



PUBLIC MEETING

April 20, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

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, Misty Edwards, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Kellie McBride, Ann McCauley, Christal Ness, Gloria Soja, Rachel Gemar, Myrna Omholt-Mason, Jennae Ward, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Approval of Recommendations Regarding Criminal Justice Information System Request for Proposal. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the staff recommendations for the Request for Proposal (RFP) that includes rejections of received proposals and the rewrite, advertise and release of the Criminal Justice Information System RFP.

At the request of the County Commissioners, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Citizens Advisory Committee, the State of Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services-Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, and the Montana Health Care Foundation, the Lewis and Clark, the Criminal Justice Services Department has endeavored to design and implement a Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Data Dashboard. The Dashboard will display select information pulled from criminal justice partners' existing systems on a public-facing Data Dashboard as well as permission-based Dashboards for criminal justice partners. The Dashboard will allow Lewis and Clark County to track detailed criminal justice trends, highlight positive approaches already in place, and point to areas needing further attention. The Data Dashboard will provide information integral to strengthening the County's focus on public safety and thoughtful criminal justice reform.

In the fall of 2020, the County released a RFP seeking proposals from vendors capable of building and implementing the envisioned CJIS Data Dashboard. The County received three disparate responses to

the RFP. After an internal review of the RFP and the review process CJS staff recommends the Commission reject all proposals and requests authorization to begin the RFP process all over again.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Gloria Soja, stated the decision to come before the Commission was not a CJS staff decision, but a decision of the CJIS Steering Committee. She had questions and concerns about the RFP process. The hope is the County will utilize work already done by the project manager and herself.

Jennae Ward, stated she has concerns about both the RFP process and how the internal audit was conducted.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to reject the three proposals received in response to the original CJIS Request for Proposals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the rewrite and presentation to the Board for approval to begin the process of selecting a qualified vendor by advertising for the Request for Proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Grant Application to Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the grant application to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the appointment of herself as the authorized agent to submit the application to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services FY21 Crisis Diversion-County Tribal Matching Grant program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to counties and federally recognized tribes to support local jail and state hospital diversion efforts, by providing services to community members within their own communities. The County has been a successful recipient of funding from this program since 2014. Funding through this program has been crucial to many of the behavioral health and crisis diversion programs in the County both through the Public Health Department and the Criminal Justice Services Department.

The County's FY21 Offeror Response includes: the County-wide mobile crisis response team, behavioral health staff in the detention center, the Criminal Justice Information System database, and the integration of more behavioral health resources in the CONNECT referral system. The funding request will be matched up to 70% of the County's committed contributions towards the programs. It is estimated the funding request will be about \$1.5 to \$1.6 million. The period of performance is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the authorization and submission request.

Ms. McCauley noted in the 2017 Legislative session added tribes as eligible recipients for the funding. This request will be specific to Lewis and Clark County. She added federal grants received for behavioral health programs are allowed to be contributed as part of the local contribution. So with the federal funds and local dollars, the local contribution is just over \$3 million, however, the State only has \$4.65 million available. She recommends the target ask to be the \$1.5 to \$1.6 million.

Discussion occurred regarding the success Lewis and Clark County has had with receiving the up to 70% match. Ms. McCauley noted a key part of the legislation that created the program is that it is a diversion of state hospital committals from counties. The match percentage results from the number of annual committals each county has to Warm Springs.

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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Rocky Mountain Operations, LLC. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the contract with Rocky Mountain Operations, LLC for services needed for the Augusta and Lincoln Senior Center's water systems as well as Hooper Park's public water supply system. Services provided include water system regulations compliance; monthly site visits for maintenance and operational support, including emergency responses, and any necessary repairs of system components. Additionally, Hooper Park work will include the annual start up and winterization of the system. Work will be billed at a lump sum of \$600 per site visit for the Augusta and Lincoln Senior Centers and \$300 per site visit for Hooper Park. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Rocky Mountain Operations, LLC.

Commissioner McCormick asked if there is a fee schedule for any additional work and Ms. Edwards explained anything outside of the routine maintenance rates would follow the fee schedule in Exhibit C.

Ms. Edwards gave an overview of the chlorination process of the Hooper Park public water system that includes monthly reports submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality.

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.

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 Control District. The District is contained as individual special revenue funds within the County funds. Annually the District contracts with a contractor to provide mosquito control services such as aerial control, West Nile testing, ground fogging and other services. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$218,240 with work to be completed by December 31, 2021. This is an increase of 2.2%, funded by a mill levy, levied on the property owners within the District. 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 Rolfe. 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 Control District. The District is contained as individual special revenue funds within the County funds. Annually the District contracts with a contractor to provide mosquito control services such as aerial control, West Nile testing, ground fogging and other services. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$16,675 with work to be completed by December 31, 2021. This is an increase of 2.2%, funded by a mill levy, levied on the property owners within the District. Staff recommends approval of the contract with JHS, Inc.

Ms. Everson added the financial burden is very small at less than \$10 annually on a \$500,000 piece of property.

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.

Abandonment and Discontinuance of the Alley in Block 13. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the abandonment and discontinuance request of an alley right-of-way in Block 13 of Seymer Park stating this is a noticed public hearing. She requested that the Commission table the item until further notice.

Ms. Ness expects the item to be back before the Commission within 30 days.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated the public hearing is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to table the item until further notice and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Abandonment and Discontinuance of Circle Place. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the abandonment and discontinuance request of Circle Place right-of-way in the Bellevue Addition, stating this is a noticed public hearing. She requested that the Commission table the item until further notice.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated the public hearing is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to table the item until further notice and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Proposed Abandonment of Highland Park, West View Avenue, East View Avenue and Toboggan Avenue. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the abandonment and discontinuance request of Highland Park, West View Avenue, East View Avenue and Toboggan Avenue right-of-ways in Highland Park, stating this is a public hearing. She requested that the Commission table the item until further notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Rachel Gemar, 2620 Stuart St, stated she recently purchased her home near these roads. The neighborhood is a quiet area with easy trail access, the nearby elementary school and few cars. If the petition to discontinue these roads is accepted, it will allow developers to build busy roads through a peaceful residential area that will eliminate local trails, reduce property values, and create an unsafe situation for kids and pets. She has spoken with several neighbors and they also opposed to the petition. She urged the Commission to reject the petition and protect County residents.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated the public hearing is now closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to table the item until further notice and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Batz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board reappointments for the Scratch Gravel Solid Waste Board and the appointment for the Consolidated City and County Planning Board.

Staff recommends the reappointments of Linda Grady and Patrick Keim to the Scratch Gravel Solid Waste Board to terms that expire October 31, 2024.

Staff recommends the appointment of James Sonntag to the Consolidated City and County Planning Board to a term that expires September 1, 2024.

No public comment was received.

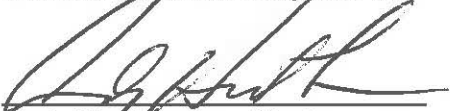
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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


Andy Hunthausen, Chair

Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board