



PUBLIC MEETING

October 10, 2024
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 10, 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, Kellie McBride, Drenda Niemann, Frank Cornwell, Marni Bentley, Ali Mandell, Connor Fitzpatrick, Wendy Smith Adamson, Jim Thomas, John Keller, Constance Horder, Joseph Linden, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for September 26, October 1, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)

[1:57] 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 Payne and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Revisions to the Lewis and Clark County Investment Policy. (Frank Cornwell)

[1:55] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented a revision to the Investment Policy to align with the current market conditions by increasing the option to purchase agency and treasury notes to 30%, as recommended by the Investment Committee. Staff recommends approval of the revision.

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 MadAve Communications, LLC. (Kellie Goodwin McBride)

[9:54] Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented a contract with MadAve Communications in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for marketing and communications services. The contract period begins upon approval of both parties through April 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

[14:30] Ali Mandell, MadAve Communications, gave an overview of her professional background and explained this is a unique process with the information desired to share with the public.

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. (Drenda Niemann)

[38:53] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant application to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution Program for a \$100,000 award per year for three years. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

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.

Grant Task Order HHS-ECFS-00000594 to Lewis and Clark County from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Drenda Niemann)

[42:42] Drenda Niemann, Public Health Officer, presented a grant task order from the Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$62,586 to implement the Maternal Child Health Block Grant Program. The effective date is October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. 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.

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

[47:08] Wendy Smith Adamson, Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, is concerned about public safety and would like to submit a request for assistance on filing a redress.

[49:13] Jim Thomas, Trustee of Canyon Creek Rural Fire District, read a resignation letter to the Commissioners from Jonathan Cunningham. He would like direction of articles of redress and would like to leave documents for the Commissioners to review.

[53:24] John Keller, Canyon Creek, stated it is a danger to the community that Jonathan Cunningham and Crystal Cunningham resigned from the Canyon Creek fire department, as their response times and EMS experience were highly valuable. He does not believe everyone on the fire district are qualified to provide services in cases of emergencies.

[1:00:35] Constance Horder, Canyon Creek, agrees the fire district is out of order and feels there is a conflict of interest having a married couple be the majority voters along with the former fire chief. She agrees the interim chief is not qualified to be in that position.

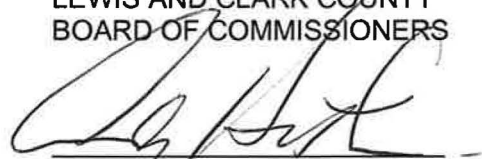
[1:16:27] Nicho Hash, Deputy County Attorney, pointed out a redress is a new statute, and they are looking into it.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

Meeting minutes approved on 10-24-24


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Andy Hunthausen, Chair


Candace Payne, Vice Chair


Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board