



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

June 11, 2019  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chairman Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Jason Grimmis, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Chere Jiusto, Charles Lane, Kellie McBride, Spencer Starke, Bob Drake, Matthew Gould, Ben McGaugh, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Presentation by Montana Preservation Alliance. (Chere Jiusto)**

Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance Executive Director, presented an update on the project funded by the Steele Reese Foundation to work with four communities in the Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC). Two of the communities in Lewis and Clark County are Augusta and East Helena with the focus on downtown revitalization. Ms. Jiusto noted Montana Preservation Alliance works with local partners, economic development, the Historical Society, community business leaders, MBAC and others. Ms. Jiusto noted significant historic properties were identified first. In East Helena they are also partnering with the East Helena Food Hub Project that is piloted through the Myrna Loy and a grant was obtained to look at the culture of East Helena linked to food. A preliminary architectural report will be completed on the old volunteer fire hall with additional funds through the Food Hub. Ms. Jiusto gave an overview of the building improvements and activities to be held there. In Augusta Ms. Jiusto gave an overview on the old blacksmith shop project, to help with restoration of the exterior of the old mercantile building, the hope of connecting Augusta and Gillman with a recreation trail. Commissioner McCormick asked how MBAC works in the grant process and Ms. Jiusto explained where the grants come from, the process, and MBAC's involvement. Commissioner Good Geise reported on the purchase of the old cake building that now

houses collectibles and antiques and noted in the last few years new investors have come into Augusta.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Pam Attardo, Heritage Preservation Officer, gave an update on the East Helena depot and the Silver City Cemetery.

**Lease Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Douglas Demarest. (Jason Grimmis)**

Jason Grimmis, Undersheriff, presented the right-of-way lease agreement with Douglas Demarest in the amount of \$150 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The agreement grants the right to Lewis and Clark County to use the road to Mt. Royal, location of a microwave site for the state radio system, which crosses land owned by Douglas Demarest. All parties that use the road through the Demarest Ranch must have a signed Right-of-Way for liability and maintenance purposes. The gate is kept locked for most of the year, and all who use the road must have a paid-up Right-of-Way, or be employed by someone who has a paid-up Right-of-Way. Staff recommends approval of the right-of-way lease agreement with Douglas Demarest.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Planning Initiative to Build Bridges Between Jail and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (tabled 6/4/19) (Kellie McBride)**

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the grant award from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance and in partnership with Arnold Ventures to provide travel scholarships for five team members to participate in two face-to-face meetings in Washington, DC.

Ms. McBride gave an overview of Lewis and Clark County being one of the 15 jurisdictions selected throughout the nation to participate in the Planning Initiative to Build Bridges Between Jail and Community-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder. Discussion was had on the opioid use disorder and the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Lewis and Clark County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Bob Drake, Fire Chief of Tri-Lakes Fire Department, encouraged the inclusion of the fire department's first responders and St Peter's Ambulance Service as an early bridge, as they see many people that are at the end of their prescriptions. Chief Drake discussed the use of Narcan and noted this is an every day person problem, not necessarily a drug user, and many times overdose is unintentional.

Ben McGaugh, PureView Health Center Behavioral Health Program Supervisor, stated they have a variety of providers that work with patients that have a substance use disorder and noted the MAT Program is successful. Mr. McGaugh expressed his interest in the continued building of communication with the prison system and the community.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Proposed Buildings for Lease or Rent adjacent to Cave Gulch Road (Applicant: Matthew Gould) (Planner: Spencer Starke)**

Spencer Starke, Planner I, presented the proposed Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) that includes three new storage structures rental units, two for boat storage and one with 11 units for personal storage. The proposed rental units will not be served by water or wastewater and the Fire Department's concerns have not been fully and satisfactorily addressed. The BLR is located north of and adjacent to Canyon Ferry Road, and west of and adjacent to Cave Gulch Road with access off of Cave Gulch Road. Comment was received from Bob Drake, Fire Chief of Tri-Lakes Fire Department concerning the lack of adequate fire protection with mitigation suggestions. The Applicant is willing to work within those parameters with supplemental information provided. Staff has not had enough time to thoroughly vet the recently received information and recommended the item be tabled to June 20, 2019.

Matthew Gould, landowner, stated he has gone over the information with Chief Drake and believes they have come to an agreement on fire mitigation concerns. They have also contacted NorthWestern Energy regarding their concerns.

Mr. Starke stated the NorthWestern Energy comment was also just received and will be included in the information on June 20th along with a copy of the contract between NorthWestern Energy and Mr. Gould.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to table the item to Thursday, June 20, 2019 and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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.**

Bob Drake, Fire Chief of Tri-Lakes Fire Department, asked if the Commission would like the fire condition briefings and the Commissioners noted they would like the updates.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair

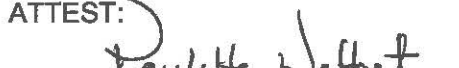


Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board