



PUBLIC MEETING

September 17, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Vice Chairman 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, Nicho Hash, Drenda Niemann, Kevin Wright, Aaron Birkholz, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2018; August 15, 27; and September 3, 2019. (Nadine McCarty)
- b. Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. (Leo Gallagher)

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Lincoln Ambulance Service. (Kevin Wright)

Kevin Wright, Sheriff's Office Patrol Captain, presented the contract with Lincoln Ambulance Service for blood draw services when called, 24 hours/7 days a week, for the cost of \$60 per blood draw and if necessary a wage of \$15 per hour for time spent testifying in court. The services will be provided at the location of Parker Medical Center, 2635 Highway 200 West, Lincoln, MT. Lincoln Ambulance Service leases property from Parker Medical Center at that address. The blood draws will be conducted at the ambulance facility, possibly in the ambulance or on scene and not inside the medical center. The purpose for the blood draws is for DUI arrests and investigations. Captain Wright explained the issue of the time it takes for the body to metabolize alcohol and the distance of Lincoln from Helena can be an issue to capture the best evidence for prosecution. The contract begins upon signature for one year. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Lincoln Ambulance Service.

Captain Wright explained the process the deputy will take when a possible DUI arrest occurs.

Aaron Birkholz, Director & EMS Manager for Lincoln Volunteer Ambulance in Lincoln, MT, explained the sprint unit, staffed with one person 24/7 and noted that dispatch will call him directly when blood draw calls are received. There are seven people on the sprint unit able to respond.

Captain Wright stated the arresting deputy will be alongside the ambulance personnel during the blood draw.

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.

Task Order 20-07-5-01-025-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented the task order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$64,447 to administer the Maternal Child Health Block Grant. The funds will be used to provide family support services such as education classes; planning, coordination, quality assurance, data management, and professional development for the home visiting staff; as well as support for the Women, Infants and Children team. The task order begins October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the task order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

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 9:17 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