



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

July 20, 2017  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017, 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 Jim McCormick was in attendance and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was away on County business attending the NACo Conference. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nichol Hash, Jason Danielson, Allison Lane, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Jefferson County Health Department. (Drenda Niemann)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented with contract with the Jefferson County Health Department. The contract is to assist in providing Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program services to the residents of Jefferson County. The contract is in the amount of \$31,500 and is for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

No public comment was received.

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

### **Resolution 2017-78 Naming Whyte Trak. (Jason Danielson)**

Jason Danielson, Address Coordinator, presented Resolution 2017-78 naming Whyte Trak. A signed petition requesting the road name was received by the City-County Addressing Office on June 30, 2017 to name a road segment on Hauser Lake whose adjacent properties are only accessible by water. Mr. Danielson explained the difference between naming a road Trak instead of Street or Drive; Trak indicates that the parcels are accessible by water only. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2017-80 Calling for an Election on the Question of Establishing an Annual Levy for Fifteen Years for Maintenance and Operations Costs for the County's Proposed Remodeled Detention Center. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented Resolution 2017-80 calling for an election on the question of establishing an annual levy for 15 years for maintenance and operations costs for the County's proposed remodeled detention center. The language for the resolution and the election has been created by bond counsel. The ballot language is needed to the County Elections Department by August 4th. The ballot question will ask voters to approve or deny an annual maintenance and operations levy for the remodeled detention facility. If approved, the mill levy will be for 15 years and will raise \$4,000,000 annually for maintenance and operations for both the facility and related programs.

The estimated tax increase for the levy for a home with a market value of \$100,000 would be an annual increase of \$42.86 and for a home valued at \$200,000 would be an annual increase of \$85.72.

Commissioner Geise stated that there is a crisis at the detention center and that approving this levy at this time is imperative in order to safely detain inmates as well as provide safe work conditions and environment for the Detention Center employees. The funding from the proposed levy will also be used for diversion and treatment programs, which can lower the inmate population. The remodeled facility cannot be adequately staffed and supervised without passing this levy.

Commissioner McCormick reiterated the importance of passing this levy.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment for the Human Services Task Force and recommended Sherri Downing to a term that will expire June 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to appoint Sherri Downing to the Human Services Task Force. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion passed 2-0.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment to the Lincoln Parks Board and recommended re-appointing Jesse Sallin to a term that will expire June 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to re-appoint Jesse Sallin to the Lincoln Parks Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion passed 2-0.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment to the Mental Health LAC and recommended re-appointing Michelle Cuddy to a term that will expire June 30, 2021.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to re-appoint Michelle Cuddy to the Mental Health LAC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion passed 2-0.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee and recommended re-appointing Gary Ellingson and Rob McDonough to second terms that will expire June 30, 2020.

No public comment was received.


A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to re-appoint Rob McDonough and Gary Ellingson to the Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion passed 2-0.

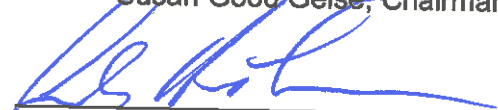
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Susan Good Geise, Chairman

  
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Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
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Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board