



PUBLIC MEETING

September 13, 2018
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers Room 330.

Roll Call

Chairman Andy Hunthausen called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Jim McCormick and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Peter Italiano, Chere Jiusto, Reese Martin, Audra Zacherl, Emily Williams, Patty Weicht, Lauren Stazinski, Collin Davis, Rich Whidnag, Troy Sampson, Jeff Wadekamper, Frank Hammond, Tony Ewalt and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Montana Preservation Alliance Presentation. (Chere Jiusto)

Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance Executive Director, gave an overview of the Alliance. The Alliance received a grant from the Steele Reese Foundation that focuses on rural vitality. The four communities they are working with are Augusta, East Helena, Townsend and White Sulphur Springs. Ms. Jiusto presented slides showing the current downtowns of the listed communities and gave an overview of the tours they took of each community. A thorough site form is completed for each community. The goal by the end of the project is to have the communities speak with them and target one to three properties in each community to work on.

They have asked to be on the Augusta Government Day agenda for October. She added they met with the local historical society, owners of the toured buildings, The Lazy B and the library in Augusta. Commissioner Good Geise referenced a building that is abandoned and has issues with it and added many properties need to be improved for safety.

Ms. Jiusto stated they have already worked with the Brownfields program and would do the same thing if there was a building that provided the same issue for the community.

Commissioner McCormick asked how the property owners and Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) participates. Ms. Jiusto stated the private sector owns the building, Montana Preservation Alliance and MBAC as nonprofits can offer assistance and knowledge.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Sletten Construction Company. (Audra Zacherl)

Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented the contract with Sletten Construction Company for General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) services for the Detention Center renovation and minor renovations of the Law & Justice Center. Sletten was chosen from a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal process that began in June. They were selected by a committee composed of staff from the Sheriff's office, Public Works and Information Technology and Services.

Funding for the Detention Center renovation is from a voter approved \$6.5 million general obligation bond to transform all three floors of the Law Enforcement Center into detention space. Funding for the Law & Justice Center renovation is from a joint partnership with the City of Helena totaling \$300,000.

The contract is for a not to exceed amount of \$21,000 for preconstruction services with a 4% GC/CM fee on the cost of work. Project completion to be the fall of 2019. A Guaranteed Maximum Price amendment will be brought forward once plans and design for the Detention Center renovation have been completed. Staff recommends approval of the contract with Sletten Construction Company.

Commissioner Good Geise asked Ms. Zacherl to explain the CG/CM model and the reason for choosing the model. Ms. Zacherl noted the project is complex because the remodel is being done while there are inmates which adds concerns with security.

Ms. Zacherl explained the second part of the contract is the guaranteed maximum price which is how much they have to do the project for. The County sets the budget and the contractor has to meet that budget and timeline.

Tony Ewalt, Sletten Construction Senior Vice President, stated he started the correction and justice division about ten years ago and created a team to focus on this kind of project and noted they will be involved with this project.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise stated part of the contract is the Law and Justice Center. Currently the Sheriff's office and the Helena Police Department are located in the Detention Center building which will be converted to jail cells. The new building on Fuller Avenue will house the Sheriff's Office, the Helena Police Department and administration offices.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner McCormick and seconded by Commissioner Good Geise. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Lease Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and Helena Regional Airport Authority. (Reese Martin)

Reese Martin, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the lease agreement with Helena Airport Authority to lease office space for the DES Coordinator and area for emergency operations center.

Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, stated the offices have to be moved because of the remodel of the Detention Center. This was discussed during the budget process and funds have been set side.

Commissioner McCormick referenced work that has to be done to meet airport specifications and requirements, auxiliary power and asked for an overview of the selection and relocation process.

Mr. Martin stated he will occupy a small office in the dispatch center with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) being in the building next to the dispatch center. A generator has been obtained through the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to power the building. He added the National Incident Management System (NIMS) will be revised and made more efficient.

Commissioner Good Geise noted the EOC is always available but not activated until a public safety issue occurs such as wildfires, earthquakes, etc.

Jeff Wadekamper, Helena Regional Airport Director stated it has been a pleasure to work with everyone and this is a great strategic location.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Good Geise and seconded by Commissioner McCormick. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

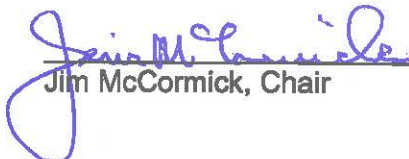
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Commissioner Hunthausen recognized the Montana Conservation Corp in attendance and the four introduced themselves


Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Jim McCormick, Chair

Susan Good Geise, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

