



PUBLIC MEETING

July 3, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Vice-Chairman Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise was present. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Kari DesRosier, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Robie Marcoux, Tona Pierson, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. FY19 Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Stockgrowers Association. (Nancy Everson)
- b. FY19 Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Wool Growers Association. (Nancy Everson)
- c. Resolution 2018-52 Setting the Salaries for Certain Elected Officials. (Kari DesRosier)
- d. Resolution 2018-53 Setting the Salary for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and Establishing Office Hours. (Kari DesRosier)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on the consent action items 2 a-d and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Task Order 19-07-4-51-103-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Robie Marcoux)

Robie Marcoux, County Public Health and Case Manager, Ryan White Part B Program presented the task order renewal from the Department of Public Health and Human Services for HIV Medical Case Management. The total amount of the task order is \$7,500 and begins July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

As a result of staffing changes at Lewis and Clark Public Health conversations have been had with PureView about the best way to serve eligible individuals through the Ryan White Part B grant. PureView currently provides case management for Part C focusing on medical care. Public Health will provide the Part B services until PureView has staff in place. At that point Public Health will subcontract the services to PureView. The combination of the programs and utilization of one primary case manager will improve individuals' ability to develop trusting relationships with a case manager. It will also provide a more collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation, care coordination, evaluation and advocacy for options and services to meet individuals needs promoting quality cost effective outcomes.

There are currently 45 individuals in the tri-county area with HIV and AIDS; three new positive diagnosis from 2013 to 2017 and two new positive diagnosis in the spring of 2018. Service is provided to about 1/3 of the individuals. Ryan White Part B recipients must ensure reasonable efforts to secure non Ryan White funds whenever possible for services. This is done through case management.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has provided Ryan White Part B services to individuals since 2009. There are no other agencies or community partners providing the service. The case manager works in conjunction with St. Peter's Hospital and all other medical providers. Staff recommends approval of the task order. Ms. Marcoux addressed the increase in the number of individuals. Many people are living with HIV and do not know they are positive. Results present when opportunistic infections occur the individuals go to the doctor and are then tested. Another place where many are diagnosed is the corrections system when they are offered optional testing.

Ms. Marcoux stated since 2009 the funding amount has decreased due to individuals having insurance and the provision of the Affordable Care Act. People were able to get head-to-toe health care, were more independent with their needs making intense case management unnecessary. Ms. Marcoux noted they work closely with the HIV prevention side of Public Health and gave an overview of her role during the rapid testing and the process. No public comment was received.

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

Presentation of the Lewis and Clark County Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2019. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Lewis and Clark County preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2019. A public hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2018 with possible adoption of the final budget on July 12, 2018. The Commission sets goals and the departments develop their budgets with the following goals in mind: developing and maintaining a culture of customer service; engaging in effective long range planning; improving communication between departments, community partners and the public; efficiently and effectively managing public resources. The preliminary FY19 expenditures

amount to \$95,014,780 which is a significant increase from prior years. The difference is mostly attributed to the \$9 million related to the detention center remodel and the operations and maintenance levy. Personnel is about 26% and operations and maintenance is 32% of the total budget. Capital Improvements is 21% and is the result of long range planning built into the budget and the capital purchases as well as projects; this includes \$7.5 million for the detention center and \$1 million for the Law and Justice Center purchase and remodel. Fiscal Year 19 revenue is \$76,328,786. The almost \$18 million projected to spend over the current revenues is due to the long rang planning and the use of operating and significant capital reserves. The all purpose fund expenditures is \$13,537,150, an increase of about 7.3% due to some new positions and also a 2.1% cost of living increase for all employees. The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds are about \$2.3 million to the general fund. Ms. Everson stated she budgeted a .82% increase in the revenues and reserves in the taxes. The estimated growth for new property added to the tax rolls is \$554,370. The budgeted year-end operating and capital reserves is 28% of budgeted expenditures at \$26,252,172, all purpose fund reserves 26% of budgeted expenditures at \$3,535,221 and capital reserves at \$7,523,261. Ms. Everson noted that there is a statutory limit of 33 percent for levied funds. Ms. Everson also noted there are many uncertainties with regards to the flooding issues and if there will be financial assistance from FEMA or the state. The FY19 budget retains all of the current services and programs.

Ms. Everson gave an overview of the budget fund types including the all purpose (general) fund; special revenue funds, restricted to specific use of which there are 21 special tax levies, 25 grant funds, 23 Health Department grants, more than 100 rural maintenance districts for a budgeted amount of about \$5.6 million; debt service funds; capital projects funds; enterprise funds; and internal service funds

Commissioner McCormick referenced the 40 acres that was acquired for the potential detention center relocation. Ms. Everson noted the City of Helena recently purchased 25 of those acres for a total of \$750,000 and that those funds are budgeted in the current detention center project. The County retained the remaining 15 acres for future use.

Ms. Everson stated that enterprise funds consist of the fairgrounds and solid waste funds. These funds are intended to be self-supporting and are budgeted at \$4.5 million. Internal services funds are for centralized services provided to other county operations and include IT&S, buildings and equipment maintenance funds and liability and health insurance funds. Those funds are budgeted at \$11.1 million.

Personnel includes a 2.1% cost of living increase and also new personnel including a communications director, a deputy county attorney, a half-time justice of the peace, 2 new RID coordinator positions, a clerk of district court, one administrative staff person to be split between planning and health, and 15 new detention officers. The significant increase in detention officers is due to the remodel and expansion of the detention center. Ms. Everson noted that even though the detention center will not be completed during this budget cycle, they wanted to include the budget authority in FY19 to start the hiring process.

Ms. Everson pointed out that the County has a low debt ratio of only 1.6% and this is a result of the each department's commitment to saving for capital purchases and projects.

Commissioner Geise noted that she will be out of office during the public hearing for the budget but stated that she is in support of the budget as presented.

No public comment was received.

No action was needed on the item as it was a presentation. The public hearing will be July 10th with an anticipated decision on July 12, 2018.

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

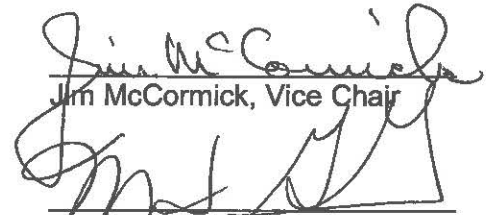
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Susan Good Geise, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board