



PUBLIC MEETING

October 13, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 13, 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, Kevin Wright, Chris Weiss, A.C. Rothenbuecher, Jennifer McBroom, Connor Fitzpatrick, Ann McCauley, Marni Bentley, Leo Dutton, Candice Payne, Matthew Bertoia, Tabreez Kara, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending October 14, 2022. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Letter of Support for Housing Solutions, LLC Application for Federal Housing Tax Credits. (Ann McCauley)
- c. Public Meeting Minutes for November 17, December 1, 2020; July 21, 28, August 2, 25, 2022. (Brandi Spangler)

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

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Kevin Wright)

Kevin Wright, Special Operations Captain, presented a grant award from Montana Disaster and Emergency Services for the Mobile Energy Command Response Vehicle in the amount of \$682,313.

The grant period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

Leo Dutton, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff, stated that there has been \$13,000 in funding that has been awarded so far for the Mobile Response Vehicle. The vehicle is 43 feet long with room for investigators and an operations center. It is satellite compatible for the ability to communicate when phones are not in service and be equipped with computers and printers. It can serve as a command post in the event of emergencies and disasters to keep unified command intact. The vehicle will be able to be dispatched at a moments notice and protocol will be established to keep it duty ready and continually maintained. The vehicle interfaces with Disaster and Emergency Services and many other federal agencies. Sustainability has been considered throughout the process and the technology will be the first to be replaced. The structure of the vehicle will continue to be taken into consideration and be kept up to date and functional.

Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, explained the process of how the grant was received. The same grant was applied for in 2020 and due to the amount requested, it was not awarded. The Commission obligated ARPA funds to go toward this project in 2022. The current grant application was more attractive due to that contribution and the grant was awarded. The bid package states that this cost is the top limit.

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 Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. (Chris Norris)

Kevin Wright, Lewis and Clark County Deputy, presented a grant award from the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Homeland Security in the amount of \$110,000 for the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Advanced Training Project (EOD). The grant period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The grant funds planning, organization, equipment, training, exercises, management, and administration. The equipment includes ballistic helmets and vests, a dedicated response vehicle, an EOD wire attack kit, and an upgrade to a more advanced mobile x-ray machine. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office from Montana Department of Transportation. (Chris Weiss)

Kevin Wright, Lewis and Clark County Sergeant, presented a grant award from the Montana Department of Transportation (DOT) State Highway Traffic Safety Section in the amount of \$15,000 for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The grant period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The program helps enforce traffic laws and deterring DUI's by funding more staff. Several calls are received about traffic complaints that cannot be responded to. During holidays and big county events, more staff are on duty and traffic stops often result in eliminating further crime. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

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 Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Administrator, presented a grant award from Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$205,532 for the continuation of home visiting services through the healthy Montana Families Program. The period extends to September 29, 2023. This grant will provide two home visiting models, Parents as Teachers and Nurse Family Partnership. There will be continued partnership with Missoula, Yellowstone, Butte Silverbow Counties and Florence Crittenton. There has been significant funding cuts in the home visiting program. The Montana Home Visiting Coalition is trying to find long term funding and expansion of services. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

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.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Administrator, presented a grant award from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the amount of \$52,504 for the Healthy Communities Coalition Leadership Team. The grant period is from September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023. The grant provides funding for leadership team training and hiring a consultant for an action plan to complete required objectives. A notice of award is not a normal contract because it comes from the federal government and funds come through electronically. There are performance requirements that come with this grant and the grant covers those requirements. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

Commissioner Rolfe asked for a breakdown of funding for Community Health Promotion Division. What percent of funding come from federal government, state government, and local government.

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 Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)

A.C. Rothenbuecher, Community Health Promotion Administrator, presented a grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in the amount of \$60,000 for the Montana Injury Prevention Program. The grant period is from October 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The grant provides funding for distribution for gun locks, prescription drug disposal, and marketing efforts along with access to lethal means prevention. This is part of a broad suicide prevention program. This is a long-term contract that is revisited from time to time for contract management. Staff recommends approval of the grant.

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.

Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County and Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps Member. (Jennifer McBroom)

Jennifer McBroom, Water Quality Protection Supervisor, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps 2023 member in the amount of \$12,250. The MOU begins upon approval through December 31, 2023. Corps members will need to complete about 1700 hours and will include providing direct service and duties on watershed health, capacity building, education and outreach. Ally Boie, Americorps member, has hosted events to educate the public on water conservation, hosted composting workshops, monitors ground water and surface water, and has brought back the watershed festival that highlights the health of the watershed. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

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.

Resolution 2022-101 Appointing Further Election Judges for 2022-2024. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a resolution appointing additional electoral judges for 2022-2024. There were vacancies and brought in 50-65 individuals and conducted election judge training. All judges meet qualifications. There are just over 300 judges total, this will prepare for unseen circumstances that may hinder their participation such as illness. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

Board Appointment. (Roger Baltz)

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Board appointment to the Consolidated City-County Planning Board and recommended the appointment of Joseph Gilbert to a term that expires September 1, 2025.

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.


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

Adjourn

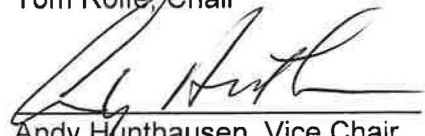
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13am.

Meeting minutes approved on Jan 03, 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