

PUBLIC MEETING

July 14, 2022 MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Tom Rolfe called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Kari DesRosier, Nicho Hash, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Kim Smith, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Public Meeting Minutes for October 26, December 28, 2021; May 17, 19, June 16, 21, 23, 28, 2022. (Nadine McCarty/Brandi Spangler)

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

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Memorandum of Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association. (Kari DesRosier)

Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association. In the executed collective bargaining agreement effective on July 2, 2021, both parties agreed to form a committee to work on a longstanding bargaining issue related to workers' compensation pay for lost wages for detention officers. A finalized proposal was to be ready for presentation to the Commission by April 30, 2022. The committee has been meeting regularly on this issue.

On May 26, 2022, a MOA was presented to the Commission to extend the deadline to June 30, 2022, and this agreement extends the deadline to August 31, 2022. Progress has been made, but the

committee members do not believe a solution can be ready by June 30, 2022. Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for HIV medical case management in the amount of \$14,356. The grant period is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This award is part of a master contract with no scope of work changes. The grant is for medical providers at Pureview Health Center to provide case management for people who are HIV positive assisting in housing and other needs. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. 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.

Kim Smith, 7510 Applegate Drive, handed out pictures displaying before and after pictures of mobile homes he has remodeled. He gets mobile homes from a North Dakota camp and upgrades them to provide affordable housing. There are 14 units with all new interior, floors, electric and heating. All units are pet friendly with no carpet. Some of the homes were purchased locally and moved in. They were then updated with new windows (if needed), outside insulation, new skirting and core bond underneath the trailers to raise the efficiency of the home. He is providing affordable housing with affordable utilities. A project by Mr. Smith on McHugh Drive was approved by the Commission previously. He shared pictures of some finished houses and is continuing to build accessible houses with no steps as he is seeing a need in housing for people retiring. Of the 14 trailer units, 12 of them are under \$1,000 per month for rent and that includes a garage. The development with the houses average \$100 - \$150 per month for utilities. Land cost and the cost of having a subdivision is outrageous. He is avoiding this by building under Buildings for Lease or Rent. He believes housing in Helena is inadequate. He sees companies from out of state buying up housing and raising the rent significantly. Local ownership needs to be supported. He strongly supports Buildings for Lease or Rent and feels it is very positive for the Helena Community.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted the subdivision regulations are under review and going through a process of being updated.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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