



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 2, 2022  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Kellie McBride, Ann McCauley, Lindsay Morgan, Greg McNally, Sierra Anderson, Matt Mudd, Chris Goodman, Erick McQuillin, Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Professional Services Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Mountain View Wellness, LCC. (Kellie McBride)**

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented a contract with Mountain View Wellness, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 to complete the Clinical Supervision Services needed for the Criminal Justice Services Behavioral Health Therapist. The contract will be effective upon approval and will expire June 30, 2023. Treatment effectiveness for defendants and offenders is improved with clinical oversight of licensure candidates and ensures the candidates increase their skills by completing a mandatory period of supervision. This supervision will ensure that defendants and offenders are competently served, and supervision is required for all licensure candidates. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

There are two Mental Health Therapists and one Behavioral Health Case Manager in the detention center who work together with detention center staff to observe people booked into the detention center, whether they are booked and released or booked and held. Certain questions are asked during the booking process which the mental health therapists check daily and follow up on flagged questions to ensure safety and de-escalate anyone who needs mental health services due to suicidal ideation. The team at the detention center is fully staffed. Ninety seven percent of bookings end up back in the community. Substance abuse and mental health are usually seen together, the entire scope is called behavioral health. Both therapists are working toward being dually licensed so they will be more equipped to treat for behavioral health issues and not just one or the other.

Criminal Justice Services accommodates inmates who are released and offers ongoing treatment, so they have more potential of success of improved mental health. In turn, it decreases recurring arrests and criminal behavior.

No public comment was received.

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

**Sub-recipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Craig County Water and Sewer District. (Ann McCauley)**

Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented the subrecipient agreement with the Craig County Water and Sewer District to conduct necessary upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. The amount is \$158,550 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) direct allocation funds. The agreement begins upon approval and expires December 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Chris Goodman, Craig Sewer and Water District Chair, stated they have requested funds for the project for the last six months. The last upgrade was supposed to last 5 years. The funds requested will first go directly to membranes that are critical for repair. There has been 3 months of very intense business in Craig and there was no ability to process the water. They have had to use the pump truck to get rid of additional waste. Wolf Creek's system has not had any issues so they would like to see the specs up to those same standards.

Matt Mudd, Great West Engineering Engineer, stated the concerns are also electric and mechanical process. Repairs were estimated last year and was presented for ARPA request. Several issues include membranes that treat the affluent then adds ultra violet (UV) for disinfection before going to the pond. Diminishing capacity through chemical treatment is a concern. There is an equalization base system but cannot keep up with increase of activity in Craig this summer. They need to be able to treat more than the average amount of waste. It is costly to use the standby truck to pump excess waste. Plant controls don't store historical data, are inefficient and requires operators to come out more often to use manual controls. New membranes and an efficient control system are the priority. A poly tank is needed so they don't have to have a pump truck on standby. The work could be done by August 15 and no later than October. District will authorize work when funding is approved. The improvements will allow for growth in Craig. There was no way to plan for the development over time. The flooding in the Yellowstone has pushed fishermen to the Craig area and has had a big impact on activity in Craig.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2022-56 Establishing a Board of Adjustment. (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented the resolution for establishing a Board of Adjustment for Lewis and Clark County. The Board consists of 5 members and is needed to hear and decide appeals, authorize variances, and decide special exceptions to zoning. Criteria for members is subject to this zoning and must live in one of the zoning areas. Part one citizen-initiated zoning with part two county-initiated overlay residents are not considered as Board members until the part one zoning is eliminated. There are different procedures for appeals for part one and part two zoning. It is not planned to eliminate part one zoning, but when they are annexed into the City of Helena zoning, that part one zoning will be eliminated. The County Commissioners are the board for part one zoning.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Board of Adjustment. Staff recommends the following appointments: Nicole McKeith and Dustin Ramoie to terms that expire June 30, 2024 and Eric Thomas to a term that expires June 30, 2023.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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.**

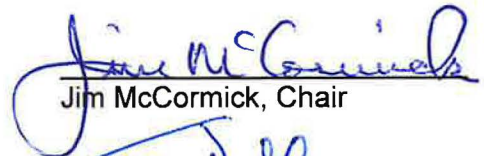
Erick McQuillin, of Unionville, spoke of concerns of fast traffic through Unionville and would like to see the speed limit lowered by 10 miles per hour, with speed divots through town. He is concerned of accidents. Roger Baltz will follow up with a request to Public Works to address this issue.


Roger Baltz introduced Sierra Anderson, the new Disaster and Emergency Services coordinator. Ms. Anderson shared a little information about her background.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Jim McCormick, Chair

  
Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board