



PUBLIC MEETING

August 6, 2020
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Jim McCormick were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Marni Bentley, Nancy Everson, Charles Lane, Kellie McBride, Gloria Soji, Jennifer Norris, Kevin Wright, Rebecca Wall, Ken Breen, Beki Brandborg, Sonny Silverthorne, Mike Ferriter, Jonathan Ambarian, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending August 7, 2020. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for February 27; May 28; June 23, 25, 30; and July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 2020. (Nadine McCarty)
- c. Resolution 2020-52 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

Nancy Everson reported on the consent action items 2 a-c and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

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

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the interagency agreement with the State of Montana Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) for the continuance of Lewis and Clark County's Pretrial Services Program. The program shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions and stipulations established in Senate Bill 59 during the 2017 legislative session and House Bill 110 during the 2019 legislative session. Ms. McBride gave a brief overview of the pretrial program that Lewis and Clark County has been a part of for the past 3 years. The program is funded from the voter-approved jail levy

as well as these funds from the OCA. The agreement is for \$86,000 in funding from the OCA and begins July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Ms. McBride introduced the pretrial officers that were in attendance and stated that the success rate of the program is high due to the dedication of that team. The officers spend quality time with each program participant and they work hard to address issues and help the defendant get connected with appropriate services. This program helps keep defendants out of jail and working while they wait for trial. The team works directly with the County Attorney's Office as well as the Public Defender's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Matthew Hoffman, program participant, noted he has been in prison three times, was clean for four years, but came back into the community after prison without any support. Mr. Hoffman stated without support he fell out of recovery, relapsed and lost everything. He was arrested again and offered the opportunity to participate in the program. The program has allowed him the chance to grow, get the support he needs, work on his recovery and contribute. He believes the program is a positive light for the criminal justice system.

Mike Ferriter, Office of the Court Administrator employee, gave an overview of his work experience and noted pretrial services was new to him even though he has 37 years in corrections. He added Mr. Hoffman is correct with regards to the importance of such programs. He asked the Commission continue to support the Pretrial Services Program and to approve the interagency agreement. He commended the Commission for having the foresight to not only remodel the jail to increase capacity but also to install this critical program. Mr. Ferriter added that is the goal of the OCA to go to the legislature and urge them to continue the program.

Charles Lane, Deputy County Attorney, thanked the pretrial services staff and noted it has become an integral component of the justice system in Lewis and Clark County.

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

Professional Services Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Beki Glyde Brandborg. (Kellie McBride)

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented the professional services contract with Beki Glyde Brandborg to facilitate the completion of a five-year strategic plan for the Criminal Justice Services Department. They want to make sure the work they are doing is going in the right direction and meeting the goals and objectives of the jail levy that voters approved. The contract is not to exceed \$2,500 and begins upon approval with completion no later than September 30, 2020. Ms. McBride noted that the funds for this contract are included in the FY21 budget. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Beki Glyde Brandborg.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the board appointments and recommended the reappointments of Sharon Baker Heigh and Peter Schaefer to the Forestvale Cemetery Historic Preservation Committee to terms that expire August 31, 2023; and the appointment of Victor Johnson to the Lincoln Parks Board to a term that expires June 30, 2023.

No public comment was received.


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

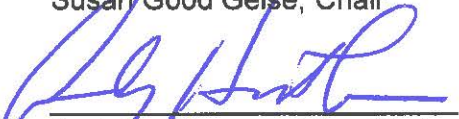
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

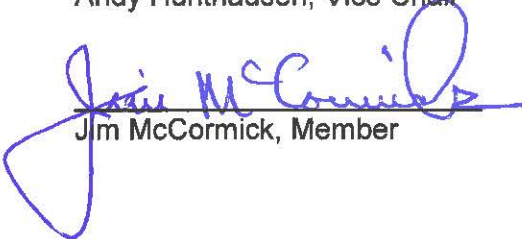
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Susan Good Geise, Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

Jim McCormick, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board