



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 1, 2019  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Susan Good Geise and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Bob Drake, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Ann McCauley, Audra Zacherl, Nancy Everson, Sherry Smith, Tyler Manning, Arlene Flynn, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)**

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the Detention Center Renovation project. Since April 25, 2019, final design, plans and specifications were completed and submitted to the City of Helena for permitting; a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract was signed with Sletten Construction Company on June 18, 2019 for \$6,821,434; and all but the mechanical, electrical and plumbing demolition was completed.

After the GMP contract was executed, Sletten hired their sub-contractors through a competitive procurement and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing demolition began and is ongoing. Sawcutting of the concrete slabs on the main and lower floors has begun along with the start of the underground plumbing. Sawcut repairs will begin once the underground plumbing is complete. Existing electrical panels are being moved with temporary lighting and construction power being installed.

Over the next year the project will transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space with approximately 156 beds. Funding for the Detention Center Renovation is from the voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond with additional funding provided from capital savings, bond premium and bond interest for a total budget of \$8.4 million. Expenditures to date total \$1,199,970.17 with architecture at \$527,149, the Owner's rep at \$178,780, Sletten Construction at \$352,059, and miscellaneous at \$137,983.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if the project is still on time and budget and Ms. Zacherl noted everything is on time and on budget.

**Subrecipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and West Mont. (Ann McCauley)**

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the sub-recipient agreement with West Mont in the amount of \$450,000 from the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the rehabilitation of the West Mont Farm & Gardens group home. In 2017 Lewis and Clark County was awarded the grant for the project with execution of the contract with the Montana Department of Commerce in 2018. The sub-agreement formalizes the sub-award to West Mont and meets the compliance of the Federal Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Guidance requirements for federal pass-through funds. Staff recommends approval of the sub-recipient agreement with West Mont.

Arlene Flynn, Vice President of Development and Marketing at West Mont, gave an overview of the group home and the many fixes that are needed to include: full ADA accessibility; new roof; new furnace; new plumbing and electrical; additional bedroom, it's licensed for 8 with only 7 bedrooms; more functional layout in some areas. Ms. Flynn noted adults with developmental disabilities are served. It is an aging population, the average age is about forty-six years old and the desire is for the client to age in place.

No public comment was received.

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

**Subrecipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and West Mont. (Ann McCauley)**

Ann McCauley, Grants Administrator, presented the sub-recipient agreement with West Mont in the amount of \$277,344 from the federally-funded Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the rehabilitation of the West Mont Farm & Gardens group home. In 2017 Lewis and Clark County was awarded the grant for the project with execution of the contract with the Montana Department of Commerce in 2018. The sub-agreement formalizes the sub-award to West Mont and meets the compliance of the Federal Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Guidance requirements for federal pass-through funds. Staff recommends approval of the sub-recipient agreement with West Mont.

No public comment was received.

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

**Fire Conditions Update (When Necessary).**

Commissioner McCormick reported that Sheriff Leo Dutton and Fire Chief Bob Drake were unable to attend to give the fire update. Commissioner McCormick invited the public to the Lewis and Clark County website to get up-to-date fire information. Commissioner McCormick noted there are now other fires in the area.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated there are daily planning meetings that occur and reported the North Hills fire is at 4,771 acres with 50% containment. He also noted County staff recently met with the financial staff of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation regarding cost tracking related to the fire.

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 9:23 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jim McCormick, Chair

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Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

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Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

