



PUBLIC MEETING

August 29, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 29, 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, Jason Danielson, Misty Edwards, Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Kellie McBride, Greg McNally, Audra Zacherl, Jock Palmquist, Kevin Wright, Reese Martin, Debra Crider, Jillian Danesi, Brandy Vail, Kim Wright, Bob Drake and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. FY20 Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Stockgrowers Association. (Nancy Everson)
- b. FY20 Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Wool Growers Association. (Nancy Everson)

Roger Baltz reported on the consent action items 2 a-b and recommended approval.

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).

Reese Martin, Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator, stated he spoke with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and reported at this point there is nothing happening within the county, but they will be sending an assist team to Yellowstone County for a large fire.

Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area Fire Chief, stated having received the recent rain the clock starts over on the fire conditions. Chief Drake noted the conditions are not bad.

Detention Center Renovation Update. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, gave an update on the Detention Center renovation project. As of the last update, Sletten reported all underground plumbing has been completed and approved by the City of Helena. They have started to fill-in the holes and prep to pour concrete slab. Overhead ductwork has been removed and new ductwork is being hung on the lower level. Over the next few weeks walls will be laid out and CMU block walls will begin to go up. Over the next year the project will transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space with approximately 156 beds. Rooms will start to take shape next month.

Funding for the detention center is from the voter approved \$6.5 million bond. With additional funding from capital savings, bond premiums and bond interest for a total budget of \$8.4 million. Expenditures to date total is \$1,221,695.99 with a breakdown of architecture at \$527,149; Owner's rep \$200,505; Sletten Construction \$356,059; and miscellaneous \$137,983.

Bid Award. Forestvale Cemetery Maintenance Building Addition Project. (Tabled 8-20-19)
(Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the bid award for the Forestvale Maintenance Building Project. On August 6, 2019 one bid was received. The project generally consists of constructing a 1,026 square foot addition to the current building. The addition will include office space, ADA bathroom and equipment storage space. This is the third time the Commission has heard this item.

Commissioner Good Geise noted she has spoken with other architects and contractors on the high cost of the project and they all agreed the cost is high. The state architects agreed to help find alternatives that would be respectful of the hard work that has been done by the board but more efficient and less cost.

Jock Palmquist, Forestvale Cemetery Board Chair, stated Commissioner Good Geise brought up points that they could consider, but they still want to build the addition this year. If it goes out for bid next year the costs will go up.

Debra Crider, Forestvale Cemetery Manager, stated this is the second time the bidding went out. The first time two bids were received, both very high, the second time only one bid was received. She added the architect's original estimate was \$335,000 but the bid came in at \$343,920.

Commissioner Hunthausen is concerned about the price per foot and wondered if it would be any lower if they bid it out again as there is the consideration of the increase cost of wages and materials as this goes on.

Commissioner McCormick mentioned the thought of possibly just building the shell at this time and consider the interior walls and additional rooms at a later time.

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Bob Drake, Fire Chief of Tri-Lakes Fire, stated with smaller projects many times one bid is all that will be received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to indefinitely postpone the bid award and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, stated what is before the Commission is the awarding of the bid. Procedurally a positive motion is to be made to award the bid then vote on the motion.

Commissioner Good-Geise retracted her motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hunthausen to approve the bid award and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Good-Geise opposed.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Integrated Water Systems, Inc. (Misty Edwards)

Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the contract with Integrated Water Systems, Inc. for \$2,601 annually to complete and perform water system regulations at Hooper Park. Work will include scheduled monthly site visits, remote technical support and call-out visits for correction of disinfection system failures. Also seasonal startup and shut down of the complete water system used at Hooper Park. Work will be paid out of the Hooper Park Fund. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Integrated Water Systems, Inc.

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 3-0 vote.

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana Mental Health Center. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the agreement with Western Montana Mental Health Center to continue the crisis response team and to ensure a mental health therapist and mental health case manager in the jail. The amendment will extend the contract through December 31, 2019.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen recused himself from the vote as he is on the Western Montana Mental Health Center Board.

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

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana Mental Health Center. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the agreement with Western Montana Mental Health Center to continue operation of Our Place Mental Health Drop-In Center through June 30, 2019. She added the expense of operating the Drop-In Center is \$126,912 and explained the funding to include a grant that will be received in the amount of \$60,000 with the remaining being asked of the County.

Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center Clinical Program Administrator, stated the staff at the Drop-In Center has worked diligently over the last year including the life skill classes and employment classes. Ms. Vail gave an overview of the people that come in and the options they provide as well as the different activities. There are also open recreation times for socialization and there are 20 to 40 people that come in on a daily basis.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, noted within the operation levy budget \$770,000 is budgeted annually for jail diversion and risk prevention. He reviewed briefly the allocation of the funds.

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Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes Fire Chief, commended the Commission on providing these kind of programs as the first responders are the first to see people when programs fail.

Commissioner Hunthausen recused himself from the vote as he is on the Western Montana Mental Health Center Board.

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

Resolution 2019-84 Altering the Boundaries of the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area. (Planner: Greg McNally)

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the resolution altering the boundaries of the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area (FSA). This will annex water bodies Lake Helena, Hauser Lake and a portion of the Missouri River into the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area. If approved the annexation will become affective 60 days from approval barring any opposition. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Mr. McNally explained the annexation process.

Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes FSA Fire Chief, stated the bodies of water were originally put in the Lewis and Clark County Fire Service Area but their stations are not close. The reason for the boundaries is to speed up response times.

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 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2019-85 Naming Iron Horse Road. (Jason Danielson)

Jason Danielson, Address Coordinator, presented the resolution to name Iron Horse Road as requested for emergency services purposes. This road is located in the northwest valley, south of Lincoln Road that travels southeast from Silver Creek Road approximately 2,900 feet. A 60 foot access easement is filed and recorded in the Lewis and Clark County Clerk and Recorder's Office. A separate 60 foot private access and utility easement for lots 53-A, 53-B, and 53-C is also filed and recorded.

Naming a road in the County requires a petition that a majority of the adjacent property owners agree to the road name. Two petitions were received; one received after the deadline and the other was submitted prior to the deadline. Three adjacent property owners agreed to the name. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

Resolution 2019-86 Naming North View Drive. (Jason Danielson)

Jason Danielson, Address Coordinator, presented the resolution to name North View Drive. This road extends south of Iron Horse Road, approximately 1,500 feet. There is a 60 foot private access and utility easement.

A petition was received from five adjacent property owners to name it North View Terrace; however it was received after the four week deadline. County Road Naming Conventions recognize that roads traveling north/south be assigned a 'Drive' street type and hence the name North View Drive.

Upon approval, notification letters will be sent to each property owner confirming their updated address if applicable. A separate notification will be sent to the service providers. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

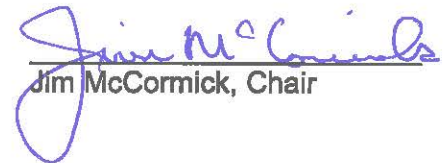
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 10:50 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