



PUBLIC MEETING

June 23, 2022

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Charles Lane, Audra Zacherl, Nancy Everson, Amy Tenney, Craig Struble, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending June 24, 2022. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Bid Award. One Used Water Truck. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the bid award for one used water truck. On June 16, 2022, one bid was opened for the purchase of a used water truck needed by the County Road Division. Bid documents stated that purchase price, delivery date and analysis and comparison with similar or related equipment were criteria to consider for award. Upon inspection of the equipment, it was discovered that the truck failed to meet two (2) specifications. 1. Tandem rear axle had a minimum requirement of 46,000 pounds capacity and the bid truck only has capacity of 40,000 pounds. 2. Set back front steer axle required a minimum 16,000-pound capacity and the bid truck only had capacity of 12,000 pounds. Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject the bid and for staff to re-bid in the fiscal year 2023.

No public comment was received. A motion to reject the bid and re-bid in FY 2023 was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2022-40 Relating to Up to \$3,000,000 in Principal Amount of Open Space General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022; Authorizing the Issuance and Private Negotiated Sale Thereof. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution relating up to \$3,000,000 in principal amount of Open Space General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, Authorizing issuance and private negotiated sale. The series 2022 bonds shall be sold on terms and at a purchase price within the following limitations: 1, underwriters discount shall not exceed 80% of principal amount of the bonds, exclusive of original issue premium or discount. 2, aggregate principal amount of the bonds shall not exceed \$3,000,000. 3, True interest cost of the bonds shall not exceed 4.75% per annum. 4, bonds shall be subject to redemption on a date that is not later than one-half their term. 5, term of the bonds shall not exceed twenty (20) years. Interest rates are not favorable at this time to refinance for a shorter repay period. The fee for broker is built into the proposal. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

Boyd Andrew Community Services and Intermountain Community Services Fiscal Year 22 Update. (Amy Tenney & Craig Struble)

Amy Tenney, Chief Executive Officer, gave an update for Boyd Andrew Community Services and Intermountain Community Services for Fiscal Year 2022. Provides services to veterans, individuals and families through several programs including Prime for Life program, Pre-Release, Treatment Court, Connect. Partners with community resources including Public Health, United Way, AWARE, CASA, Criminal Justice Council among others. Alcohol tax has funded licensing and training for counselors. Quality assurance reviews have had no in the past four years. 60-70% of clients have mental health condition along with substance abuse condition. Clients are monitored for a year. State requires twelve-month and sixteen-month reviews. Rate of return for clients in criminal services program in Jefferson County is 17% who have successfully completed treatment and has stayed out of prison for three years after. Successes are measured by different positive outcomes. Addiction is a chronic disease and if someone has graduated treatment and a year later has a relapse that didn't have a negative consequence such as jail, is considered a success. Peer support specialists are available for clients to support them by accompanying them to court, probation meetings, meeting to talk over coffee, etc. Substance abuse counselor in Pureview being available immediately during an appointment with a doctor helps follow through from clients for substance dependency evaluations. Twenty-five to 30% of clients are considered homeless.

Craig Struble, Clinical Social Worker, gave Intermountain update. Therapists serve in the school provides outpatient services for alcohol, possession of dangerous drugs and paraphernalia, vape classes, mental health evaluations, drug and alcohol dependency evaluations. Currently serving twenty-one veterans and active-duty families. Some changes at Intermountain include gaining a new Chief Executive Officer, increase in therapists to increase capacity and expanding services and expanding to different counties. Intermountain is working statewide toward workforce development, providing education and helping children in recovery. They have a partnership with St. Peters with crisis work with children by providing substance use screening while being treated at the emergency room for

mental health issues. Ninety-five percent of patients have underlying mental health condition along with substance abuse condition. The alcohol tax helps alleviate some monetary needs locally and allows funds from other grants to be used for expanding statewide services like turning an unused cottage into an 8-bed inpatient facility in Flathead County. Diagnoses in different addictions other than substance abuse are being seen more frequently, one being addiction to electronics and social media. There is a therapist for Parent Child Interaction and two play therapists. Although some children come in for behavioral issues, one main screening question is about substance abuse. Children ten years old and older, 50% have used substances in the past with the issue being resolved or in remission. Data is reported every month and one way data is gained is by client and parent surveys and treatment plan reviews. Progress is measured by whether the clients are coming back within five years for the same substance abuse issue. It is required by the state to provide this data. Ninety-eight children on waiting list from referrals from the partnerships with pediatricians and other community programs. Crisis may not be substance abuse right off hand, it may be that homelessness or not having financial stability enough to keep kids fed that is the immediate crisis and contributes to the substance abuse.

No public comment was received.

No action taken.

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment and recommended the appointment of David Ohler to the Tax Appeal Board to complete a term that expires June 30, 2024.

No public comment was received.

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

Franchise Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and TDS Metrocomm, LLC. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with TDS Metrocom effective upon approval and expires June 23, 2032, with an automatic extension of five (5) years, unless either party decides not to exercise the automatic extension.

The agreement is for the construction and operation of cable system requirements on or through County property. TDS Metrocom LLC shall maintain insurance throughout the term of the agreement outlined in section 4.2 of the agreement. They shall comply with all codes, construction standards and requirements, safety, network technical requirements and performance monitoring and obtain all legally required permits before commencing work requiring a permit. Franchise fees are to equal five percent (5%) of gross revenue yearly. In addition to \$0.15 per subscriber per month during the franchise term for PEG Access Channel.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe 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.

Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jim McCormick, Chair



Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

 
ATTEST

Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board