

**PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, January 2, 2014, 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, Katie Jerstad, Brendt Sarchet, Marni Bentley, Fred Rice, Al Knauber and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Resolution 2014-1 to Establish Regular Meeting Dates of the Lewis and Clark County Commission and to Describe Procedures for Public Participation. (Eric Bryson)
- b. Resolution 2014-2 Establishing Hours of Operation for All Lewis and Clark County Offices. (Eric Bryson)

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

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Consent Action Items 2.a. and b. as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Murray noted the Vendor Claims Report for the Week of Dec. 30 was not on the Consent Agenda and inquired regarding a motion to allow for the claims to be paid.

Eric Bryson noted the requirement allowing for public review and participation, and suggested placing the Vendor Claims Report on next Tuesday's agenda. Katie Jerstad, Deputy County Attorney, agreed with Mr. Bryson's suggestion of placing the item on next Tuesday's agenda.

Commissioner Murray suggested the Commission review the register today and allow for the checks to be mailed on Friday, followed by placing the item on Tuesday's agenda as Nunc Pro Tunc. Claims payments are issued every two weeks. Commissioner Hunthausen suggested addressing the Claims on tomorrow's Lincoln Public Meeting Agenda. Ms. Jerstad reiterated the 48-hour notice requirement. Commissioner Good Geise concurred with Ms. Jerstad.

Eric Bryson suggested a motion allowing the County to legally pay the pending claims and they would decide following the meeting how to address it.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved that the Commission approve a legal way to pay the claims as soon as possible.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.



FY2014 Extension Services Agreement Between Montana State University Extension and Lewis & Clark County for Funding and Operation of Extension for the Period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 in the Amount of \$267,745.00. (Nancy Everson) (Brendt Sarchet)

Brendt Sarchet, Extension Agent, presented the F2014 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and the County for Funding and Operation of Extension for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, noting this was the annual standard agreement. Mr. Sarchet delivered a brief overview of the responsibilities and activities of the Extension and 4-H programs and addressed the position vacancy since May in the 4-H program and the hiring and interview process.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the 2014 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Lewis & Clark County for Funding and Operation of Extension for the Period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 in the Amount of \$267,745, as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Board of County Commission Chair & Vice-Chair Designations for Calendar Year 2014.

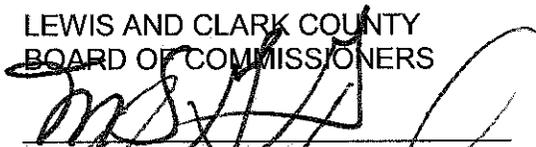
Commissioner Murray moved that Commissioner Geise serve as Chair for 2014 and Commissioner Hunthausen continue to serve as Vice-Chair for the calendar year.

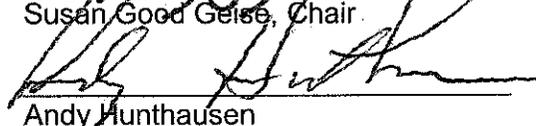
Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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 9:17 a.m.

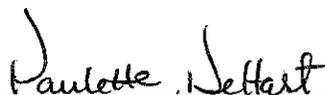
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Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen


Mike Murray

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board