



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

July 21, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 21, 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, Nicho Hash, Jessica Makus, Kevin Wright, and Christal Ness, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Resolution 2020-48 to Amend the Ten Mile Creek Estates Rural Improvement District. (Jessica Makus)**

Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution. On June 11, 2020, the Commission passed a resolution of intention to amend the Ten Mile Creek Estates Rural Improvement District (RID), after a petition was received for the purpose of increasing the annual assessment rate from \$215.40 per benefiting property annually to \$455.40 per benefiting property annually. One additional benefiting property has been identified and the RID boundary will also be revised as a part of the amendment. When the resolution of intention was passed a 30-day comment period was opened, with an additional two days added due to the July 4th holiday. Notice of the amendment and today's hearing was sent to all property owners within the RID and legal ads were published on June 14 and June 21, 2020. The comment period closed on July 16, 2020 with two protest letters received. This represents less than 1% of the total cost of the maintenance assessment and is less than 50% of the total cost for maintenance, leaving it to be determined that there was not sufficient protest to bar proceedings, pursuant to 7-12-2112, MCA. It is anticipated a resolution to levy and assess the RID will be brought before the Commission prior to August 31, 2020, so that the assessment increase may take effect during the next tax year. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Commissioner McCormick confirmed that that Homeowner's Association has had a meeting and that they came together and made the request for the increase.

No public comment was received.

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

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the U.S. Department of Justice. (Kevin Wright)**

Kevin Wright, Sheriff's Office Patrol Captain, presented the grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$125,000 to be used toward the salary of a School Resource Officer (SRO) to be placed in the East Helena School District. The grant award period begins July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Captain Wright added that the Sheriff's Office has had discussions about school resource officers and that there is strong support in the Office and the East Helena School District for an SRO. The school district attempted alone to get the grant to fund the position but failed. The Sheriff's office was awarded the grant. East Helena does not have the resources at this time to provide their own resource officer.

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.

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Kevin Wright)**

Kevin Wright, Sheriff's Office Patrol Captain, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$26,116. This is Coronavirus supplemental funding and is for the purchase of four mobile data terminals for the patrol division, and a video conferencing system for the detention center. The grant period is May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control. The funding allows officers to complete paperwork in their units and keeps them out of the office, thereby providing for social distancing.

No public comment was received.

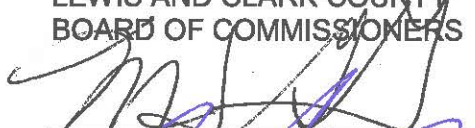
A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Susan Good Geise, Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board