



PUBLIC MEETING

July 16, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Jacqueline Isaly, Charles Lane, Audra Zacherl, Tony Ewalt, Dan Eden, Rich Whitney, Christal Ness, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the Detention Center Renovation. Final inspections on the phased transition areas have been performed and pre-testing of the security system has taken place to be ready for detention staff training. Furniture is starting to go into the transport office, booking office, captain's office and the break room. Information Technology & Services has been setting up the technology in the areas. This week the medical areas will be set up with the goal of being operational by Friday, July 17th. In the next couple of weeks, the lower and main levels will be punched out and turned over for training. As soon as the booking and visitation areas are operational, barricades will be set up and demo will begin on the upper level. As mentioned in the last update, there are a multitude of pieces that must fit together for a successful transition. The COVID-19 virus has affected construction timing from subcontractors not having enough workers to materials not being manufactured to keep up with demand, causing further delays. The transition began on July 7th and will continue through July 27th, when the booking floor, master control, inmate visiting, and the program rooms are expected to be fully operational. Minor renovations on the upper floor are expected to continue through September. Renovations will transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space with a minimum of 156 beds. Funding is from the voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond with additional funding being provided from capital savings, bond premium and bond interest for a current total project budget of \$8.6 million. Expenditures to date total \$6,757,617 with architecture at \$615,538; owner's rep at \$438,768; Sletten Construction at \$5,473,534; miscellaneous at \$229,778 and includes testing, builder's risk, electric reroute, and bond related expenses. Ms. Zacherl presented photos of the project.

Ms. Zacherl noted Tony Ewalt, Senior Vice President and Dean Eden, Vice President and Corrections Division Manager with Sletten Construction Company are in attendance to answer any questions or concerns regarding the schedule challenges the project has faced and what Sletten is doing to mitigate further delays.

Ms. Zacherl added that the bunk issue has been resolved and the Uninterrupted Power Supply was not part of the original plan and has been approved through a change order.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the ADA parking will be done in conjunction with the Courthouse security project.

Dan Eden, Sletten Construction, stated there have been a few bumps in the road with COVID-19 causing many of the issues. The project has been moving forward and is on track for a successful completion this fall. The team will be working on testing the security system over the next few weeks so that they can begin transitioning inmates to the new area. Sletten will have a team to train staff on the security system.

Tony Ewalt, Senior Vice President Sletten Construction, introduced himself and stated that they have kept the project moving forward despite slight setbacks from COVID-19.

No public comment was received.

Contract Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and PatientOne, Inc. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract with PatientOne, Inc. for access and use of the PatientOne web-based patient engagement and remote patient monitoring service for the purpose of COVID-19 case contact quarantine and isolation management. The system will assist public health staff in the management of active COVID-19 patients and their close contacts while those individuals are in isolation. This will allow for the individuals to communicate via phone call, text, etc. versus communicating in-person with nursing staff. The system has been used by many other local health department across the state.

The service initiation cost is \$1,000 with an additional \$2,000 monthly fee and a \$7 per patient fee. The contract is effective upon signature and ends upon termination by either party. Staff recommends approval of the contract with PatientOne, Inc.

Ms. Isaly noted most likely the system would not be used after the COVID-19 pandemic ends.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick 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 9:36 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board