



PUBLIC MEETING

July 25, 2017
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Jim McCormick was present and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Aaron Douglas, Misty Edwards, Nicho Hash, Lori Ladas, Kathy Marks, Dan Nottingham, Audra Zacherl, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Bid Opening. Fairgrounds Roofing Project. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented the bid opening for the Fairgrounds Roofing Project. Before opening the bids, Commission Geise stated that one bid was received unsealed and cannot be taken into consideration. To make sure all bids are unbiased it is required by statute that all bids arrive sealed. Three bids were received. The first bid is from Ace Roofing, LLC from Wilsall, MT for a total bid amount of \$135,846. The second bid is from Golden Eagle Construction, Inc. from Helena, MT for a total bid amount of \$147,350. The last bid is from Christman Roofing, Inc. from Montana City, MT for a total bid amount of \$107,695.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick for staff to take the bids under advisement and make a recommendation to the Commission on August 3, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Approval of Rocky Mountain Development Council CSBG Work Plan 2018-2019. (Lori Ladas)

Lori Ladas, Executive Director of Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC), presented the Community Services Block Grant work plan for 2018-2019. Ms. Ladas introduced Kathy Marks, Operations Director at RMDC. RMDC has many goals and programs. An overview was presented on Head Start, Rocky Mountain Preschool, the Affordable Housing Program, the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, the Meals on Wheels Program, the

Senior Commodity Program, the Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention Services, and the Area IV Agency on Aging which is part of RMDC and has numerous services for seniors. RMDC serves approximately 236 children and their families through the Head Start Program, which encompasses 12 classrooms.

Ms. Ladas explained the Community Services Block Grant has very specific requirements to continue receiving funding. This funding is meant specifically for Community Action Agencies such as RMDC and has to be shown to make a difference in people's lives by assisting low income and vulnerable populations. The grant requires approval and a letter from the County Commission.

Ms. Ladas stated the annual budget for RMDC is approximately \$9.4 million. The Community Services Block Grant funding is approximately \$220,000, which is a very small piece of the budget. Ms. Ladas added that RMDC is about 61% federally funded.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to accept the work plan for 2018-19 and to add a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Labor Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Public Employees Association Representing the Road/Bridge/Shop Employees of the Lewis and Clark County Public Works Department. (Aaron Douglas)

Aaron Douglas, Human Resources Analyst, presented the labor agreement with the Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) representing the Road, Bridge and Shop Employees of the Lewis and Clark County Public Works Department. The only changes made to the agreement are the ending dates and the removal of the Assistant Road and Bridge Manager and added another equipment operator to maintain the minimum number of employees covered. MPEA has reviewed and accepted the agreement.

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.

RFP Award - 2017 Jail Operations and Maintenance Levy Ballot Measure RFP. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Budget Analyst, presented the RFP award for the 2017 Jail Operations and Maintenance Levy Ballot Measure. On July 12th, 2 responses to the request for proposals for the 2017 Jail Operations and Maintenance Levy Ballot Measure were received; one from M+R Strategic Services in Missoula and one from Strategies 360 in Helena. The RFP was soliciting responses from qualified and capable firms to provide general public education and outreach services for the November 2017 ballot measure regarding the operations and maintenance levy for the Detention Center.

A review committee consisting of Ms. Edwards, Laura Erikson, Alan Hughes and Roger Baltz reviewed and scored the proposals. After a thorough review of each response and based on the scoring criteria, M+R Strategic Services was selected as the firm to enter into contract negotiations. M+R scored 354 points out of a possible 400 points and Strategies 360 scored 333 points.

Staff recommends entering into contract negotiations with M+R Strategic Services and authorizing the chair to sign all applicable contract documents. The contract price is not to exceed \$50,000. Ms. Edwards added that if a contract price cannot be negotiated with M+R then the County could enter into negotiations with Strategies 360. Ms. Edwards stated that the goal is to have the contract negotiated by July 27th so that work could begin as early as August 1st.

Commissioner Good Geise stated the purpose of this proposal is to have Lewis and Clark County enter into a robust education plan to educate the citizens of the county on the proposed detention center 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.


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 9:41 am.

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