



PUBLIC MEETING

October 4, 2022
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Tom Rolfe was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Jenny Chambers, Nicho Hash, Jess Metcalf, Kathy Moore, Sarah Sandau, Jolene Jennings, Kevin Horne, Dustin Noel, Ed Moeglein, Jay Clubs, Randy Adams, Tim Ravndal, Jared Piilola, Paula Adams, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for November 12, 19, December 3, 2020; July 19, August 9, September 1, 2022. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Letter of Support for Helena Food Share Community Development Block Grant Application. (Ann McCauley)
- c. State of Montana Vendor Invoice Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal. (Kathy Moore)

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 McCormick. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

Bid Opening. Two New Snow Plow Cabs and Chassis. (Audra Zacherl)

Jenny Chambers, Public Works Executive Director, presented the bid opening for two new snow plow cabs and chassis. They were trying to secure two snow plows for replacement of the 1999 fleet. Unfortunately, no bids were received by the deadline of October 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm. In May of 2021 they were successful in receiving bids for new snowplows to replace the 1996 truck with the schedule due date for delivery is July of 2023. There is no time frame for future bids. Public Works is in good shape for this snow season.

Commissioner McCormick stated due to no bids received, no action is necessary.

Dustin Noel, Public Works Shop Manager, stated the current trucks are still in good shape. The acquired parts should be able to continue to keep the trucks on the road. Some parts for the newer trucks are harder to find due to demand and some of the parts for the older trucks. The basic parts supply chain seems to have improved.

Kevin Horne, Public Works Operations Manager, commended the Public Works shop staff. He gave an overview of the sand supply and they have enough for both this winter and next winter.

No public comment was received.

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Board of Crime Control. (Jess Metcalf)

Jess Metcalf, Sheriff's Office Detective, presented the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FY23 grant award in the amount of \$55,443 with \$18,481 in match from the Sheriff's Office budget. He recognized Ann McCauley, Grants & Purchasing Director as she helped their application score about 20 points higher. This grant helps support his salary. The grant period is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. He gave an overview of his duties. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award from the Montana Board of Crime Control.

No public comment was received.

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

Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and St. Peter's Health. (Sarah Sandau)

Sarah Sandau, Prevention Program Supervisor, presented the agreement with St. Peter's Health for the continuation of the Mobile Crisis Response Team. Three community services include Hospital Emergency Department, Criminal Justice Detention Center, and the Mobile Crisis Response Team. They help reduce demand on emergency department admissions, reduce and de-escalate behavioral health related criminal activity, reduce recidivism, and increase behavioral health crisis response on scene for treatment and de-escalation. The agreement extends the period of performance to December 31, 2022 from the prior agreement dated July 1, 2021. The total amount of the agreement is \$719,148.90. The scope of work has not changed. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with St. Peter's Health.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated this was all part of the plan and it was understood that this second allocation was coming.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the County has been fully engaged in the behavioral health related issues and understands the high priority of the Mobile Crisis Response Team. The Commission has contributed almost \$3 million related to behavioral health.

No public comment was received.

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

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

Randy Adams, stated he represents the public, citizens and numerous land owners. He is present to discuss the issue of using Lyons Creek Road. The County Commissioners addressed the issue in 1923. He wants to know the process on removing files from Lewis and Clark County. He spoke with

Christal Ness and she informed him that the County would not take any documentation that was original. She informed him he would have to speak with Nadine McCarty and Roger Baltz for his approval.

In 1923 it was petitioned by D.H. Barnes to have Lyons Road closed. In 1950, the Sieben Ranch and others petitioned to have the road abandoned. This case went to the Supreme Court, and they have no authority, only the County Commissioners have that authority. He asked the Commissioners to accept the records. The Commission maps show the road in the survey. Lyons Creek back in the 1800s was a known mining district. It is the County Commissioners responsibility to look over the information and open up Lyons Creek Road.

Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, stated that if Mr. Adams leaves the documents for the record and it is the Board's wishes to look them over, then he can leave them.

Tim Ravndal, stated he has been involved in access to public land as well as private property rights for the last 30 years, engaged in working on protecting rights of citizens. There are a lot of roads that have been called County roads. The bottom line is these roads gives access to public land. Under the Montana law these roads are not to be closed without going through an abandonment process. He asked that the Commissioners move forward with due diligence, put it on an agenda and engage the public.

Ed Moeglein, 3582 Fledge Creek Road in Wolf Creek, stated he has a Montana hunting license to be able to shoot out of a vehicle due to a disability, and he has a problem with gates blocking access to the roads.

Elizabeth Hale, Helena resident, stated she attended the Election judge training on October 1, 2022 and was surprised when the instructor stated there is no voter fraud in Lewis and Clark County, nor in the country. It is clear that machines can be contacted using hand-held devices. They would like Amy Reeves to respond to six months of requested information.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Meeting minutes approved on January 24, 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