



PUBLIC MEETING

September 5, 2019
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 5, 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 and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Katrina Chaney, Nancy Everson, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Charles Lane, Ann McCauley, Christal Ness, Chris Sinrud, Jill Steeley, Kevin Wright, Reese Martin, Eric Schindler, Eric Seidensticker, Shaun Hildenstock and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending September 6, 2019. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2019-87 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance. (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 Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Fire Conditions Update. (When Necessary).

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, reported there is nothing significant to report. There were a couple of small fires ignited in the Austin area yesterday and the initial attack was affective. Lewis and Clark County was under a red flag warning yesterday with today winds expected to be lighter and dry. There is expected moisture at the end of the week.

Grant Award to Lewis & Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Kevin Wright)

Kevin Wright, Patrol Captain, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$57,326.07 with \$40,129.26 as federal funds, and \$17,197.82 matched by Lewis

and Clark County Sheriff's Office for the salary of the Missouri River Drug Task Force deputy and administrative assistant. The contract period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Staff recommends approval of the grant award contract from the Montana Board of Crime Control.

Captain Wright reported on the main drugs that are seen to include: meth, heroin laced with fentanyl, prescription pills and the crimes that go along with the drug addictions. He stated most of the drugs come from out of state and the task force expands the jurisdiction to deal with the drugs.

Captain Wright talked about the prescription disposal project where prescription drugs can be deposited in a secure location and later be destroyed.

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 3-0 vote.

Grant Award to PureView Health Center from Montana Healthcare Foundation. (Jill Steeley)

Jill Steeley, PureView Executive Director, presented the grant award agreement with the Montana Healthcare Foundation (MHCF). Under the agreement, MCHF will make a two-year grant of \$70,000, in four increments of \$17,500 to PureView Health Center to support the implementation of the East Helena School Based Clinic in conjunction with Intermountain (a behavioral health provider) and the East Helena School District. Staff recommends approval of the grant agreement with Montana Healthcare Foundation.

Ms. Steeley stated the clinic located on the grounds of the Prickly Pear Elementary School opened on May 20, 2019. It is open to the public and will be open five days a week all year long. She added the clinic has been well received. She noted the clinic has a specific phone number and walk-ins are received from 2:00 to 4:00 pm daily.

No public comment was received.

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

Separation Agreement Between Lewis & Clark County and PureView Health Center. (Roger Baltz & Jill Steeley)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Separation Agreement with PureView Health Center. The proposed agreement consists of three exhibits - including a lease with floor and site plan of the property. At the request of PureView meetings and negotiations have been held to produce the documents required for separation.

Mr. Baltz added PureView employees will be terminated as county employees and become PureView employees as of the Separation Date anticipated to be February 29, 2020. PureView will continue to occupy and lease the current building and will pay the pass through costs for occupancy. County will provide custodial and maintenance for the building. The term of the lease is for five years with the option of an additional five years if desired. Assets and personal property will transfer to PureView. Staff recommends approval of the separation agreement with PureView Health Center.

Jill Steeley, PureView Executive Director, gave some background on the PureView Health Center noting the County wanted to open a community health center. Since 1994, every three years when applying for the federal grant they do so as a co-applicant with the county. PureView has grown so much and it is time to separate and go on as a non-profit. It is difficult to do so with local government restraints. The grant is due in a couple of weeks and will be effective on March 1, 2020.

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Eric Schindler, a member of the PureView Board, stated they would not be here without the assistance of the County and noted the Board has voted to approve the separation agreement.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and D-C Construction. (Chris Sinrud)

Chris Sinrud, Information Technology & Services Operations Manager and Deputy Director, presented the contract with D-C Construction in the amount of \$18,500 for the foundation and bollard work done in preparation of the new communications tower at the Public Works site. Funds for the work were approved in the FY20 Information Technology Services Department budget. Staff recommends approval of the contract with D-C Construction.

Mr. Sinrud explained the tower installation will expand the wireless network paths.

No public comment was received.

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

Management Plan Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Business Assistance Connection. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Coordinator, presented the Management Plan with Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) and is part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program award to provide Hi-Country Snack Foods, Inc. with a revolving loan fund for working capital to purchase inventory. Staff recommends approval of the plan.

Eric Seidensticker, MBAC, stated this has been under discussion for some time.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner McCormick recused himself from the vote as he sits on the MBAC board.

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

Revolving Loan Fund Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Business Assistance Connection. (Ann McCauley)

Ann McCauley, Grants Coordinator, presented the revolving loan fund agreement with Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC). The document outlines in detail how MBAC will administer and award the funds through the revolving fund program. Staff recommends approval of the revolving loan fund agreement with Montana Business Assistance Connection.

Eric Seidensticker, MBAC, stated the update of the 2003 agreement was necessary.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner McCormick recused himself from the vote as he sits on the MBAC Board.

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

Presentation of School District Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2020. (Katrina Chaney)

Katrina Chaney, Superintendent of Schools, presented the school district mill levies for Fiscal Year 2020 noting there are three sections - elementary teacher retirement, high school teacher retirement and transportation for schools.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract and Encroachment Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Terry and Christal Shepherd. (Christal Ness)

Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented the encroachment agreement with Terry and Christal Shepherd for an eave on their house that encroaches one foot into a dedicated eight foot utility easement. The property is located in the Skyview Subdivision, north of Lincoln Road and east of Montana Avenue. The property has been purchased and sold six times. They are the first owners of the house since the banking crisis in 2008 when lenders became more diligent on inspection of the properties. This is how the encroachment was found.

Ms. Ness stated there are no utilities in the easement, but if there had been utilities the discussion would be different as if heavy equipment was necessary the eaves could easily have been damaged. Staff recommends approval of the encroachment agreement with Terry and Christal Shepherd.

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 3-0 vote.

Resolution 2019-88 Providing for the Annual Tax Levy in Mills for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolution for the annual tax levies for FY20. Certified values were received in early August and now can establish the fiscal year mill levies for the county. She reviewed the tax levy types to include all county properties, outside incorporated cities, special assessments and special districts.

Ms. Everson explained the residential property tax computation within the City of Helena on a \$100,000 home because it is an easy number to work with. If they ask the voters for a levy they are required to use \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00 to estimate the impact on their property tax. She added the breakdown of the tax levies within the City of Helena includes about 56 percent to the school districts, 21 percent to the City of Helena, and 23 percent to Lewis and Clark County. The breakdown of the tax levies outside the City of Helena includes about 67 percent to the school districts and 33 percent to Lewis and Clark County. Ms. Everson provided examples of home property taxes both outside the City limits and within the City limits.

Ms. Everson gave an overview of the history of Lewis and Clark County mill levies and noted the voted levies for Search and Rescue, Open Space and the Detention Center are part by of the reason for an increase. She added state law allows the County to carry forward the authority to impose an authorized levy if the full amount is not levied in the current year as long as it is identified in the resolution. Ms. Everson noted the Marysville Fire District levy, Treasure State Parks and the Valley and Craig Mosquito Districts are levying a decrease in their authorized mill levy. The permissive levy to cover the increase in health insurance premiums is 10.8 mill which is a decrease of what is authorized to levy for. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

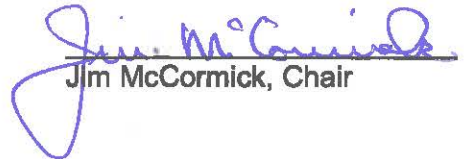
A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

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 10:37 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