



PUBLIC MEETING
September 12, 2023
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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 Pam Attardo, Roger Baltz, Misty Edwards, Nicho Hash, Jolene Jennings, Ann McCauley, Sarah Sandau, Keegan Shea, Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Jason Crocker, Amy Geiger, Julie Bir, Chris Goodman, Emily McVey, Danielle Godlevsky, Matt Mudd, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

2023 National Suicide Prevention Week and September as National Prevention and Recovery Month.

[01:29] Jolene Jennings, Behavioral Health Systems Improvement Specialist, recognized the need in the community and gave FY22 statistics. The 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline had almost 600 crisis calls, the Mobile Crisis Response Team conducted 300 mental health evaluations and 200 had safety plans. She added 988 is the first place to call for help.

Ms. Jennings read the proclamation proclaiming 2023 National Suicide Prevention Week and September as National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month.

Emily McVey, United Way Executive Director, discussed the 211 call center.

Consent Action Items

No consent action items.

Grant Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana State University. (Sarah Sandau)

[15:23] Sarah Sandau, Prevention Program Supervisor, presented the grant contract with Montana State University for health equity related training in the amount of \$5,000. The grant period is through May 1, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the grant contract.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and was not seconded. The motion Died for lack of a second.

Resolution 2023-84 to Authorize Submission of a Community Development Block Grant - Public Facilities Grant Application. (Ann McCauley)

[18:23] Ann McCauley, Grants and Purchasing Director, presented the resolution and associated uniform application certification to authorize submittal of a Community Development Block Grant for public facilities (CDBG-PF) application to the Montana Department of Commerce on behalf of Craig County Water and Sewer District. The request is for \$401,000 with Craig County Water and Sewer District committing \$525,000 in match for a total project cost of \$926,000. The project will be completely grant funded with no increase to residents' sewer rates. The expected project timeframe is winter 2024 through September of 2025. A letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners is also being sought for application submittal. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Chris Goodman, Craig County Water and Sewer District President, stated Barnes Lane is connected to the sewer system in Craig, but they only take the grey water.

Jason Crocker, Craig County Water and Sewer District Vice President, stated that Craig is a small community with 38 people. Craig is known for its fishing, which is a huge industry. This brings in a ton of tax revenue for the state and the community. There is a resort tax which helps for the sewer system.

They thanked the Commissioners for all the past funding and support.

Matt Mudd, Great West Engineering, gave an overview of the items that will be fixed as well as upgrades with these funds.

Commissioner Payne asked about the pipeline and the parking lot, Mr. Crocker was not aware of pipes going through the area of the future parking lot.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Stahly Engineering & Associates. (Pam Attardo)

[06:34] Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the contract with Stahly Engineering & Associates in the amount of \$1,850 for engineering services for the Unionville School project. She gave an overview of the structural engineering services. The contract begins upon approval by both parties through October 31, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

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.

Lease Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Helena Regional Airport Authority. (Kyle Sturgill-Simon)

[09:06] Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Emergency Manager, presented the renewal of the lease agreement with Helena Regional Airport Authority for use of space at their training center for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The lease is for \$4,558.80 annually with a 2% increase each year for five years and becomes effective October 1, 2023. As needed, additional space would be available to the EOC at \$200 per room per day. Staff recommends approval of the lease agreement.

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 2023-85 Levying an Assessment Upon Customers of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management District Who Own Real Property in the District and Owe an Unpaid Pay-As-You-Throw Charge for FY 2023. (Misty Edwards)

[13:56] Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the resolution to levy an assessment for unpaid solid waste charges to customers who own real property in the Lincoln Solid Waste District.

Customers were advised that their accounts that have not been paid by August 15 will reflect on their tax bill. 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.

Resolution 2023-86 Levying an Assessment Upon Customers of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management District Who Own Personal Property in the District and Owe an Unpaid Pay-As-You-Throw Charge for FY 2023. (Misty Edwards)

[16:31] Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the resolution to levy an assessment for unpaid solid waste charges to customers who own personal property in the Lincoln Solid Waste District.

Customers were advised that their accounts that have not been paid by August 15 will reflect on their tax bill. 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 9:48 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 2-29-24

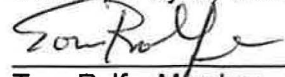
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