



PUBLIC MEETING

June 25, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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, Nicho Hash, Keegan Shea, Frank Cornwell, Brian Robinson, Drenda Niemann, Ann McCauley, Jenny Chambers, Jessica Makus, Nadine McCarty, Mac McCarley, Robert Kinyon, Kevin Wright, Megan Fox, Carrie Kreppes, Eric Seidensticker, Bill Pandis, Jenifer Gursky, Heather Hundtoft, Dale Brackman, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Fiscal Year 2024 Alcohol Tax Updates. (Misty Edwards)

[1:20] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, introduced the recipients for the Alcohol Tax funds to provide updates.

[2:26] Heather Hundtoft, Boyd Andrew Clinical Director, gave an overview of services including outpatient, intensive outpatient, and residential treatment programs along with counseling groups and behavioral health court services.

[7:18] Dr. Megan Fox, Intermountain Clinical Director, gave an overview of services provided and the importance of receiving these funds. Services include training Licensed Addiction Counselors, providing family groups, treating substance abuse disorders with mental health treatment by encouraging positive family relationships.

[14:00] Jenifer Gursky, YWCA Executive Director, gave an overview of services provided. Some services include preventing homelessness by providing shelter, education in parenting and finance, intensive outpatient program, and co-occurring mental health disorders with Licensed Addiction Counselors.

[24:47] Carrie Kreppes, Florence Crittenton Executive Director, gave an overview of services provided which include co-occurring treatments, recovery home staff, and medication management.

No public comment was received.

No action needed.

Damage Claim on Impounded Vehicle. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[35:55] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, presented a recommendation to deny a claim for damages to a vehicle that was impounded. The claim amount is \$3,154.97. It was discovered through reviewing the case files this morning, that three of the items were released to the claimants father in 2022. Staff recommends denial of the claim.

[39:45] Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, explained that if the claim is denied, it opens a time frame of 6 months to bring a lawsuit against the County. The denial starts the statute of limitations process.

[43:22] Robert Kinyon, Sergeant, explained that the claimant was incarcerated at the time and had to sign a release waiver for someone else to collect it.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Task Order 24-07-1-01-099-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

[45:37] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant task order with Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in the amount of \$18,000 to complete a community health assessment to determine public health priorities in Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Jefferson, Powell, and Meagher counties. The term is June 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the grant 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.

Amendment to Restrictions for Hi-Country Snack Foods Workforce Housing Project. (Ann McCauley)

[52:06] Ann McCauley, Grant and Purchasing Director, presented an amendment to restrictions for Hi-Country Snack Foods Workforce Housing Project to reset the five-year period of affordability start date to May 1, 2024. Staff recommends approval of the amendment. Eric Seidensticker, MBAC, added that an annual check-in will be conducted to ensure the units are being utilized.

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.

American Rescue Plan Act Update and Request for Project Scope Change. (Jenny Chambers)

[1:04:15] Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director, presented an update on the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Michael A. Murray Building ventilation project and recommendations for a project scope change. The cost range for a new HVAC system, which was recommended by the engineering firm, is from 3.2 million to 3.5 million. This cannot be afforded at this time, so the request is to replace the roof, makeup air unit replacement, and generator design and upgrade. Staff recommends approval of the project scope change.

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.

**Resolution 2024-47 to Levy and Assess the Lanning Rural Improvement District No. 1991-4.
(Tabled from 6-13-24) (Jessica Makus)**

[1:23:00] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to levy and assess the Lanning Road Improvement District (RID). This item was tabled from June 13, 2024 for Public Works staff to determine any impact to the roads within the RID due to a detour through the area and if a financial contribution to the district was warranted. It was determined by staff that the detour did not impact the roads. The contractor made improvements and maintenance to West View Road before, during, and after the detour. Improvements were made to aprons onto Lanning and Grandview roads and a portion of Grandview Road was paved. Lanning Road and Grandview Road are in good condition, though there is some gravel on parts of the roads due to driveways and transition from West View. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

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.

**Resolution 2024-48 to Levy and Assess the Grandview Rural Improvement District No. 1991-2.
(Tabled from 6-13-24) (Jessica Makus)**

[1:45:54] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution to levy and assess the Grandview Road Improvement District (RID). This item was tabled from June 13, 2024 for Public Works staff to determine any impact to the roads within the RID due to a detour through the area and if a financial contribution to the district was warranted. It was determined by staff that the detour did not impact the roads. The contractor made improvements and maintenance to West View Road before, during, and after the detour. Improvements were made to aprons onto Lanning and Grandview roads and a portion of Grandview Road was paved. Lanning Road and Grandview Road are in good condition, though there is some gravel on parts of the roads due to driveways and transition from West View. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

[1:58:56] Dale Brackman, 3232 Grandview Road, has differences of opinions on impact to West View. He does not feel that 5% from the County for each road is not too much to ask for since the County saved so much money using the detour instead of one lane road on Valley while it was being worked on. He wants to know what the bidding process is. What is the chip seal schedule and what is the estimated cost of the next chip seal. He wants the chip seal to be done every 5-6 years. Intersections should be swept where West View crosses Grandview and

Lanning Road. He wants West View to be a closed road. The mailboxes serve West View and a few houses on Grandview.

[2:14:07] Ms. Makus explained the bid process. Lanning Road and Grandview are double shot chip seal and the cycle for double shot is a 7-year cycle. It is scheduled for 2026 and more frequent crack sealing is planned. More regular crack sealing can help push out the chip seal cycle and does reduce the assessment. The assessment would be more costly if chip seal was done on shorter cycles. Crack sealing is not concluded at this time. The inflation is 154% for chip seal over the last two years.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Granicus, LLC. (Nadine McCarty)

[2:29:25] Nadine McCarty, Lead Administrative Assistant, presented a contract with Granicus, LLC in the amount of \$38,563.36 for their Peak Agenda management services for a three-year term that begins upon signature. Staff recommends approval of the 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.

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 11:31am.

Meeting minutes approved on 7-9-24

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hurthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board