



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 27, 2020  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chamber Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Jim McCormick 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, Jacqueline Isaly, Charles Lane, K'ellie McBride, Kari Parmer, Brian Coplin, Kevin Wright, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Resolution 2020-70 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 Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

### **Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and St. Peters Health. (Jacqueline Isaly)**

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the agreement with St. Peter's Health in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 for Mobile Crisis Response Team (CRT) services in Lewis and Clark County. The CRT will provide 24/7 acute assessment, stabilization and safety care planning services at the location of a behavioral health crisis. Services will also include integration with local behavioral health, primary care and care management programs for follow-up and monitoring; virtual care and monitoring; and community paramedic home visits. The mobile CRT program is part of an overarching strategy to imbed integrated behavioral health services across the continuum of care within our community. The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce the total number of behavioral health crises that are seen in the community. St. Peter's Health will co-respond to crises with law enforcement and/or ambulance to a patient's location to complete an assessment with follow-up protocol afterwards. Funding for the program is from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Matching grant that the Commission previously approved. The contract period is August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Kari Parmer, Senior Nursing Director at St. Peter's Health, stated she will be the administrator of the mobile CRT and is very excited to be part of the program. She is in strong support of this program. This program will help keep those in crisis out of the detention center as well as the emergency room. It will assist those with behavioral health or addiction issues stabilize and connect with the correct specialists. The collaboration for the program involves local law enforcement, fire departments, and various medical and behavioral health specialists.

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

### **Discussion and Direction Regarding Treasurer/Clerk and Recorder Interviews and Appointment Process. (Administration/Human Resources)**

Commissioner Good Geise stated Paulette DeHart, Treasurer/Clerk and Recorder will be retiring at the end of September. The County Commission has the responsibility to appoint a new treasurer/clerk and recorder. She added under this position are several different departments including motor vehicles, clerk and recorder's office, tax department, elections office, and accounting department. Each of these departments have supervisors or managers. Commissioner Good Geise reviewed the few qualifications for the position mandated by statute that include the appointed must reside in Lewis and Clark County, be 18 years of age or older, and be an elector. Twelve applications have been received and Commissioner Good Geise suggested each Commissioner receive and review all twelve applications and then pick the top 3 or 4 for interviews. Commissioner Good Geise added that the interviews will happen during a publicly noticed meeting.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated statutory requirements only outline the qualifications for the position, they do not outline the process for filling a vacancy. Mr. Lane added a public interview process is the best process to maintain the transparency. He added for the deliberation portion prior to a vote could be done in a closed meeting however general deliberation and a motion to appoint should be done in public.

Discussion was had on the scheduling and timing of the upcoming interviews and appointment for the position.

No public comment was received.

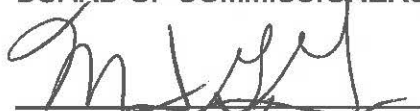
Commissioner Good Geise noted no motion is necessary.

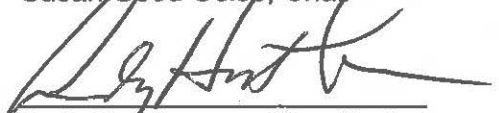
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**


**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Susan Good Geise, Chair

  
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Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
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Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board