

**PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Mike Murray was not present, he is out of town on County business. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, K. Paul Stahl, Tammy Potter, Chris Cornish, Charles Gilmore, Roger Smith, Al Knauber and Nichole Nisbet, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson reported there are no consent action items.

The Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Tammy Potter)  
The Commissioners will consider the 2014 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$12,000 for EOD training from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs. Funding is for FBI mandated training for the bomb techs. The contract period is through 9/30/2015.

Tammy Potter presented the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award presented to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$12,000 for EOD training.

Deputy Cornish of the Sheriff's office stated that the grant will fund the training that is required by the FBI. The FBI requires a tech to attend 40 hours of outside training a year. The Sheriff's office has 3 techs for the bomb squad and the grant will provide training for all three.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application with Disaster and Emergency Services (DES).

Commissioner Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Tammy Potter)  
The Commissioners will consider the 2014 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$35,000 for EOD equipment from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs. Funding is for the purchase of MED-ENG 9A helmets for the Explosive Ordinance Disposal. The contract period is through 9/30/2015.

Deputy Cornish presented the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award presented to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. The grant will provide \$35,000 to purchase two new helmets for their bomb suits. The newer helmets are the latest and the best in the world of helmets for bomb

suits and include a flip up face mask, a camera on the helmet to take and transfer video downrange and a method of being able to control functions through voice rather than having to punch commands on your arm so you always have two hands free.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application with Disaster and Emergency Services (DES).

Commissioner Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Tammy Potter)  
The Commissioners will consider the 2014 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$138,800 for County Radio Comms from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs. Funding is for the salary and travel costs of the Microwave Network Manager. The contract period is through 9/30/2015.

Tammy Potter presented the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award for \$138,000 to help to cover the salary and travel costs of Rodger Smith, the Microwave Network Manager.

Roger Smith stated that he manages Microwave circuits and radio sites across the State (approximately 100) to ensure things are working and running properly. They have partnered with the National Guard and help them manage their circuits to help them manage and map 7 different armories around the State. He also assists the Air Force and their trunking radio system. He also assists Counties when they receive grants to help facilitate and get all the technical data to build the radio sites and towers.

They will have 55 trunk sites across the state by the end of this month. It would take up to 90 trunk sites to cover the state. For the future their vision includes being able to have the two zone controllers talking to each other, upgrading the Microwave to have full Ethernet capability and a trunk system across the state. Over 80 percent of the Counties are currently involved. The smaller Counties have limited technology due to budget constraints however they can get use off the system.

In a crisis situation this grant will help to continue to provide seamless coverage across the state for law enforcement to have constant contact with dispatch. The trunk radio provides a large area of coverage. One site can provide radio coverage to multiple areas or Counties. They had a staged DES disaster 4 years ago and the trunk system along with the conventional radios worked quite well.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application with Disaster and Emergency Services (DES).

Commissioner Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana Department of Military Affairs 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Tammy Potter)  
The Commissioners will consider the 2014 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for SO LEC Radio System from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES), Montana

Department of Military Affairs. Funding is for the Radio System Site Upgrade (LEC). The contract period is through 9/30/2015.

Tammy Potter presented the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Award for \$200,000 to help to upgrade the radio systems.

Charles Gilmore stated that the channel space is running out on the current system. This grant will help replace the existing radio site. The new equipment is Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) which will double the channel capacity. The old equipment will be moved to a site in Broadwater County to be reused.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application with Disaster and Emergency Services (DES).

Commissioner Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) for the Missouri River Drug Task Force Program (MRDTF) FY15 Grant Award Agreement to Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office. (Tammy Potter)

The Commissioners will consider the FY15 Grant Award Agreement in the award amount of \$40,240 with a match of \$17,246 from LCSO for a total contract amount of \$57,486 for The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) for the Missouri River Drug Task Force Program (MRDTF). Funding is to cover overtime costs of the Missouri River Drug Task Force officer and a portion of the administrative secretary salary costs. The contract period is through 6/30/2015.

Tammy Potter presented the FY15 Grant Award from the Montana Board of Crime Control for the Missouri River Drug Task Force Program. This grant will provide \$40,240 with a match of \$17,246 for a total amount of \$57,486 to cover the regular salary and the overtime for the Deputy who works for the MRDTF. It will also cover a portion of the part time administrative assistant.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to approve the grant application with the Missouri River Drug Task Force.

Commissioner Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.

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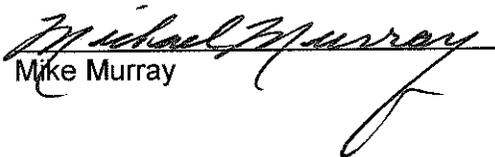
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Susan Good Geise, Chair



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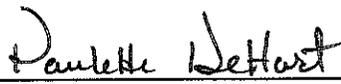
Andy Hunthausen



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Mike Murray

ATTEST:



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Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board