



PUBLIC MEETING

July 7, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Jacqueline Isaly, Audra Zacherl, Christal Ness, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2020-45 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2 a and recommended approval.

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.

Bid Award 2020 Motor Graders. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the bid award for the purchase of six or more new motor graders. On June 30, 2020 a bid opening was held and two bids were received. Staff requests that the item be tabled to July 28, 2020 to allow for additional time to review bids.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCormick to table the item to July 28, 2020 and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Subcontracting Approval Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Jacqueline Isaly)

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the subcontracting approval contract with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for County Matching Grant Program, Contract Number 20-331-74302-0 to subcontract with St. Peter's Health (SPH) for

Mobile Crisis Response Team (CRT) services in Lewis and Clark County. The CRT team will provide: 24-7 acute in-home CRT assessment, stabilization, safety and care planning services; integration with local behavioral health, primary care and care management programs for follow-up and monitoring; initiate staff hiring with goal of 4.25 FTE; virtual care and home monitoring visits; community paramedic home visits; community paramedic home visits; deploy standardized, evidence-based behavioral health care protocols throughout SPH as well as with other community partners; establish meaningful community partnerships that enhance behavioral health services in county; reduce total number of behavioral health crisis visits to Emergency Room; and clinical documentation, data management and reporting systems designed and developed. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain unchanged. Staff recommends approval of the subcontracting approval contract with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

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.

Public Hearing. Lewis and Clark County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) preliminary budget and reviewed the revenues and expenses. The budget is reflective of four goals: developing and maintaining a culture of customer service; engaging in effective long range planning; improving communication between departments, community partners and the public; and, efficiently and effectively managing public resources. The overall budget revenue is \$78,672,000.

The budget is very conservative due to the unknowns related to COVID-19. The all-purpose fund revenue is \$12.6 million and expenses are \$14.3 million. The FY21 budget for personnel includes a 2.2% matrix adjustment with steps included and a \$300 increase in health insurance premiums as well as proposed new positions. The 2.2% was set in February prior to COVID-19, it has been delayed due to COVID-19 to be reviewed at the end of November.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a brief overview of the new Justice of the Peace (JP) position and the Rural Improvement District (RID) administrative assistant position. He added the voter approved operating levy included positions such as the JP position and detention officers. Discussion was had on the new deputy county attorney, security officer, systems administrator, and behavioral health coordinator positions.

Commissioner Hunthausen noted the first year of the behavioral health coordinator will be funded by the Montana Health Care Foundation and subsequent years the intent is to work with several community partners that will help fund the position. The cost will not fall on the county alone to fund this position.

Operations and maintenance retains all the current services and programs. The capital Improvement fund is mostly for savings to make big purchases. Revenue budget discussion was had on the inflationary factor. There is a decrease in reserves of \$23.5 million due to open space projects, maintenance districts, capital reserves, operating cash reserves. The debt service expenditures are about 1.6% of total expenditures.

Ms. Everson gave an overview of the budgeting process and the length of time it takes.

No public comment was received.


A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to accept the budget as presented and to make the decision to adopt the budget on July 9, 2020. The motion was 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.

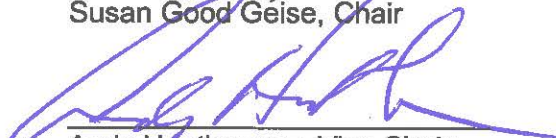
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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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