



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

July 25, 2023  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

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

Commissioner Candace Payne was present. Commissioner Tom Rolfe was out of the office. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Drenda Niemann, Jessica Makus, Kellie McBride, Jenny Chambers, Chloe Smith, Ann Truesdell, Frank Cornwell, Jillian Danesi, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendments/Transfers. (Frank Cornwell)

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 Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-0 vote.

### **Grant Application to Montana State University Office of Rural Health and Area Health Education Center (Drenda Niemann)**

Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant application to Montana State University Office of Rural Health and Area Health Education Center for health equity for stipends for local residents to prepare and make presentations for educational sessions during Lunch and Learn in the amount of \$5,000. The application is due by July 31, 2023. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Gruber Excavating, Inc. (Jessica Makus)**

Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented a contract with Gruber Excavating for the Jeanne Road Rural Improvement District (RID) improvements including correcting and repairing roadside drainage and road surface in the amount of \$38,810.07. This project is funded through an InterCap loan from the Montana Board of Investments, which was approved for \$47,985. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Professional Services Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Beki Glyde Brandborg. (Kellie McBride)**

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented a professional services contract with Beki Glyde Brandborg for strategic planning facilitation to identify the top three goals for the year in an amount not to exceed \$1,800. Work is to be completed by June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Professional Services Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Ann Truesdell, LCSW, Therapy & Consulting, PLLC. (Kellie McBride)**

Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented a professional services contract with Ann Truesdell, LCSW, Therapy & Consulting, PLLC for Clinical Supervision Services for the Criminal Justice Services Behavioral Health Therapist in the amount not to exceed \$9,000. The contract begins upon approval through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Tort Claim from Lumen Technologies. (Jenny Chambers)**

Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented a tort claim alleging damage to a buried line in the 7810 North Montana Avenue in the county right-of-way. The alleged damage was February 28, 2023 to a 100 pair buried cable and the amount of the requested damage claim is \$3,146.15. Public Works did work in the area on February 26, 2023 and an emergency locate ticket was submitted by Kevin Horne, Bridge and Road Supervisor, requesting utilities be clearly marked within the ditches on the front and west sides of the property. Public Works reviewed and investigated the information provided by Lumen Technologies. The line was not buried at a depth that would allow the County to perform standard maintenance in the right-of-way and was not properly located. Therefore, staff recommends denial of the claim to Lumen Technologies.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to deny the claim from Lumen Technologies and was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion passed on a 2-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Gruber Excavating, Inc. (Jenny Chambers)**

Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented a contract with Gruber Excavating, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$45,027.84 to apply magnesium chloride to the middle six-mile section of Sun Canyon Road in Augusta. Work shall be completed no later than July 1, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Valley Sand & Gravel, LLC. (Jenny Chambers)**

Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented a contract with Valley Sand & Gravel, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$72,000 to load and haul 18,000 tons of stockpiled gravel to the middle section of Sun Canyon Road. Work is to be completed no later than June 1, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

**Contract Between Western Water Wells and Lewis and Clark County. (Jenny Chambers)**

Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented a contract with Western Water Wells in an amount not to exceed \$69,037 to assist with construction and development of a water fill station in Lincoln for fire suppression. The contract begins on upon approval by both parties with a completion date no later than October 31, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. 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.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on August 17, 2023

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Tom Rolfe, Chair

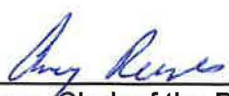


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board