



PUBLIC MEETING

September 2, 2021
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

Chair Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Charles Lane, Jessica Makus, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Sarah Sandau, Jess Hegstrom, Jillian Danesi, Brian Coplin, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

2021 National Suicide Prevention Week and September as National Recovery Month

Jess Hegstrom, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, read the proclamation declaring the month of September as Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month in Lewis and Clark County. She gave an overview of the the Suicide Coalition and the training they provide to the community. She also gave an overview of the activities occurring throughout the month.

Dr. Lisa Williams, PureView Behavioral Health Director, recently relocated to the area and wanted to introduce herself.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending September 3, 2021. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2021-78 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

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 McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2021-79 Levying Assessments upon Benefited Property within Rural Improvement Districts in Lewis and Clark County. (Jessica Makus).

Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution to levy and assess an annual special assessment upon benefited properties within the following RIDs: 46 Degrees North Fire, 46 Degrees North Parks, Canyon Ferry Crossing Fire, Frontier Village Fire, Helena Valley Flood Mitigation, Kamp Fire, Oro Fino Park, Flood Control Detention Pond, Red Fox Meadows Fire, Red Fox Meadows Stormwater, Red Fox Meadows Trails, and Saddle Rock Fire. Letters were sent to all property owners within each RID that included information regarding the background of each individual RID and legal notice of this public hearing. The annual assessment is the same as assessed in 2021. The annual assessments per property for each RID are: 46 Degree North Fire \$13.40, 46 Degrees North Parks \$22.26, Canyon Ferry Crossing Fire \$16.44, Frontier Village Fire \$28.30, Helena Valley Flood Mitigation \$100.00, Kamp Fire \$66.82, Oro Fino Park \$24.61, Red Fox Meadows Fire \$72.60, Red Fox Meadows Stormwater \$23.98, Red Fox Meadows Trails \$31.89, and Saddle Rock Fire \$83.33. Three objections to the Helena Valley Flood Mitigation District were received and was less than 1% of the total properties in that District. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated the public hearing is now closed.

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

Subcontract Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Florence Crittenton. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the subcontract agreement extension with Florence Crittenton Home & Services to continue Parents as Teachers home visiting model. The extension is to complete the agreement to the federal fiscal year and is from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 for \$11,142. Staff recommends approval of the subcontract agreement extension with Florence Crittenton Home & Services.

Ms. Rothenbuecher gave an overview of the Parents as Teachers evidence-based home visiting model that works with families regarding literacy and normal child development. She explained the partnership with Florence Crittenton and AWARE. AWARE made the decision not to continue. The contractual part will be more direct with the state rather than subcontracting with Florence Crittenton.

No public comment was received.

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

Task Order Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the task order extension with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. This is to continue providing maternal and child health services to pregnant women, non-pregnant women of childbearing age, infants younger than 1 year of age, children and adolescents under age 22, and children with special healthcare needs. She reviewed the services supported by the funds, in addition to support of the Fetal, Infant, Child Maternal Mortality Review Coordinator and the review team. The task order begins October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 for \$60,539. Staff recommends approval of the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

No public comment was received.

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

Task Order Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to continue providing Women Infants and Children (WIC) services. The program provides nutrition education and food benefits to low income pregnant women and families with children ages 0 to 5. Changes include the contract will follow the federal fiscal year; coverage will be for Lewis and Clark, Broadwater and Meagher Counties, Jefferson County will no longer participate as they will be receiving their own state funding; the general WIC, Farmers Market, and peer breastfeeding amounts will now be in one contract; and the contract will be two years. The contract provides \$252,759 for general WIC services, \$1,508.60 for Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and \$15,367 for Breastfeeding Peer Counselor services for each federal fiscal year. The contract begins October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the task order with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Ms. Rothenbuecher gave an overview of the Farmers Market Nutrition Program that gives \$30 of tokens to approximately 800 monthly eligible participants for fruits and vegetables. It also includes support to provide training to the local farmers that choose to participate in the WIC program and education to the families on how to find those farmers.

The Commissioners approved the item as presented on a 3-0 vote.

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointment for the Lincoln Solid Waste Board and recommended the reappointment of Bob Frank-Plumlee to the Lincoln Solid Waste Board to a term that expires June 30, 2024.

No public comment was received.


A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. 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 9:39 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Jim McCormick, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board