



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

October 31, 2024  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 31, 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, Audra Zacherl, Kevin Horne, Leo Dutton, Chris Rebo, Beth Norberg, Dan Karlin, Sherry Martin, Raymond Reed, Jon Jackson, Connie Griffith, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans.**

[1:25] Commissioner Rolfe read a proclamation supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans and declared November 4th - 11th a time to honor the service of Veterans.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

[6:44] Raymond Reed, Vietnam Veteran, stated that between 2001 and today, there has been 7,000 members lost through combat and 131,000 through suicide.

[8:45] Jon Jackson, Veteran, gave a history of family service and supports veterans and their families.

### **Consent Action Items**

- a. Public Meeting Minutes for October 17, 22, 2024. (Brandi Spangler)
- b. Resolution 2024-114 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Amy Reeves)

[15:14] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-b 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.

**Bid Opening. Sun Canyon Load and Haul. (Audra Zacherl)**

[16:26] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, opened bids for the Sun Canyon Load and Haul. Three bids were received. The first bid was from Stephens Hay & Cattle LLC of Corvallis, Montana in the amount of \$88,000. The second bid was from Valley Sand and Gravel of Helena, Montana for a total of \$105,000. The final bid was from Top Gun Construction of Stevensville, Montana in the amount of \$79,458.91. Staff recommends taking the bids under advisement and coming back with a recommendation on November 14, 2024.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Rolfe made a motion for staff to take the bids under advisement and come back with a recommendation on November 14, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Bid Award. Augusta Gravel. (Kevin Horne)**

[22:49] Kevin Horne, Public Works Operations Manager, presented a bid award for the Augusta Gravel procurement to Valley Sand & Gravel, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$93,600. Staff recommends approval of the bid 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.

**Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 5 Between Lewis and Clark County and RESPEC. (Dan Karlin)**

[28:13] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented an amendment to a task order with RESPEC for an additional \$30,577 to include additional construction administrative services for the Lower D2 Ditch Flood Mitigation Project with an end date of June 15, 2025. 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.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and the Augusta Fire District. (Sheriff Leo Dutton)**

[31:37] Leo Dutton, Sheriff, presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Augusta Fire District in the amount of \$400 per month for the use of office space. The MOU will be effective no longer than November 1, 2028. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

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 NRA Foundation. (Chris Rebo)**

[38:32] Chris Rebo, Deputy, presented a grant application to the NRA Foundation in the amount of \$140,000 for the Montana NRA grant to purchase rifles, suppressors, optics, and lights. The grant

period is February 1, 2025 through November 1, 2025. 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 Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Department of Environmental Quality.  
(Laurel Riek)**

[41:17] Beth Norberg, Environmental Health Program Manager, presented a grant award from the Department of Environmental Quality for completion of Septic System Inventory in the amount of \$230,500 with a match of \$57,625. The grant period is upon signature through December 31, 2027. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

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 9:58 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 11-19-24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Andy Hunthausen, Chair



Candace Payne, Vice Chair



Tom Rolfe, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board