

PUBLIC MEETING
July 1, 2014
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 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 absent and excused. Commissioner Murray was present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Paul Spengler, Art Pembroke, Drenda Neimann, Melanie Reynolds and Anne Todd, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Introduces Staff Members.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson) Resolution 2014-74 Emergency Declaration. (Paul Spengler)

Eric Bryson presented Consent Agenda Item 2a and recommends approval.

Commissioner Murray asked how much of the \$2 million that we had the potential to levy did we use to pay the expenses for this?

Eric Bryson replied there were some expenses that are the result of the early March/late winter snow fall. We had overtime, we had sand bag distribution and we had an incredible amount of volunteer time, we purchased some additional sand bags to get stock piled with what we anticipated to be likely flood events later on in the spring which never materialized thankfully. As far as out of pocket additional expenses it wasn't that significant other than the overtime mostly from law enforcement and public works folks staffing the event that happened in March of this year. The purchase of sand bags that we did afterwards we've restocked what we had as a historical supply of sandbags. We didn't distribute that many even though we made a conservative effort to do some public outreach and education. We conducted a sandbag awareness class at the fairgrounds, we made sand and bags available for the community for a considerable amount of time but our outlays weren't nothing more that really rental of a couple of port a potties for the event, some overtime for law enforcement and public works.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve consent action item 2a.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis and Clark County Information Technology & Services Department and Information Technology Core (ITC) (Art Pembroke) The Commissioners will consider the contract in the amount of \$5,000 for project specific services to our network management group including assisting with network configuration services for the fiscal year.



Art Pembroke presented one of our annual contracts. This contract provides emergency support for our MS directory services as well as some of our network services we get for domain services these contracts are basically use as back fill when staff doesn't have the expertise or skill set to deal with.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the contract with Lewis and Clark County Information Technology and Services Department and Information technology Core in the amount of \$5,000.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis and Clark County Information Technology & Weisberg Consulting, Inc. (Art Pembroke) The Commissioners will consider the contract in the amount of \$10,000 for training and implementation services.

Art Pembroke presented a contract between Lewis and Clark County Information Technology and Weisberg Consulting, Inc. This is an annual support contract to assist us with managing identity manager programs as well as some of the conflicts between our Novel eDirectory and Microsoft active directory. We basically use these as a training tool for our staff.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis and Clark County Information Technology & Weisberg Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Amendment Two to Task Order No. 14-07-3-01-009-0 Contract between Lewis and City-Clark County Health Dept. and the Montana Cancer Control Program, DPHHS (Drenda Neimann) The Commissioners will consider the contract in the amount of a one-time payment of \$6,000 which increases the original contract to \$124,600 and expires September 30, 2014.

Drenda Neimann presented The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services has amended the Fiscal Year 2014 cancer control contract to include a little bit more funds to offset the anticipated patient navigation work and requirements with work site wellness promotion activities. The amendment is a one-time payment of \$6,000 which will increase the original contract to \$124,600. The contract expires Sept. 30, 2014. Drenda Neimann recommended approval.

Commissioner Good Geise asked to explain the unexpected expense and with navigation and what does that mean exactly.

Drenda Neimann replied patient navigation is connected to the Affordable Care Act. And so it's so really getting individuals in our community connected to the signing up for insurance to cover there screening opportunities.

Commissioner Good Geise asked if the money goes to the navigators.

Drenda Neimann replied it does and it really helps staff take the time to get those folks connected to the navigators as well.

Commissioner Good Geise asked do you know where that people would go to get help with navigators.

Drenda Neimann said there are several around the community but the Cooperative Health Center has navigators still available and they just need to come in to the clinic and ask for that service. The office is across from Safeway and next to Starbucks.

Commissioner Murray moved to approve the Amendment 2. Task Order No. 14-07-3-01-009-0 Contract between Lewis and Clark County Health Dept. and the Montana Cancer Control Program, DPHHS.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Task Order/Contract #15-017-3-31-009-0 Contracts between Lewis and Clark County Health Department and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

(Drenda Neimann) The Commissioners will consider the task order that extends from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and totals \$99,900 for the Tobacco Use Prevention community-based program.

Drenda Neimann presented The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services contract with Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department to implement the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention community-based program to address the public health crisis caused by tobacco use thereby reducing disease, disability, death and death related to tobacco use. The staff is required to build community level capacity for tobacco prevention work and to communicate to state agencies the importance of having the funds available in our community to do this work. Secondly type of work that will happen under this contract rather is to prevent local use from beginning a lifetime addiction to tobacco products. Another type of work that will happen under this contract is to eliminate exposure to hazardous affects of second hand smoke and actively supporting the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act of 2005. Another piece of work that happens under this contract is to eliminate disparities related to tobacco use and its effects among certain groups such as woman of child bearing age, Native Americans and low income residents. A couple of examples of work that cannot happen under this contract, succession work directly, the role of our program here locally is to promote the Tobacco Quit Line is funded at the state level and another piece of work that can't happen under our contract is direct education. So we can't go into the classroom for example and do tobacco prevention curriculums work directly with students.

The task order extends from July 1, 2014 to June 30th 2015 and the total contract equates to \$99,900 and she recommended approval.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Task Order/Contract #15-017-3-31-009-0 Contract between Lewis and Clark County Health Department and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$99,900.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Contract between Lewis and Clark County Health Department through the Montana Children's Trust Fund and Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department. (Drenda Neimann) The Commissioners will consider the contract to provide two 10-week Circles of Security Parent Education courses and weekly parent support groups. Contract extends from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 and totals to \$15,000.

Drenda Neimann presented the Montana Children's Trust Fund and Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department through the Montana Children's Trust Fund and has been contracting with the Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department to provide (2) two ten week Circles of Security parent education courses as well as weekly parent support groups using the Circles of Security model elements paired with home visiting services when indicated.

These programs will serve 100 children and a 100 parent participants and a total of 75, approximately 75 families. They have a nice menu of home visiting services being offered through the City-County Health Department. Depending on the needs of the family after an assessment is done, they get connected to the appropriate services that is going to help them the most. The task order extends from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 and totals to \$15,000 and Drenda Neimann recommended approval.

Commissioner Murray moved the approval of between Lewis and Clark County Health Department through the Montana Children's Trust Fund and Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Memorandum Of Understanding between Lewis and Clark County, the City of Helena and the City of East Helena. (Eric Bryson) The Commissioners will consider the MOU for the continued operation of the East Valley Bus Service in the amount of \$32,000 for the 5311 Rural Transit grant.

Eric Bryson commented on the Memorandum Of Understanding for continuing operation of the East Valley bus system. They have made some significant structural changes to the operation of the East Valley Bus this coming operating year and that they are going reduce the hours of service from five days a week to four days a week based on budget constraints and the limits that the city has with our HATS transportation funding in general. The other thing the Commission was interested in was from two years ago was to try and see if we can make this turn and transition into a truly a commuter route system that's going to take a little more due diligence on our part and the City of Helena's part and HATS part to make sure we can find the appropriate times to pick up and get people back that are commuting from East Helena so they need to be able to get to work and get home from work on a regular schedule which in my mind means five days a week, early mornings hours and late afternoon or early evening hours to be able to accommodate commuter traffic back and forth from the City of East Helena to Helena and then back again. The City has asked for another year to explore that as an option and for the next year the plan is to run four days a week essentially in the same manner that it has in the last couple years.

Commissioner Goode Geise asked if there a push back from people in East Helena who are depending on that and what is the ridership there.

Eric Bryson said they are struggling for transit service. The second phase of the exploration process we are in right now is really to identify targeted populations of people that would benefit from use of a transportation system like HATS.

It's the people that have financial challenges, mental health challenges, physical disabilities challenges that are served or could be served better with an increased capacity among the HATS ridership stated Mr. Bryson. Where it gets confusing is that this service in essence was always supposed to be a commuter route so we can do a better job of getting people that wanted to travel for work purposes from East Helena to the City limits of Helena and have appropriate places to drop them off and get them to work and back. But the way the bus operates right now is that it's essentially a curb to curb pick up for people who qualify. So it's not a single destination stop pick up people and come back. If you need a ride and meet the criteria for needing a ride, there driving through the City of East Helena and the outlying areas to pick up people with significant need to get them back and forth.

This year what we are asking the City and HATS to do is to really work on figuring out what the demand for transit services are for those curb to curb style picks up are and for the commuter route would be and its difficult to do a good analysis of what the demand for both of those might be if we're going to continue for another year with what looks like a curb to curb pick up service and decrease a day of operations. I think until we actually make this a commuter route, find the funds to make it a commuter route, find the hours to fix it so that it serves as a commuter route and then find another service that can accommodate those curb to curb pick or specialty population services it's going to be really tough to determine what demand is for both a commuter route and a curb to curb service. But that is the task that the City has and they are going to wade through that the best they can in this next fiscal year.

No public comment was received.

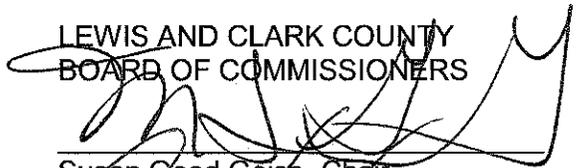
Commissioner Murray moved the approval of Memorandum Of Understanding between Lewis and Clark County, the City of Helena and the City of East Helena.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

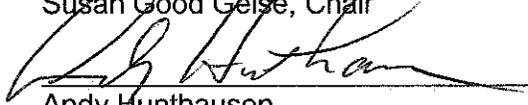
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

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Susan Good Geise, Chair

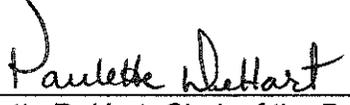


Andy Munthausen



Mike Murray

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