



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

July 20, 2023  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chair Tom Rolfe called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Sarah Sandau, Connor Fitzpatrick, Misty Edwards, Frank Cornwell, Betsy Kirkeby, Marni Bentley, Richard Grady, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending July 21, 2023. (Marni Bentley)

[1:54] 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 Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

### **Grant Award Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (A.C. Rothenbuecher)**

[3:23] Sarah Sandau, Prevention Program Specialist, presented a grant award from Montana Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$314,855 for the master coordinated contract for public health programs for Helena, Broadwater, Jefferson and Meagher counties. The programs included are the Cancer Control, Asthma Control, Tobacco Use Prevention, Healthy Living, and CONNECT. The grant period is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

Commissioner Payne arrived at 9:08 am.

No public comment was received.

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

**Board Appointment - Canyon Creek Rural Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)**

[10:00] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented three candidates that applied for the vacant position on the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Board of Trustees. Staff recommends the Commissioners choose a candidate to fill the open seat until the next trustee election in May 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[17:09] Richard Grady, Canyon Creek resident, read the packet he submitted with his public comment. He supports Jeremy Gilliam for the open seat.

[21:24] Connie Horder, Canyon Creek resident, recommends Scott Burke for the open seat.

[23:47] Commissioner Payne suggested the appointment of Scott Burke.

[26:18] Richard Grady, individual trustee, has concerns about local politics and trouble being caused by some members of the community. He wishes to focus on the future with transparency and open communication. He is upset that someone got an attorney, and he wishes he knew how much they spent on the attorney. He finds it disturbing when members bring past history and interferes in the election process. He strongly urges the Commissioners to appoint Mr. Gilliam.

[30:37] Commissioner Hunthausen pointed out this appointment is only until next May and noted the overwhelming community support is for Scott Burke. It is recognized that all three candidates qualify to run for the seat in the next election.

[31:35] Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to appoint Scott Burke to the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Board of Trustees for the remainder of the term and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Resolution 2023-63 Increasing the Solid Waste Disposal Fee as Recommended by the Lincoln Solid Waste District. (Misty Edwards)**

[33:08] Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented a resolution to increase the Lincoln Solid Waste annual assessment to \$135 per unit, to increase the pay as you throw rate to \$10 per yard, and to establish fees for the burn pile and cardboard recycling. Increases are necessary to operate the Lincoln container site and maintain adequate cash reserves. Staff recommends approval of the resolution as recommended by the Lincoln Solid Waste District Board.

No public comment was received.

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

**Resolution 2023-64 Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024. (Frank Cornwell)**

[37:28] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented a resolution adopting the final operating budget and setting appropriation authority for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Payne. 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 9:50 am.

Meeting minutes approved on August 17, 2023

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Tom Rolfe, Chair

  
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Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
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Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board