



PUBLIC MEETING

June 8, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Ann McCauley, Audrey McCue, Brian Obert, AnnPichette, Susan Good Geise, John Herrin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2021-40 Authorizing a Change in Approved Signatures for the Citizens Alliance Bank of Lincoln. (Amy Reeves)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2 a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Commerce. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Coordinator, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Commerce for a Montana Main Street program is for \$20,000. Funds will be used to develop a Downtown Master Plan for Lincoln and will be matched with a Big Sky Trust Fund grant and local contributions being administered by the Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC). The Commissioners approved applying for this grant at the December 4, 2020 Lincoln Government Day meeting. The grant period is March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2023. A Request for Proposal is underway to secure a contractor or consultant to write the plan. Staff recommends approval of the grant award from the Montana Department of Commerce.

Brian Obert, MBAC Executive Director, gave an overview of the different groups contributing to the matching funds and the collaboration of the two different grant programs. The designation of Lincoln as a Montana Main Street opened up doors to allow this to happen. He explained the services that MBAC will provide as the management role for the two grants.

Ms. McCauley stated the Envision Lincoln group and Chamber of Commerce have been working for years on this with a number of plans already put together at a higher view than what the Downtown Master Plan will be doing. It includes historic and cultural relevance, connecting the outskirts from the Sculpture in the Wild to High Country, housing and affordable housing, making Lincoln's downtown feel like a downtown rather than a highway.

No public comment was received.

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

Subrecipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Business Assistance Connection. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Coordinator, presented the sub-recipient agreement with Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) for the administration and management of the Montana Main Street grant awarded to Lewis and Clark County. MBAC be procuring professional services to complete a Downtown Master Plan for Lincoln. The agreement is for \$20,000 and is effective March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the sub-recipient agreement with Montana Business Assistance Connection.

Commissioner McCormick disclosed he is a member of the MBAC Board of Directors.

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.

Board Appointment. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the board appointment to the Lincoln Hospital District. The election was canceled pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA because the number of candidates that filed was less than the number of positions to be filled. When an election is canceled and there are no regular or declared write-in candidates for a position, the Board of County Commissioners shall fill the position by appointment.

Melody McDonough requested appointment to an open position. The election office verified she is a registered voter of the district and meets the eligibility requirements for a board member.

The requested action is to appoint Melody McDonough to the Lincoln Hospital District Board of Trustees to a term that ends in 2024.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointment. (Audrey McCue)

Audrey McCue, Elections Supervisor, presented the board appointment to the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council. The election was canceled pursuant to 13-1-502, MCA because the number of candidates that filed was less than the number of positions to be filled. When an election is canceled and there are no regular or declared write-in candidates for a position, the Board of County Commissioners shall fill the position by appointment.

Ron Zarr requested appointment to an open position. The election office verified he is a registered voter of the district and meets the eligibility requirements for a council member.

The requested action is to appoint Ron Zarr to the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council to a term that ends in 2024.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner McCormick gave a brief overview of the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council and that they discuss and hear issues related to Lincoln with many of those issues brought to the County Commission.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe 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.

John Herrin, 2855 Sundown Road, stated he is here to serve the County a lawsuit relative to the zoning past on November 19, 2020. He has papers for signature by former Commissioner Susan Good Geise, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen, and Commissioner Jim McCormick after the meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

