

**PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2013
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioners Andy Hunthausen and Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, George Theborge, Katie Jerstad, Fred Rice, Tammy Potter, Nancy Everson, Leo Dutton, Frank Rives, Jason Grimmis, Joanie Tompkins, Kathy Macefield, Kyle Thomas, Jeff Larson, Steve Netschert, Al Knauber, and Misty Edwards, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

a. Records Disposal Request (County Attorney's Office)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Consent Action Item 2.a. and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

2013 COPS Hiring Program Grant #2013UMWX-200 Award. (Jason Grimmis) The Commissioners will consider the grant award in the amount of \$125,000 in federal funds and a matching funds requirement of \$100,424 to hire or rehire officers laid off or scheduled to be laid off due to local budget cuts for the period Sept. 1, 2013 – Aug. 31, 2016. (Tabled from 10/3/13)

Leo Dutton, Sheriff, introduced Captain Jason Grimmis, who presented the 2013 COPS Hiring Program Grant Award in the amount of \$125,000 to the Sheriff's Office. The Grant is for hiring or rehiring officers laid off or scheduled to be laid off due to local budget cuts through Aug. 31, 2016. The Sheriff intended to hire a 45th sworn deputy position with the funds. Grant funds must be used to fund 55% of the deputy's salary; the County is required to match 45% of the funds for the salary for this position over the 3-year timeframe, and fully fund the position for an additional 12 months. The grant funds would total \$225,424 over 3 years, with a \$100,424 required match, or approximately \$33,400 for each of the 3 years. The additional position would allow for increased patrols in the outlying areas of the County.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the 2013 COPS Grant Hiring Program Grant #2013UMWX-200 Award, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion; however, she did not support the use of one-time money for an ongoing expense. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Geise voted no.



State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award #12-W02-91512 to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office in the Amount of \$5,501.20 for Violence Against Women's Act for the period 7/1/13 – 6/30/14. (Tammy Potter)

Tammy Potter, Finance Coordinator, reported on the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5,501.20 of reverted funds, with a local match requirement of \$1,834.00, for a total of \$7,335.20 for the Violence Against Women's Act through June 30, 2014. Grant funds provide salary support for the VAWA Officer.

Deputy Joanie Tompkins addressed the Commission regarding her duties as Officer for the Violence Against Women's Act program.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award #12-W02-91512, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award #13-W02-91412 to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office in the Amount of \$37,974.00 for Violence Against Women's Act for the period 7/1/13 – 6/30/14. (Tammy Potter)

Tammy Potter, Finance Coordinator, reported on the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$37,974, with a local match requirement of \$12,658.00 for a total of \$50,632.00 for the Violence Against Women's Act through June 30, 2013, and funds approx. half of the VAWA Officer's position.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the State of Montana Board of Crime Control Grant Award #13-W02-91412, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis & Clark County and Communications and Management Services, LLC, Inc. (Fred Rice) The Commissioners will consider the contract in an amount not to exceed \$7,750 for conducting a job analysis of support positions in the Co. Attorney's Office, and presenting findings to the County Human Resources Dept.

Fred Rice, Director of Human Resources, reported on the Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Communications and Management Services, LLC, to perform job audits, and a pay and classification study of staff support positions in the County Attorney's Office. Findings will be provided to the County Human Resources Dept. The contract is not to exceed \$7,750.00.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis & Clark County and Communications and Management Services, LLC, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Contract Amendment No. 1 to Contract Dated March 7, 2013, Between Lewis & Clark County and Ameresco, Inc. (Kyle Thomas) The Commissioners will consider the amendment for installation of boiler lines from the Courthouse to the Law Enforcement Center, in an amount not

to exceed \$42,870 and installation of a backup cooling system for the radio room in the Law Enforcement Center in an amount not to exceed \$15,485.

Kyle Thomas, Ast. Director of Public Works, presented the Contract Amendment No. 1 to the contract dated March 7, 2013, between Lewis & Clark County and Ameresco, Inc. for installation of boiler lines from the Courthouse to the LEC in an amount not to exceed \$42,870, and installation of a backup cooling system for the radio room in the LEC in an amount not to exceed \$15,485. The overall project was 80-95 percent completed, with completion of upgrades to boilers, lighting, windows and thermostats in many county buildings. The performance contract with Ameresco guaranteed the County an annual savings of \$75,000, plus a 3% annual adjustment, over a 15-year period, ensuring the project will pay for itself.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Contract Amendment No 1, to the Contract Dated March 7, 2013, Between Lewis & Clark County and Ameresco, Inc. as presented by Mr. Thomas. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Request for Final Plat of the Preliminary Approval for Abandonment of a Portion of Missoula Avenue, Boyce Addition. (Applicant: Jeff Larson) (Planner: Frank Rives)

Frank Rives, Planner, presented the request, noting the Conditions of Approval had been met. A vicinity map was viewed showing the portion of Missoula Avenue to be abandoned. The City Commission approved the request on October 7.

Steve Netschert thanked the Commission for their assistance in removing one of the Conditions of Approval and for moving the project forward.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2013-95, A Resolution Discontinuing a Portion of a Platted Subdivision Easement, Missoula Avenue, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Westside Fire Service Area Fire Protection Agreement Between City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson reported on the Westside Fire Service Area Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County, for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018, an update of a previous agreement. The County Attorney completed final review and submitted the agreement to the City Commission for consideration. The agreement allowed the City to provide services to residents in the Westside Fire Service Area, including fire protection and suppression, fire investigation and medical emergency first responder services. Services are paid through an assessment on property taxes per structure in the Fire Service Area, ranging from approx. \$92 to \$1,300 per structure.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Westside Fire Service Area Fire Protection Agreement with the City of Helena, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointments. (Eric Bryson) (Cont'd from Lincoln Agenda 10/4/13)

Lincoln Park Board

Eric Bryson reported that the item was continued from the October 4, Lincoln Gov't. Day agenda, as a quorum was not present. Terms of all previous board members had expired; the board had been inactive for some time. Board vacancies were advertised, resulting in 5 applicants: Lonnie Cox, Rick Dunkerley, Nyle Housmon, Jesse Sallin and Dennis Peterson.

No public comment was received.

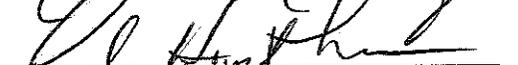
Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Lonny Cox and Dennis Peterson to a 3-year term ending June 30, 2016; Rick Dunkerley and Nyle Housmon to a 2-year term ending June 30, 2015; and Jesse Sallin to a 1-year term ending June 30, 2014. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. One position also holds a seat on the Park Board, and will be designated by the Lincoln Park Board.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Michael A. Murray, Chairman


Andy Hunthausen


Susan Good Geise

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board