



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

May 14, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 14, 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, Marni Bentley, Katrina Chaney, Frank Cornwell, Connor Fitzpatrick, Tammy Heigh, Dan Karlin, Lori Ladas, Christian Lehnert, Jessica Makus, Ann McCauley, Brian Obert, Sarah Sandau, Jolene Jennings, Gianluca Pisciarelli, Janette Clark, Kathy Marks, Dave Burch, Amber Nichols, Mary Sparks, Kevin Stone, Nicholas Griffith, Julie Bir, Nate Hagen, Eric Seidensticker, Katherine Anderson, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending May 10, 2024. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Resolution 2024-27 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)
- c. Letter of Support for Treasure State Acres Sewer District's Application to the Montana Renewable Resource Grant Program. (Ann McCauley)

[01:12] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-c 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.

### **Resolution 2024-25. To Levy and Assess the Lake Home Road Rural Improvement District No. 2020-1. (Jessica Makus)**

[2:55] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented a resolution to levy and assess the Lake Home Road Rural Improvement District (RID) an annual special assessment of \$92 upon the 14 benefiting properties for a total of \$1,288 annually to fund the maintenance. A meeting was held with residents on March 15 with two attendees. 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 2024-26. To Levy and Assess the Hahn Road Rural Improvement District No. 2023-1. (Jessica Makus)**

[9:56] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Program Coordinator, presented the resolution to levy and assess the Hahn Road Rural Improvement District (RID) \$130 upon the 50 benefiting properties for an annual maintenance assessment total of \$6,500. A meeting was held February 27, 2024 with a total of 5 attendees. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[12:25] Dave Burch, Hahn Road resident, stated he understands the need for an increase and added he spoke with businesses out there and they are willing to help with the cost of road maintenance.

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

**Contract Amendment No.1 Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Christian Lehnert)**

[15:05] Christian Lehnert, Noxious Weed Coordinator, presented the contract amendment to the JHS, Inc. contract that was put in place May 4, 2023, and is a three-year services contract. Mr. Lehnert highlighted line J that was added in the amendment that specifically lists the deliverables. He added the contract amount of \$228,550 will remain the same for the Helena Valley Mosquito District. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

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 Amendment No. 1 Between Lewis and Clark County and JHS, Inc. (Christian Lehnert)**

[23:48] Christian Lehnert, Noxious Weed Coordinator, presented the amendment to the JHS, Inc. contract that was put in place May 4, 2023, and is a three-year services contract. Mr. Lehnert highlighted line I that was added in the amendment that specifically lists the deliverables. He added the contract amount of \$16,800 will remain the same for the Craig/Wolf Creek Mosquito District. Staff recommends approval of the amendment to 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.

**Memorandum of Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. (Dan Karlin)**

[27:42] Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the memorandum of agreement with the Montana Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) to coordinate efforts for grant support associated with the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex relocating underground power line for water treatment plant facility. There is no cost to the County and any administrative time will be reimbursed. Staff recommends approval of the memorandum of agreement.

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 Natural Resources and Conservation. (Dan Karlin)**

[37:12] Dan Karlin, Engineer, presented the grant application to the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for a reclamation and development grant to relocate the underground powerline for the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex water treatment plant. The grant amount is \$487,165.80 with no match or cost to Lewis and Clark County. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[40:55] Nate Hagen, Engineer of Record for the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex project, gave an overview of the project.

[43:06] Amber Nichols, DEQ Site Project Manager, is available for any questions.

[43:33] Kevin Stone, DEQ Federal Superfund Section Supervisor, explained the partnership with US Forest Service, Lewis and Clark County, State Natural Resources Damage Program, and others.

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 Public Health and PureView Health Center. (Sarah Sandau)**

[54:05] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract with PureView Health Center to implement the mobile clinic program in the amount of \$195,926 through the Human Resources Services Administration grant. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

[1:01:46] Nick Griffith, PureView Risk Management and Compliance Director, explained services offered for people who suffer from Substance Abuse Disorders and where they will be able to provide those services.

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 St. Peter's Health (Sarah Sandau)**

[1:06:03] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the contract with St. Peter's Health in the amount of \$477,965 through the Bureau of Justice Administration contract to implement the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement project. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[1:08:16] Gianluca Piscarelli and Jeanette Clark, Mobile Crisis Unit Program Director of Behavioral Health, gave an overview of the Mobile Crisis Unit.

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

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Sarah Sandau)**

[1:25:07] Sarah Sandau, Community Health Promotion Division Administrator, presented the amended grant award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the contract for the Healthy Montana Families Program in the amount of \$264,483.62. The grant period is from October 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024. Staff recommends acceptance of the grant award.

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.

**Board Appointment - Eastgate Volunteer Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)**

[1:29:32] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the board appointment of Quinton Mergenthaler to the Eastgate Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve the board appointment as presented by Mr. Fitzpatrick was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentations.**

[1:32:42] Katrina Chaney, County Superintendent of Schools, presented the Superintendent Office budget.

No public comment was received.

[1:38:00] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, discussed budget process priorities.

[1:54:35] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the administration and finance budget.

No public comment was received.

[2:21:08] Misty Edwards, Finance Coordinator, presented the budgets for the Lincoln Solid Waste and Augusta Solid Waste Districts.

No public comment was received.

[1:06] [2of2] Kathy Marks, Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC) Operations Director, gave an overview of programs offered at RMDC.

No public comment was received.

[26:38] [20f2] Brian Obert, Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) Executive Director; Eric Seidensticker, Program Director; and Katherine Anderson, Community Development; presented the MBAC FY25 budget.

No public comment was received.

[54:42] [2of2] Tammy Heigh, CASA Executive Director, presented the CASA FY25 budget.

No public comment was received.

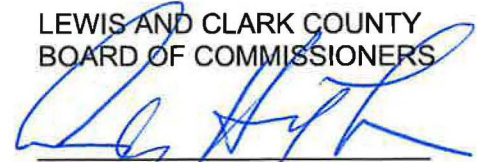
**Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.**

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Meeting minutes approved on 8-29-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board