



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 6, 2018  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Marni Bentley, Katrina Chaney, Brian Coplin, Joyce Evans, Nancy Everson, Jessica Hegstrom, Valerie Jaffe, Reese Martin, Annie Maixner, Lindsay Morgan, Drenda Niemann, Stephen O'Brien, Jacqueline Saly, Layla Eichler, Gloria Soja, Evonne Howe, Jocelyn Olsen, Alison Minson, Tiff Hanson and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **2018 National Suicide Prevention Week.**

Jessica Hegstrom, AmeriCorps Vista helps co-lead the coalition, read the proclamation declaring the week of September 9 through September 15, 2018 as National Suicide Prevention Week. Ms. Hegstrom gave an overview of the current coalition projects.

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, stated the coalition has developed a plan to help schools with mental health screenings. Also working with medical providers to provide screening tools.

Ms. Hegstrom reviewed the activities calendar and all of the events to occur throughout the month of September.

Dr. Gary Mihelish, President of NAMI of Helena, stated suicide rates continue to rise. Ninety percent of suicides are related to mental health conditions and mental illnesses. The number two reason for suicide is if you have had a family member commit suicide.

Jill Steeley, PureView Executive Director and Chair of the Mental Health Local Advisory Council showed support for the proclamation.

Commissioner McCormick noted for those that have experienced suicide in their families there are opportunities to reach out to them and let them talk.

Commissioner Good Geise referenced the Man Therapy program and the commend ability of the website.

**Consent Action Items**

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending September 7, 2018. (Marni Bentley)

Roger Baltz reported on consent action item 2 a 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 3-0 vote.

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

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$70,000 with a County match of \$70,000. The grant period begins July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The funds are to be used for the budgetary concerns and issues of the Disaster and Emergency Services Department.

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.

**Contract Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Florence Crittenton Home and Services. (Drenda Niemann)**

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented the contract with Florence Crittenton Home and Services for the delivery of Parents as Teachers evidence-based home visiting services in the amount of \$62,671.74. The contract begins July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Health Department staff is responsible for a caseload of 12 with a total community caseload of 31 high risk pregnant women and families with children birth to kindergarten. The partnership has been successful over the years. To date 124 clients have been enrolled and 1,643 home visits have been provided.

Commissioner Good Geise asked how many clients are involved in Head Start and Ms. Niemann did not have the exact number, but could get that. Ms. Niemann added they work closely with Head Start as Head Start has home visiting built in and they want to avoid any duplications and conflicts.

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.

**Presentation of School District Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2019. (Katrina Chaney)**

Katrina Chaney, Superintendent of Schools, presented the school district mill levies for the seven school districts for the County retirement and transportation for the Fiscal Year 2019. There are over 10,000 students in the County and 901 students enrolled in private and home school programs. Ms. Chaney gave an overview of the individual school districts breakdown for the retirement and transportation, the bus routes.

Commissioner McCormick asked if the increase in transportation involves fuel costs and Ms. Chaney noted it is a variety of reasons including longer routes and fuel costs.

No public comment was received.

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, stated traditionally the Commission does adopt the school levies.

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

**Resolution 2018-80 Providing for the Annual Tax Levy in Mills for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. (Nancy Everson)**

Nancy Everson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolution to adopt the annual tax levy in mills for Fiscal Year 2019. The mill levies includes all the county property levies, all levies outside of incorporated cities, special assessments, and the special districts. Ms. Everson gave an overview of the mills breakdown to include the County mills, City of Helena, and the City of East Helena and the changes for the FY19.

Commissioner Good Geise referenced the detention services number of mills and stated it was indicated to the public the levy portion would ramp up over time. The diversion services at 5.72 mills will remain.

Ms. Everson noted the detention center debt service of 1.45 mills will go up.

Ms. Everson gave a breakdown of the school district mills. She added that special district fees and millages include the fire districts, landfill districts, lighting districts, mosquito districts, and the miscellaneous districts. RID maintenance districts include the new districts for the year.

Ms. Everson explained the process of the mill levy calculations and provided an example, per Montana statute of the calculations on a \$100,000 house.

Ms. Everson gave an overview of the County-wide mill levy values per year for Fiscal Years 2015 to 2019 to include inside incorporated cities, voted mill levies, mill levies-non float, and outside incorporated cities.

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 2018-79 Creating Boundaries for Special Zoning District No. 50. (Planner: Lindsay A. Morgan)**

Lindsay Morgan, Planner III presented the resolution to create boundaries for the proposed Part I Special Zoning District in the Northeast Helena Valley located south of Tea Road and east of Ferry Drive and is approximately 120 acres in size. Landowners petitioned the Board of County Commissioners to create the Part I Special Zoning District. According to 76-2-101, MCA to initiate the process of creating a District a minimum of 60% of all affected landowners within the proposed district must petition and approximately 78% of the landowners signed the petition.

On June 26, 2018, July 10, 2018, and July 24, 2018 the County Commission held public meetings regarding the creation of boundaries for the proposed District. At the July 24th meeting the County Commission voted unanimously to create the boundaries for the District as proposed by the petitioners. That initiated the 30-day protest period and during that period no protests were

received. Landowners representing a minimum of 50% of the titled property ownership in a District are required in order to successfully protest the establishment of a District.

Because the District was not successfully protested out, the Commission has the option of adopting the resolution to establish the District boundaries. If that is the decision of the Commission they will need to either create a Planning and Zoning Commission or appoint the existing Planning and Zoning Commission to administer the new District. In addition, the County Commission should also direct staff to move forward with Steps 2 and 3 of the Part I zoning process: adopting a neighborhood plan/development pattern for the District and then adopting regulations for the District to implement the neighborhood plan/development pattern.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Good Geise to adopt the resolution to create the district boundaries as proposed appointing the existing Planning and Zoning Commission to administer the District, and direct Staff to move forward with Steps 2 and 3 of the Part I zoning process and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

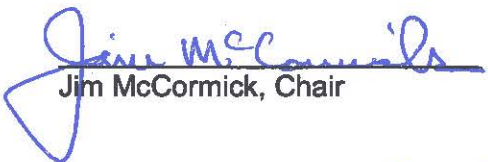
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

Brian Coplin, 1805 Joslyn St. #129, stated he is here to discuss the safety net for the community. One of the holes is a community service provider telling people it is a first come first serve system. People with disabilities are unable to wait. A system needs to be implemented to prevent these holes between the systems. For the last 30 years he has been running a free service called the Helpdesk. He added that he would like to propose to the Commission to enable his Helpdesk services. He has people calling him all the time stating there are holes. He is trying to get people to come together. Mr. Coplin stated we need to collaborate and do better. He added he is here as a volunteer and also because he needs help as well.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

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Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board