



PUBLIC MEETING

April 25, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 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, Kari DesRosier, Misty Edwards, Connor Fitzpatrick, Nicho Hash, Amy Reeves, Sarah Sandau, Keegan Shea, Ali Mullen, Mary Sparks, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending April 26, 2024. (Marni Bentley)

[0:01:02] 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 Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Morningstar Design Ltd Co. (Sarah Sandau)

[0:02:02] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract with Morningstar Design Ltd Co in the amount of \$10,000. The funding comes from the Injury Prevention Contract to be used to design the Safer Communities Montana toolkit and is part of the budget. Ms. Sandau gave an overview of the Safer Communities Montana program. The contract begins upon approval through June 21, 2024. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion occurred regarding the fact that Lewis and Clark County is paying into the program and other counties in the state will benefit. They further discussed the possibility of having benefiting counties pay into the program.

Ms. Sandau gave an overview of agreements, partnerships and projects completed through the Safer Communities Montana program.

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 Application to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Sarah Sandau)

[0:11:31] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the grant application to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services up to the amount of \$250,000 to be used for the pilot of universal home visiting services. The grant period begins May 1, 2024 through December 30, 2025. She gave an overview of the program and noted the other five participating counties that include Broadwater, Jefferson, Meagher. Staff recommends approval of the grant application submittal.

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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Sapphire Resource Connection. (Kari DesRosier)

[0:03:35] (Recording 2) Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented the renewal contract with Sapphire Resource Connection (SRC) to provide the employee assistance program (EAP) counseling services to county employees, spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children. This is the first time since 2014 that the fee per visit has increased from \$100 to \$110. The contract begins July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Moving from paying for EAP services on a per employee per month basis to a per use fee has resulted in substantial savings without a reduction in the benefit. She gave a brief overview of the program. Staff recommends approval.

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.

Elections Update. (Amy Reeves/Connor Fitzpatrick)

[0:08:52] (Recording 2) Amy Reeves, Treasurer, Clerk & Recorder gave a brief overview on the current elections. They are at the point of the school elections on May 7, 2024, a mail ballot election. They are preparing for the primary election June 4, 2024, absentee ballots will be mailed out, this is a polling place election.

Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, explained the process for late registration.

Ms. Reeves added the public test for the school election will be the Friday before election day with the ballot opening occurring Friday morning. Early count is allowed due to the size of Lewis and Clark County and will occur on Monday May 6, 2024. Public observation is available for this process. She added voters will receive three ballots for the primary election as there are three parties Democratic, Green, and Republican and explained the voting process having three ballots.

Commissioner Hunthausen stated there is no necessary action on the item.

No public comment was received.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[0:26:42] (Recording 2) Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the board appointments for the Heritage Preservation & Tourism Council, Human Services Task Force, Investment Committee, Lincoln Solid Waste Board, and the Noxious Weed District Board. All candidates meet the qualifications for consideration of each board.

Staff recommends that the Commissioners consider Roger Dey for the Heritage Preservation & Tourism Council to complete the vacant term that expires June 30, 2024.

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Pam Attardo, Heritage Preservation Officer, stated Roger Dey has been involved with the Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society for several years and would make a great contribution to the Heritage Preservation & Tourism Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to appoint Roger Dey to the Heritage Preservation & Tourism Council to complete a term that expires June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Staff recommends the Commissioners consider Cheyanne Loney for the Human Services Task Force position to a term that expires June 30, 2026.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to appoint Cheyanne Loney to the Human Services Task Force to a term that expires June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Staff recommends the Commissioners consider William Rust for the Investment Committee to a full first term that expires December 31, 2026.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to appoint William Rust to the Investment Committee to a term that expires December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Staff recommends the Commissioners consider Crystal Hout for the Lincoln Solid Waste Board to a full first term that expires June 30, 2025.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Payne to appoint Crystal Hout to the Lincoln Solid Waste Board to a term that expires June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Staff recommends the Commissioners consider Shellie Haaland for the Noxious Weed District Board as the East Helena Valley representative to a term that expires December 31, 2026.

No public comment was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rolfe to appoint Shellie Haaland to the Noxious Weed District Board as the East Helena Valley representative to a term that expires December 31, 2026. The motion was 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 9:51 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 5-23-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board