



PUBLIC MEETING

July 30, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

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

Commissioner Candace Payne and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Keegan Shea, Brent Colbert, Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Jesse Whitford, Dan Karlin, Jennifer McBroom, Scott War, Drenda Niemann, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Resolution 2024-77 to Establish Stage One Fire Restrictions. (Leo Dutton/Kyle Sturgill-Simon)

[1:23] Brent Colbert, Undersheriff, and Kyle Sturgill-Simon, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented a resolution to establish stage one fire restrictions. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

[1:40] Rocky Infanger, Fire Chief, gave an overview of fire conditions in the area and Undersheriff Colbert gave an update on the Lincoln (Black Mountain) fire and current evacuations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[16:22] Scott War, Helena DNRC, the state supports the resolution in Lewis and Clark County and surrounding counties.

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

Bid Award. Fairgrounds Asphalt. (Jesse Whitford)

[20:25] Jesse Whitford, Construction Project Coordinator, presented a bid award for the Fairgrounds Asphalt Supply Project. Staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder, Helena Sand and Gravel, Inc. of Helena, Montana for \$695,113.80 with delivery between August 12 and October 31, 2024.

No public comment was received.

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

Task Order No. 15 Between Lewis and Clark County and Great West Engineering. (Dan Karlin)

[23:13] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a task order with Great West Engineering to provide final design and bid documents for the relocation of above ground fuel storage tanks and replacement of the magnesium chloride tank system. Total amount is not to exceed \$27,000 with work to be completed by September 30, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the task order.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Montana Tech. (Jennifer McBroom)

[29:18] Jennifer McBroom, Water Quality District Supervisor, presented a grant contract with Montana Tech for water-level monitoring in the amount of \$13,500. The grant period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029. Staff recommends approval of the grant contract.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[33:18] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented candidates for the City-County Health Board and recommended the Commissioners consider the applicants and select candidates for the open positions to terms expiring June 30, 2027.

[35:25] Commissioner Rolfe stated he believes it is a conflict of interest for Drenda Neimann, Public Health Officer, to send recommendations to the Commissioners on the appointments for this board. Though supervisors are asked for their input on other boards, this board oversees, monitors, and hires the Health Officer.

[37:16] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, confirmed she did not intend to have undue influence over recommending candidates to the City-County Health Board.

[38:10] Commissioner Rolfe stated he will not be voting for any recommendations from Ms. Niemann. Commissioner Rolfe is adamant that people involved in health care should not be appointed to the citizen positions on this board; those positions should go to citizens that are true consumers of health.

[40:16] Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to delay the reappointment of Lisa Kaufman and was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen for the sake of discussion. The motion Failed on a 2-1 vote.

No public comment was received.

[1:05:32] Commissioner Payne made a motion to reappoint Lisa Kaufman for the Environmental Health experience position to a term that expires June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 2-1 vote.

No public comment was received.

[1:11:29] Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to appoint Sherri Ann Ohs-Mosley for the County member at large position to a term that expires June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen for the sake of discussion. The motion Passed on a 2-1 vote.

No public comment was received.

[1:15:02] Commissioner Rolfe made a motion to appoint Brett Wall for City-County Board of Health City member at large position to a term that expires June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen for the sake of discussion. The motion Failed on a 2-1 vote.

No public comment was received.

[1:26:59] Commissioner Payne made a motion to appoint Chanan Brown for the City-County Board of health City member at large position to a term that expires June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

No public comment was received.

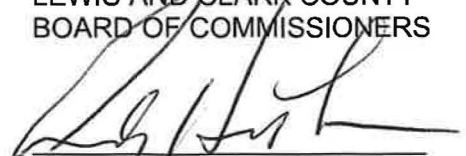
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28am.

Meeting minutes approved on 8-20-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

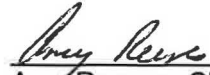


Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board