



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

May 9, 2017  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chairman 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, Tracie Kiesel, Al Knauber, Jay Nelson, Jayson Zander, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **The Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force Steering Committee Annual Plan and Budget. (Jay Nelson)**

Sergeant Jay Nelson, DUI Task Force Chairman, Lieutenant Jayson Zander DUI Task Force Vice-Chairman, and Tracie Kiesel, DUI Secretary, presented the FY18 annual plan and budget. Sergeant Nelson highlighted some of the items in the plan. The State of Montana statistics show that the state still has the culture of drinking and driving with 3.4% of Montanans reporting driving after drinking compared to the national average of 1.9%. Lewis and Clark County DUIs are more complex as they include illegal and prescription drugs resulting in extensive investigations. Statistics are tracked on a monthly basis with all law enforcement agencies in Lewis and Clark County. Although DUI numbers are lower, due to the complex investigations this might not mean there are less DUIs. The hope is the trend continues. A brief overview of how minors obtain alcohol was presented, listing a considerable number being with parents' permission. The number of fake IDs have dropped significantly in the last two years with the safety features on the new IDs. All alcohol sellers in the county are educated about IDs and what to look for. The goal of the DUI Task Force is to educate on driving under the influence; no restraints; and minors in possession. This includes helping to fund the 24/7 Sobriety Program and drug recognition experts ongoing education. Currently the trained drug recognition experts are three with the Montana Highway Patrol; one with Lewis and Clark County; and four with the Helena Police Department.

The number of officers per shift include: Highway Patrol in Lewis and Clark County on average have two troopers; Helena Police Department have a minimum of four patrol officers; and Lewis and Clark County a minimum of four; East Helena usually has one officer at a time.

The Task Force operates on an estimated budget as the cash flow is designated by law with reinstatement fees that occur from suspended drivers in Lewis and Clark County. About \$30,000 is projected as the carryover. It is estimated on a low number that about \$25,000 will come from the reinstatement fees. Not all counties had a DUI Task Force, but still had suspended drivers and received the reinstatement fees. Without the Task Force the money continued to build. The HB132 addressed the issue and allocated the funds to all the established task forces. It's projected another \$552 from this fund will be received. Expenditures include training with travel; the telephone is part of the 24/7 program; advertising; office supplies; and contracted expenditures, which includes money given to law enforcement agencies, Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service Training Program (RASST), and the Drug Recognition Program for a total expenditure amount of \$55,279.07 with a total projected fund budget of \$63,195.07.

Sergeant Nelson referenced the attached meeting calendar that will be posted on the new Facebook account. With reference to the member list the long-standing member representing the adult beverage industry is no longer with them. It's imperative to have this representation and are currently working on filling this position.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated after review of the presentation and the process needed, it looks like the Commission is being asked for acceptance of the annual plan and budget. It does not have any impact on the general fund or the county budgeting process and acceptance could occur at this time.

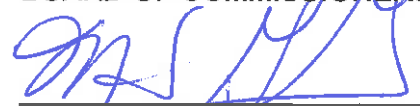
A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to accept the DUI Task Force annual plan and budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

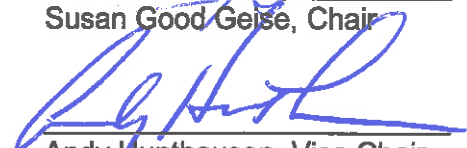
**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

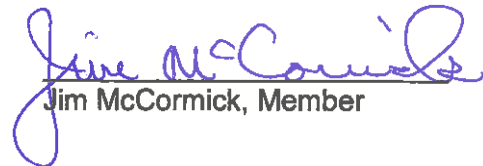
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