



PUBLIC MEETING

August 27, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Jim McCormick was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Aaron Douglas, Misty Edwards, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Kellie McBride, Audra Zacherl, Jocelyn Olsen, Mike Ferriter, Pam Bunke, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2017; July 18, 23, 30, August 1, 6, 8, and 13, 2019. (Nadine McCarty)

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 Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Z Painting, LLC. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the contract with Z Painting, LLC to provide all labor, equipment and materials to power wash, prime and paint the interior ceiling, walls and garage doors of the county shop building. The total cost is not to exceed \$30,000, with budget authority for the project in the fiscal year 2020 shop operations budget. The project is to be completed no later than October 31, 2019. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Z Painting, LLC.

No public comment was received.

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

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Office of the Court Administrator. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Department Director, presented the interagency agreement with the State of Montana's Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) for the further enhancement and continuance of Lewis and Clark County's Pretrial Services Program. The agreement begins July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the interagency agreement with the State of Montana's Office of the Court Administrator.

Ms. McBride gave an overview of the Pretrial Services Program and the process with a success rate of about 85 percent. She also spoke of the continuing high numbers currently incarcerated in the jail and those that are not eligible for the program.

Mike Ferriter, Office of the Court Administrator, stated they have been working on a temporary basis with the OCA to get the project established. Lewis and Clark County is one of the five counties chosen due to the jail issues and jail population. Mr. Ferriter gave a brief overview of the goal of the pretrial project. He recognized the excellent job the County staff is doing.

Pam Bunke, Office of the Court Administrator Pretrial Coordinator, noted there have been many challenges during this pilot program and Lewis and Clark County has been a real model for the program. She hopes that the partnership will continue.

No public comment was received.

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

Labor Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Federation of Public Employees. (Aaron Douglas)

Aaron Douglas, Human Resources Analyst, presented the labor agreement with the Montana Federation of Public Employees representing the Road/Bridge/Shop Employees of the Lewis and Clark County Public Works Department. The agreement begins July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023. The only changes made since the last contract are to update two of the articles to match the new format for the Lewis and Clark County policies such as Article XIX to match policy 1.2.9 in the discipline process. Staff recommends approval of the labor agreement with the Montana Federation of Public Employees.

No public comment was received.

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

Budget Amendment to the County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the budget amendment request from the Lewis and Clark County Treasurer's Office to amend the motor vehicle department in the general fund budget for proposed staffing changes to the FY20 budget.

The FY20 adopted budget included a .50 FTE increase in the motor vehicle department and the proposal is to increase FTE's by 1.5 FTE. The staffing change will make the part time position a full time position and add one more full time position. The estimated cost of the increase is \$71,985. Ms. Everson reviewed some key points causing the constant lines and long waits in the Motor Vehicle Department such as: the increase in the number of transactions, the state Merlin system goes through more screens and interfaces with additional databases that cause transactions to take

more time, staff was required to enter a control number for each sticker instead of a direct print on the sticker, two key staff left the department, and system downtime on peak days. Ms. Everson noted this is a public hearing. Staff recommends approval of the request to increase staffing by 1.50 FTE and authorize the Treasurer to recruit the two positions.

No public comment was received.

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

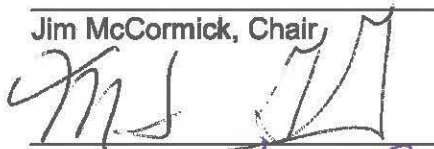
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim McCormick, Chair



Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

