



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

April 2, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/5669454978>.

### **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, Eric Merchant, Charles Lane, Jonathon Ambarian, Julia Caro, David Clark, Jeni Garcin, Nadine McCarty, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary. All attendees were present via Zoom.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending April 3, 2020. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented 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 Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Amended Public Health Emergency Preparedness Task Order. (Eric Merchant)**

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the public health emergency preparedness task order and associated grant award with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$94,251. The purpose of the task order is to upgrade and enhance local public health capacity to respond to events, and COVID-19 impacting the public health, through planning, assessment and development of preparedness and response activities defined by the CDCs Public Health Preparedness

Capabilities Planning Guide. Resources are intended to assist county and tribal health departments sustain and progress toward achieving the 15 public health preparedness capabilities that promote safer and more resilient communities.

Mr. Merchant added that this is a one-time award from the Center for Disease Control through the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services that will be disbursed in several phases. The award can be used for costs incurred on or after January 20, 2020 for certain public health expenses related to surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities associated with COVID-19 operations. Public Health has hired an additional 12-15 nurses for this pandemic to perform these services. The additional staff will focus on tracking positive cases and tracing all known contacts. The work plan outlined in the Cooperative Agreement is available for public review.

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 9:37 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Susan Good Geise, Chair  
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Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair  
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Jim McCormick, Member

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