



PUBLIC MEETING

April 21, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21, 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, Nicho Hash, Charles Lane, Reese Martin, Eric Merchant, Joe Wojton, Jennifer Preble, Mariah Ramirez, David Ochlander, Theresa Ortega, Drenda Niemann, Nicole Newman, 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

There were no consent action items.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and the Helena YMCA. (Reese Martin)

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the contract with the Helena YMCA for the use of Camp Child to provide non-congregate sheltering during the COVID-19 pandemic. The cost is not to exceed the total amount of monies designated by the County. The Commission has allocated \$25,000 for sheltering purposes and other agencies in the community are providing funds as well. The contract begins upon date of signature for 30 days with automatic monthly renewal for a period of six months. The contract outlines responsibilities of various stakeholders including Elkhorn COAD, PureView Health Center, Salvation Army, and St. Peter's Health for items such as mental health support, toiletries, meals and medical assistance. The non-congregate sheltering is meant for families that are currently staying at God's Love and is meant to be a last resort shelter. Staff recommends approval of the contract with the Helena YMCA.

Mr. Martin added that they will conduct a walk through of the facility before any families are placed there.

Jennifer Preble, Center for Mental Health, stated that most of the clients that this would pertain to are enrolled in case management as well as Medicaid so many of these services are already being paid.

Mariah Ramirez, United Way, stated that the services that would be provided at Camp Child would be a restoration of services. Providing mental health support is a risk reduction for the families as they transition.

Commissioner Hunthausen suggested that language be added to state that Lewis and Clark County would be a payor of last resort for the wrap around services.

Joe Wojton, Salvation Army, stated that they have a bus that can be used to transport people to their place of employment from Camp Child. They will create a transportation plan once they know who is staying at Camp Child and what their circumstances are. Transportation will only be provided for employment purposes, not for shopping or miscellaneous trips.

David Ochlander, stated that the non-profit stakeholders need language in an agreement so that they aren't liable for any future debt that may be a result of providing these services.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated that contractually obligating the County to provide those services should not be considered. Mr. Lane recommended removing language regarding the 3rd party non-profits mentioned in the contract and reduce the contract to only the sheltering item; a second agreement could be created for the medical and mental health services.

Commissioner Geise suggested removing items 10 and 11 from the contract and dealing with those items in separate agreements.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the contract with the Helena YMCA after removing Sections 10 and 11 which are to be addressed in a separate agreement and approved imminently. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed 3-0.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Immunization Program. (Eric Merchant)

Eric Merchant, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented the grant award and task order in the amount of \$27,579 with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Immunization Program to provide support to reduce the burden of vaccine preventable diseases by ensuring the oversight and provision of immunization services for children, adolescents, and adults within Lewis and Clark County. The effective date is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the grant award and affiliated Task Order.

Mr. Merchant added that the current pandemic, COVID-19, does not currently have a vaccine but that the Public Health Department is currently taking inventory to see where they are lacking in regards to other vaccines.

Mr. Merchant discussed COVID-19 and related strategies and issues related to it.

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.

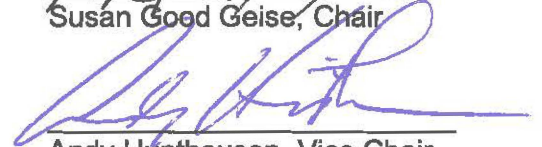
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

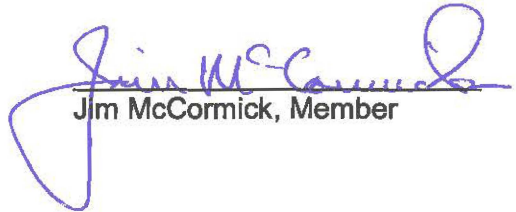
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Susan Good Geise, Chair

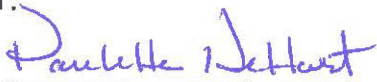


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



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