response to acute mental health crises. The grant is in the amount of \$708,929 with a local match of \$1,195,986 for a total project cost of \$1,904,915. The grant period is January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the grant award contract with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division.

Discussion was had on the value of this grant regarding acute mental health crises, those with behavioral health issues that are incarcerated, partnering with community entities, crisis response teams. Other discussion was had regarding the detention center never being confused with a mental health facility; the Montana State Hospital being adequately funded to have a sufficient number of beds and working closely with communities, having a plan when individuals are released; and civil commitments that the individual is a danger to themselves or others. Ms. McBride presented an example of individuals released with no plan and inappropriately dropped off at Our Place Drop-in Center with some medication.

Ms. McBride noted they are looking at having a behavioral health therapist 7 days a week, 10 hours a day in the detention center.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Brian Coplin, stated he recently attended the council meeting at Our Place and one of the issues that discussed was a veteran that was dropped off at Our Place with no coat or shoes. That is unacceptable. There is way more demand in the community than there is supply of resources. He added the mobile crisis response unit needs to become a priority in conjunction with the crisis intervention teams.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Loan Modification for Apple Rehab. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Trust Indenture Modification and amended promissory notes for the loans the County holds from Apple Rehab.

Apple Rehab purchased the Cooney Home from the County in June 2012 and the County entered into an agreement to be paid for the purchase price over a period of five years. The loan was modified in 2014 to a 30 year loan with a five year balloon and this modification extends the balloon payment for an additional five years to June 2025. It also modifies the interest rate to the current IRS imputed rate of 2.13%. The promissory notes are still being signed by Apple Rehab. The current balance owing is about \$1,750,000 that started at about \$2.3 million. She believes over the next five years the loan will be financed through a bank or paid off in full. Staff recommends approval of the loan modification.

Ms. Everson stated Apple Rehab has made the payments on time and the owner is pretty optimistic the loan would not be carried out full five years.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Resolution 2020-11 Intention to Amend the Saddle Rock Fire System Rural Improvement District. (Petitioner: Robert S. Utick) (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the resolution of intention to amend the Rural Improvement District (RID) that provides maintenance for an existing fire protection system located within the Saddle Rock Subdivision. If approved, a 30-day protest period will be initiated and if it is not protested out, a resolution to amend the RID will be presented to the Commission following the protest period.

The RID is located east of Collins Drive, north of Fantasy Road, and south of Tea Road. The boundaries of the RID currently include properties located within the Saddle Rock Subdivision and the JAMVAR Subdivision. The amendment would add all properties lying within the Lorac Subdivision. All three subdivisions satisfied their fire protection requirements under the Lewis and Clark County Subdivision Regulations with this system during their individual Subdivision review processes. The general character of the maintenance for the fire protection system includes, but is not limited to, costs associated with the electrical power supply, any tank and well repairs, weed spraying of the gravel turnaround, and any grading and snow removal that provides vehicular access to the system.

Each lot, tract or parcel will be assessed an equal amount for the maintenance, repair and preservation of the system. The total annual maintenance costs for the system are \$945, currently divided amongst five properties, four lots within the JAMVAR Subdivision and the parcel prior to its division that has now become the Saddle Rock Subdivision, for a maintenance assessment of \$189 per parcel. The total annual maintenance costs have been updated to \$1,000, and if the resolution of intention is approved, the updated costs will be divided amongst twelve properties for a new annual maintenance assessment of \$83.33 per parcel with four lots in JAMVAR, four lots in Saddle Rock, and four lots in Lorac Subdivisions. If there is an increase the number of benefited lots, tracts, or parcels within the boundaries of the District, the assessment will be recalculated. Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the boundaries and estimated maintenance costs for the Saddle Rock Fire System RID.

Ms. Morgan stated the distance from the water protection source to the furthest area of the Lorac Subdivision is about 3/4 of a mile.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen 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 9:49 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