



PUBLIC MEETING

November 15, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Drenda Niemann, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for September 29, October 27, November 24, 2020; August 4, 11, 16, September 6, 2022. (Brandi Spangler)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Application to Health Resources and Services Administration. (Drenda Niemann)

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Director, presented a grant application to Health Resources and Services Administration for a Rural Health Development grant for expanding the Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Program in the amount of \$300,000 per year. The grant period is from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The grant activities include substance abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment; systems improvement work; a pilot mobile van for HIV and Hepatitis C testing; opioid overdose prevention medication; substance use education, resources, and referral. It would also allow to hire a Substance Use Prevention Systems Coordinator as well as fund three current full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

Ms. Niemann explained that the system isn't working in tandem and as well as it could be with the behavioral health system, especially for individuals with co-occurring disorders. This grant would help serve those people better with more robust participation and to bolster treatment services in the community. It would provide a safety net of agencies working together to ensure people don't fall through the cracks. The mobile van would be able to go directly to people who need assistance and would engage more individuals to be active in their physical and mental health.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen 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 9:17 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on Jan. 12, 2023

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Rolfe, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board