



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 25, 2018  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chairman Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was at a prior commitment and arrived late. Commissioner Susan Good Geise was present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Leo Dutton, Nicho Hash, Jacqueline Isaly, Peter Italiano, Dan Karlin, Kellie McBride, Kathy Moore, Drenda Niemann, Jocelyn Olsen, Roger Smith, Gloria Soja, Jill Steeley, Kevin Tenney, Marvin Weber, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Resolution 2018-82 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- b. Resolution 2018-83 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 Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

### **Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Leo Dutton)**

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, presented the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award from the Montana Board of Crime Control, pass through from Gallatin County, in the amount of \$53,011.83 with \$37,108.28 as federal funds, and \$15,903.55 matched by the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office. The grant period is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with the funds to be used towards the salary of the Missouri River Drug Task Force (MRDTF) drug detective and a half time accountant assigned to the MRDTF. The Task Force consists of Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Gallatin, Stillwater, Park, Madison counties; Helena, Bozeman, Livingston Police Departments; and one other police department. Staff recommends accepting the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Sheriff Dutton gave an overview of the involved drugs and the major corridors that affect the county with the drug trafficking as well as human trafficking that occurs: Interstate 15, Mexican border to the Canadian border, cheaper drugs called super meth; Interstates 90 and 94 do not touch the county but have spur connections within the area; Highway 200 has a fair amount of traffic. Sheriff Dutton gave an overview on the Mexican cartel's involvement in both the drug and human trafficking. The trafficking and drug use is affecting and costing the community money. Sheriff Dutton gave a brief overview of the plan to combat the situation. The dangers are increasing every day for law enforcement officers.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if progress is being made on meth cooking occurrences and Sheriff Dutton noted substantial progress has been made due to partnership with the State of Montana making key ingredients not as easily accessible, and the cooperation of veterinarians.

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 3-0 vote.

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.**  
**(Roger Smith)**

Roger Smith, Statewide System Microwave Administrator for the Public Safety Network, gave an update on a bill that was passed to allow the Department of Justice (DOJ) to review what can be done for long-term sustainability of the system. They are currently working with the DOJ and the highway patrol to see what can be done at the next legislative session. Mr. Smith presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services in the amount of \$140,000. The funds will be used for the salary and operating costs regarding the microwave network manager position under the Sheriff's Office. The grant period is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Mr. Smith gave an overview of the 56 current sites across the state and the nine dispatch centers hooked up to the system with zone controllers in Helena and Sidney. Staff recommends accepting the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

Mr. Smith gave a brief overview of the Sweetgrass Hills site and how it is the major component in getting across the Hi-Line.

No public comment was received.

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

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.**  
**(Marvin Weber)**

Marvin Weber, Deputy Sheriff and the current Commander of the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (EOD), presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services in the amount of \$50,000. Deputy Weber read the summary description of the award and noted that the role of the EOD fits squarely within the context. The EOD team needs to be self-contained, self-sustained and mobile. The funds will be used to purchase a covered utility trailer that would transport equipment and also serve as an offsite mobile command center away from the danger area. Helena EOD team is one of three squads that generally covers the central third of the state with Billings covering the eastern third and Missoula covering the western third. There is a Memorandum of Understanding with counties where services are provided at no charge to the jurisdictions. The grant period is October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Staff recommends accepting the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.

Deputy Weber gave an overview of the various trained roles with few specialized skill sets at the incident site and operation of the robot remotely. The operations objective is start remote and stay remote.

No public comment was received.

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

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (Dan Karlin)**

Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) in the amount of \$25,000 with a match of \$29,050 in Flood Mitigation Rural Improvement District (RID) funds for a complete project cost of \$54,050.

The scope of the project is to utilize the Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) study to identify impactful projects, outline a sequence of implementation, conduct a more detailed cost estimate of each potential project, and design and conduct monitoring of specific reaches of Tenmile Creek. Once completed, the update will be added as an Addendum to the Lewis and Clark County Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDM) plan. The addendum will need to be adopted by the Commission as a requirement by FEMA for the funding. Staff recommends accepting the grant award from FEMA.

Commissioner McCormick asked if this grant is part of the engineering component and Mr. Karlin noted this is to take the model created, insert specific projects into the model, and determine the viability of each and in what sequence they will occur.

Commissioner McCormick referenced the approved Valley Flood Mitigation RID and asked if anyone is able to view the progress on the project and Mr. Karlin stated anyone can view the progress and the good part of creating the RID enables the progression of the flood mitigation process as funding would not have been received without the RID.

Mr. Karlin noted the model allows for checks and double checks that the process will work in the overall scheme of the goal and not cause downstream negative effects and not hinder future efforts.

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 3-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Dawes Engineering & Design. (Kevin Tenney)**

Kevin Tenney, Fairgrounds Manager, presented the contract with Dawes Engineering & Design in an amount not to exceed \$7,900 for engineering services relating to the DDC Control System. He added the system is for control of the heating and cooling in the Exhibit Building which currently is web-based controlled on one computer. The contract includes upgrade consultation to the Tridium integration package, bid packaging, construction administration to engage the selected contractor, commissioning services upon contractor completion to test all existing HVAC points. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Dawes Engineering & Design.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2018-81 Amending Resolution 2011-174 Modifying Membership Stipulations and Bylaws of the Mental Health Local Advisory Council. (Jill Steeley)**

Jill Steeley, PureView Executive Director and Chair of the Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC), presented the resolution to amend Resolution 2011-174 and the subsequent bylaws. The changes to both the resolution and the bylaws were approved by the LAC. Ms. Steeley gave an overview of the edits made to both the resolution and the bylaws. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2018-81 amending Resolution 2011-174 and the subsequent bylaws.

Ms. Steeley stated the purpose of the Local Advisory Council is to assist in the improvement of Lewis & Clark County public mental health services and to review and make recommendations about said services to the Lewis and Clark County Commissioners, as well as provide input and recommendations to the State of Montana's Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council and the State of Montana's State Administering agencies serving the community.

Ms. Steeley gave an overview of the LAC membership that consists of 24 members that includes: 50% have to be consumers or family members of mental health services in Lewis and Clark County, one member of the County Commission, one Helena City Commissioner or designee, a provider of an adult mental health service, provider of a children health service, representative from the criminal justice legal staff, representative from the hospital, three representatives from the schools, representative from PureView Health Center, representative from Public Health, and one from law enforcement.

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 3-0 vote.

**Task Order 19-07-5-21-012-0 Between Lewis & Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Jacqueline Isaly)**

Jacqueline Isaly, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the Task Order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the administration of the Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) in the amount of \$228,083. Ms. Isaly gave an overview of the program which serves at-risk families. The Task Order begins October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Staff recommends approval of the task order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Ms. Isaly explained the partnership to reach the children ages 1 to 5 includes working with the Food Bank and the families that are receiving supplies from them. She added another potential opportunity is working with the Head Start program and the Farmers Market.

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 3-0 vote.

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Kathy Moore)**

Kathy Moore, Environmental Public Health Services Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$21,227 to support the Outdoor Air Quality Program. The grant period is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. She added the program has suffered cuts and Lewis and Clark County was one of the counties to receive a 10% cut in funds.

Ms. Moore gave an overview of the monitoring sites that collect information on particular pollution concentration. The contract addresses the monitoring component of residential wood smoke,



because over 60% of winter air pollution is a consequence of burning woodstoves and control burns. Staff recommends accepting the grant award from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if health departments are interfacing with the forest service about the public health issues related to the MEGA fires and Ms. Moore stated the forest service is receptive to work with public health with control burns.

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 3-0 vote.

**Recommendation for Approval of Lewis and Clark County Jail Standards. (Kellie McBride)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated staff recommends that the item be tabled until next week as further research regarding the item is desired.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to table the item to Thursday, October 4, 2018 and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Baltz stated Sheriff Leo Dutton will not be available next week and would like to move the tabled item to October 11, 2018.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to table the item to October 11, 2018 at the regularly scheduled meeting. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and the Bureau of Land Management. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office to serve as a Cooperating Agency regarding the Lewistown Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. The MOU begins upon signature and will end 30 days following issuance of the Record of Decision.

Mr. Baltz gave an overview of the plan that includes vegetation management, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation and visitor services, travel management and access, forest management, fire management, livestock grazing, land tenure, right-of-way corridors and mineral and energy development. Managing concerns include air quality, water quality and quantity, soil resources, culture resources and tribal rights and interests. Staff recommends approval of the MOU with the Bureau of Land Management.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)**

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Forestvale Historic Preservation Committee, Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Weed Board.

Staff recommends: the reappointment of Kathy Macefield to the Forestvale Heritage Preservation Committee to a term that expires August 31, 2021; the reappointment of Renee Lundberg to the

Open Lands Citizens Advisory Committee to a term that expires June 30, 2021; the appointment of Judith Anne Vincent to the Weed Board to complete the term that expires December 31, 2018; and the reappointment of Rob McDonough to the Weed Board to serve at the pleasure of the Commission until a replacement is found.

No public comment was received.

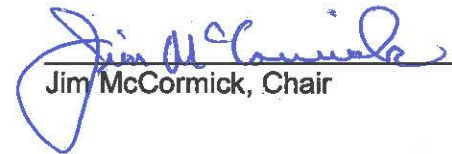
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**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 11:03 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