



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

August 8, 2019  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, August 8, 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 was present. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Nancy Everson, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Greg McNally, Drenda Niemann, Katrina Chaney, Sharon Tregidga, Cody Colbert, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending August 9, 2019. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for August 29, 31, October 26, 2017; June 18, July 4, 11, and 16, 2019. (Nadine McCarty)

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 McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

### **Fire Conditions Update (When Necessary).**

Commissioner McCormick stated Fire Chief Bob Drake was unable to attend due to working the current fires. Commissioner McCormick read an update on the Nevada Creek and Horsefly fires that included: the location southwest and east of Lincoln, Montana in steep terrain, dense timber with heavy load of beetle killed fuels; Nevada Creek is approximately 57 acres in size with 65% containment, lightning caused and no structures destroyed. Horsefly fire, includes the Black Diamond fire and is approximately 1,335 acres, unknown cause with 0% containment, location is 15 miles east of Lincoln, no destroyed structures; evacuations are in place for Flesher Acres subdivision; portions of the Helena Lewis & Clark Forest are closed; Highway 279 is closed to

bicycle traffic from Montana Highway 200 to Stemple Pass Road; and the Continental Divide Trail is closed from Stampede Pass South to Dana Spring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, stated the air quality in the Helena area is currently moderate and noted individuals with compromised lung health need to be very cautious.

**Task Order 20-07-1-01-177-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)**

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$10,000 to implement the Community Health Improvement Plan component related to the Behavioral Health Priority in Lewis and Clark County. The goal is to provide access to behavioral health screening; adequate, affective and integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment. The funds will support the Lewis and Clark Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC). The Council has agreed to take the lead on this goal and an intern will be hired to work with a subcommittee of LAC members to assess the current screening practices, research best practice for screening protocols, and recruit medical providers to champion a universal screening protocol in the area. The task order extends from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Ms. Niemann gave an overview of the LAC of the membership and its responsibilities. She explained the LAC does not have a budget to do the work and noted when funds are needed they are requested from the County or a granting process.

No public comment was received.

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

**Memorandum of Agreement Between Lewis & Clark Public Health and the Montana State Breastfeeding Coalition. (Drenda Niemann)**

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented the memorandum of agreement with the Montana State Breastfeeding Coalition in the amount of \$500 for the implementation of the Montana Breastfeeds Cut-Out Project through the Early Childhood Coalition. Lewis and Clark Public Health is the fiscal agent for the coalition of the Lewis and Clark County area. Ms. Niemann gave an overview of the Montana Breastfeeds Cut-Out Project and noted the project is in the early stages. The agreement begins upon approval through August 31, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the memorandum of agreement with the Montana State Breastfeeding Coalition.

No public comment was received.

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

**Cooperative Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Central Land Office. (Nancy Everson)**

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the cooperative agreement with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Central Land Office for the Lewis and Clark County Public Information Officer's services. The PIO's services are allowed to be used by the DNRC for fourteen days and the hours worked will be invoiced by Lewis and Clark County to the

DNRC. Staff recommends approval of the cooperative agreement with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Central Land Office.

Ms. Everson noted when FEMA is involved there is a lot of recordkeeping and this is part of that.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2019-68. A Resolution Ordering the Creation of the Lewis and Clark County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the resolution that forms the County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team tied to Senate Bill No. 35. Mr. Baltz read the resolution listing the required team member representatives such as youth court, county attorney, department of public health and human services, county superintendent of schools, sheriff, chief of any police force, any board of trustees of a public school district operating within the boundaries of the county and the department of corrections. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

Sharon Tregidga, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for the 1st Judicial District, stated the child information team has existed for about 30 years and has been utilized weekly. Ms. Tregidga gave a brief overview of the purpose of the group and noted the confidentiality kept on each child.

Katrina Chaney, County Superintendent of Schools, thanked the group for already being in place. Ms. Chaney referenced the mention in the resolution that the team officials may cooperate with other counties and she noted that Jefferson County Superintendent reached out to her regarding this and it might be a good consideration.

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

**Resolution No. 2019-67 Levying and Assessing a Tax Upon Benefited Property within the Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase III Road Rural Improvement District No. 2018-02. (Planner: Greg McNally)**

Greg McNally, Planner III, presented the resolution for the purpose of levying and assessing a special assessment upon benefited properties within the Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase III Rural Improvement District (RID). The property is located to the west of Spokane Creek Road and south of and adjacent to Spokane Ranch Road. The purpose of the assessment is for maintenance of road and drainage improvements within the Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase III Subdivision.

The Wheat Ridge Estates, Phase III Road RID was created under Resolution 2018-92 on October 23, 2018 for the purpose of maintaining road and stormwater drainage improvements. The maintenance and costs include contributions toward a future chip seal, snow plowing, sweeping, crack sealing, weed spraying, sign maintenance, and drainage maintenance for a total cost of \$9,317.58 annually or \$227.25 annually per lot. Legal notice was published and mailed to all property owners within the RID and as of August 5, 2019, no written comments had been received with no comments received since then. 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 McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

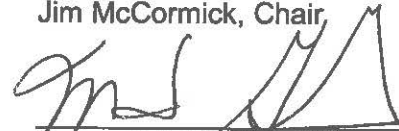
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

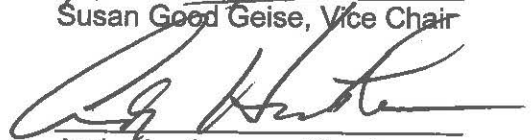
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Jim McCormick, Chair

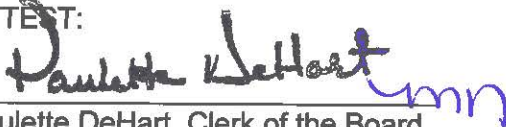


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Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair



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Andy Hunthausen, Member

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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board