

**PUBLIC MEETING  
JULY 23, 2013  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 23, 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. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Nancy Everson, Kate McIvor, Paulette DeHart, Kate McIvor, Jack Walsh and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Everyone recited the Pledge.

**Consent Action Items.** (Eric Bryson)

- a. Resolution 2013-68 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance in State of Montana vs. Robert McKay. (Leo Gallagher)

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

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise moved adoption of the Consent Action Item as outlined by Staff on Resolution 2013-68. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2013-69 to Budget Additional Property Tax Revenue.** (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Director of Finance, presented Resolution 2013-69 to Budget Additional Property Tax Revenue as authorized by Sec. 15-10-420, MCA. The statute authorizes a property tax increase of one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior three years, based on the consumer price index. One-half of the rate of 2.06 was 1.03 percent. The statute also allowed the County to carry forward its levy authority if it had not levied the maximum authorized in the prior year, and allowed for levy authority for group benefit premium increases. A public meeting was held July 9, 2013, on the budgeted tax increase. The required ad had been placed in a section of the *Independent Record* not in the legal section. The Resolution budgeted tax revenue increases at the 1.03 percent or \$218,878; and also levied taxes for the Valley Mosquito District in the amount of \$30,000 and the Craig Mosquito District in the amount of \$4,600, for a total of \$34,626. The increases totaled \$253,000 or 1 percent of the \$22,752,000 levied in property tax revenue in the prior year. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2013-69, as presented by Staff. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution 2013-70 Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014.** (Nancy Everson)

Nancy Everson, Director of Finance, presented Resolution 2013-70 Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1,

2013, and Ending June 30, 2013, and reviewed the five sections of the resolution that addressed legal spending limits, budget implementation authority, appropriation carry-overs, appropriated reserves, and property tax adjustments. A public hearing on the Budget had been held on July 9, 2013. Attachment A. set forth the Revenue and Expenditure Summary.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Resolution 2013-70 Adopting the Final Budget, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners extended their appreciation to Ms. Everson, Mr. Bryson and Department Heads for their participation in the process of producing the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

**Subcontract Agreement Between Sage Accounting LLC and Lewis & Clark County Cooperative Health Center.** (Kate Mclvor) The Commissioners will consider the agreement providing for accounting and financial services at the rate of \$95/hr. for the period July 1 – Dec. 31, 2013.

Kate Mclvor, Executive Director, presented the Subcontract Agreement with Sage Accounting for accounting and financial services at the CHC for the period July 1 - December 31, 2013. Three previous advertisements were unsuccessful in identifying a qualified candidate to fill the finance manager position at the CHC. The Commission expressed a desire to re-advertise the position in the future.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise moved approval of the Subcontract Agreement Between Sage Accounting LLC and Lewis & Clark County Cooperative Health Center, as outlined by Staff. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis & Clark County and Montana Public Employees Association Representing Employees of the Health Department, the Cooperative Health Center and the County Landfill Regarding Employer Health Plan Premium Contributions.** (Fred Rice) (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson reported on the Memorandum of Understanding, stating it was necessary to bring the recently signed Collective Bargaining Agreement in line with the County Personnel Manual. All new hires effective July 1, 2013, will fall under the current parameters of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, but all previous employees who had had a pro rata share for contributions for the health insurance will still stand under that old system. Staff recommended approval of the MOU.

No public comment was received.

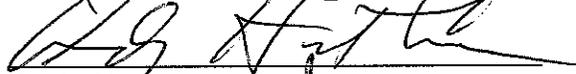
Commissioner Good Geise moved approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between Lewis & Clark County and Montana Public Employees Association Representing Employees of the Health Department, Cooperative Health Center and the County Landfill Regarding Employer Health Plan Premium Contributions, as recommended by Staff. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**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 9:24 a.m.

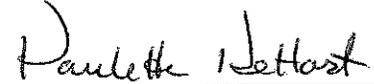
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Andy Hunthausen

  
Susan Good Geise

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board