



PUBLIC MEETING

June 18, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, 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 was present. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Marina Kuntz, Kathy Moore, Sam Neill, Audra Zacherl, Shane Swandal, Rich Whitney, Tyler Manning, Corbin Bruurgema, Matt Boudreau, Tony Ewalt, Robie Culver, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Amendment to the Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Sletten Construction Company. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the amendment to the contract with Sletten Construction Company, the General Contractor/Construction Manager on the Detention Center Renovation Project. The amendment sets the guaranteed maximum price and the schedule for the entire renovation project. Funding for the Detention Center Renovation is from the voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond. Additional funding is being provided from capital savings, bond premium, and bond interest for a total project budget of \$8.4 million.

The amendment includes all activities of construction, including the general requirements and demo work approved back in February and is for a total amount not to exceed \$6,821,434. Renovation of all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space will provide 156 beds. According to the schedule, lower level move-in will take place in January 2020, main level move-in, April 2020 and the upper level move-in and final project completion will take place by August 2020. Staff recommends approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Project Amendment with Sletten Construction Company.

Ms. Zacherl explained the soft costs, listed those included and noted that Hulteng, the Owner's Representative service is also paid from this funding.

Shane Swandal, Owner of Hulteng, CCM the Owner's Construction Representative, stated they do provide the background and project management skills to deliver an alternative project delivery allowed by statute. Mr. Swandal gave an extensive overview of the project steps taken thus far, including the design, the needs, meeting all the bond language, and getting all the sub-scopes of work bid out.

Mr. Swandal noted the only fiduciary responsibility of Hulteng is to the owner and to ensure everything is kept above board with collaboration and transparency brought to the process. He also gave an overview of the necessity of having specialized and experienced contractors for the remodel of the detention center.

Tony Ewalt, Sletten Construction, noted there will be more than 20 specialty subcontractors on the project through the bidding process. Mr. Ewalt noted Sletten works in detention centers nationwide.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the approach taken was following the direction of the voters' approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Contract Between PureView Health Center and Coding & Compliance Initiatives, Inc. (Marina Kuntz)

Marina Kuntz, PureView Finance Director, presented the contract with Coding & Compliance Initiatives, Inc. for coding and documentation education services to PureView providers that will consist of E/M Coding and Documentation Training Workshop and a Learning Lab. The cost of the service will be \$1,700 for the first day of onsite training and \$1,500 for each additional day of onsite with out of pocket costs for travel, hotel, etc. being billed separately. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Coding & Compliance Initiatives, Inc.

Ms. Kuntz explained how crucial correct coding is for patients, their records and reimbursement to PureView.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Modification 1 to Contract 217027 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Kathy Moore)

Kathy Moore, Environmental Division Administrator, presented the modification to the existing contract with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality that will modify the termination date from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2021; and will implement Montana legislative changes by altering some applicant notification dates. The contract is for review of subdivisions with five or less lots for water, wastewater, solid waste disposal, and stormwater. Ms. Moore noted reimbursement depends on the review requirements and the reason for no reimbursement rate listed in the contract. Ms. Moore stated during the 2017 legislative session the review process time lines were changed from 45 days review to 30 days with a possible 30 day extension. The language was modified in the 2019 session with 30 days for the initial review, after that a decision would be made on completion of the submittal and if not an additional 30 days would be requested to allow for necessary materials. Staff recommends approval of the modification to the contract with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if the DEQ relationship with the county spelled out in Administrative Rule and Ms. Moore noted the relationship varies depending on the activity and the

agency with both the DEQ and the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services delegating authority to local health departments.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Kathy Moore)

Kathy Moore, Environmental Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$21,227, with a Health Department match of \$27,658 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Lewis and Clark County Outdoor Air Quality Program. The contract is primarily for the air quality monitoring and reporting to the Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Moore gave an overview of the evaluation and results process completed by DEQ as well as the process the Lewis and Clark Public Health Department takes to assess public health risks and provide air quality education. The grant period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Request to Sponsor Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store for a Montana Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant. (Planner: Sam Neill)

Sam Neill, Planner I, presented the request from Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store to Lewis and Clark County for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant sponsorship. Good Samaritan is seeking the CDBG Planning Grant to complete a Preliminary Architectural Review (PAR) and to provide preliminary plans for a new roof and updates to the existing thrift store space. The 44,000 square foot building is about 50 years and old located at 3067 North Montana Avenue. The building houses the thrift store, warehouse, offices, and meeting spaces for other area organizations. The roof is in serious need of repair and after a PAR was conducted a few years back, a full roof replacement was recommended. Currently the leaking roof has potential for mold damage and there is fear of a roof collapse.

Their future goal is to apply for a CDBG Public Facilities Grant for a total roof replacement and for space improvements. Good Samaritan presented the projected proposal at the 2019 Community Needs Assessment meeting. The total cost for the PAR is \$40,000 with the matchin requirement of \$10,000 from Good Samaritan.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if the original estimates were about \$400,000 and are now about \$700,000 and Ms. Neill noted the new estimate is correct as the costs have increased due to the result of inflation, cost of labor and cost of materials.

Corbin Bruursema, Development Coordinator at Good Samaritan Ministries, stated this is a planning grant that will allow for the roof replacement. Good Samaritan has been in the community for 30 years providing a variety of social services. They try to be as collaborative as possible. Mr. Bruursema gave an overview of the in-store services and the financial services that includes rental assistance, child care, critical auto repairs, utilities for Lewis and Clark, Jefferson and Broadwater Counties.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Ordinance 2019-1 Approving a Ballot Question on the Issue of Whether to Allow Non Partisan Elections. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the first reading of the ordinance to approve a ballot question on the issue of whether to allow non partisan elections. Mr. Baltz noted that HB129 allows Montana counties to change the type of election held for officials of an elected county official government from being conducted on a partisan basis to being conducted on a non partisan basis. Mr. Baltz read Ordinance 2019-1 and noted a revision at the suggestion of the Elections Office. After twelve days of the ordinance process a second reading will be presented and if adopted the effective date of the ordinance would be 30 days after the second reading adoption.

Commissioner Good Geise noted every ten years the question is put to the voters if they would like to have a local government study commission that includes a considerable cost. Commissioner Good Geise reported on the history of HB129, explained the districts, provided some history on the districts, and explained the current application process.

Commissioner Good Geise gave an overview of how a commission seat would be filled under the non partisan model and the process that would occur. If voters decide to have non partisan elections it would take years to fully implement. Commissioner Good Geise noted if the question is not asked in the fall candidates for District 2 in 2020 would file as partisans and in case of a vacancy the residents of District 2 would be voiceless until the replacement was found. Commissioner Good Geise explained by piggybacking on to the City of Helena and the City of East Helena ballots the County taxpayers would pay less than if the single question was asked independently.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner McCormick noted the second reading will be on July 2, 2019 and if approved the ordinance will be adopted with submission of the ballot language to the Elections Office by August 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to adopt the first reading of the ordinance and seconded by Commissioner McCormick.

Mr. Baltz noted the cost estimate for this process is roughly \$45,000. Mr. Baltz suggested a revision to the ordinance under the now, therefore section that states the ballot question shall be substantially as follows to allow for any clarification the Elections Office may need.

Commissioner McCormick stated the requested revision be included in an amended motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to amend the earlier motion to include the requested revision to the ordinance to allow for clarification on the ballot question. The motion Passed on a 2-0 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 10:33 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jim McCormick, Chair


Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

