



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

September 20, 2022  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Chair Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, Tim Fox, Kevin Horne, Laurel Riek, Connor Fitzpatrick, Beth Norberg, Dan Karlin, Jenny Chambers, Robert McCarley, Jessica Makus, Christian Lehnert, Nancy Everson, Misty Edwards, Audra Zacherl, Betsy Kirkeby, Jade Wills, Pete Ronick, Betty Huckins, Becky Hawthorne, and Brandi Spangler, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Department of Defense Patriot Awards Presentation. (Tim Fox)**

Tim Fox, former Attorney General, presented Christian Lehnert and Jessica Makus the Department of Defense Spouse Patriot Award in support of the Guard and Reserve. Jade Willis nominated them for their support of her and her family during her husband's deployment. They have been understanding and extremely flexible in her schedule. She feels supported and could not get through this trying time without their unwavering support. Ms. Willis shared her story and personally thanked Ms. Makus and Mr. Lehnert.

General Jamie Wilkins thanked Ms. Makus and Mr. Lehnert for supporting Ms. Willis. He also voiced support and thanks to her family's sacrifices for our country.

No public comment was received.

### **Road Project Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the USDA, Forest Service, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. (Kevin Horne)**

Kevin Horne, Road and Bridges Operations Manager, presented an agreement with the USDA, Forest Service, and Lewis and Clark National Forest for applying magnesium chloride to road segments on Nelson and Beaver Creek Roads totaling 10.7 miles. Total reimbursement to the county in year one is

\$40,000 and years 2-5 will be subject to need and availability. The contract is effective through September 30, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Mr. Horne explained the Middleman Project. There is about 3,500 tons of logs from the York drainage needing to be hauled out and would create thousands of trips of logging trucks coming through the area. Public works received grants from the Federal Lands Access Project (FLAP) for 1.6 Million dollars for an 8 mile stretch of road that had been graveled and magnesium chloride applied. With the investment on that project, it is crucial to maintain and preserve the gravel service. The Forest Service agreed to help with the cost. The maintenance level may be increased when the trucks start bringing the timber down. This is a project agreement specific for the York area.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Task Order 23-07-6-11-030-0 Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Laurel Riek)**

Laurel Riek, Disease Control and Prevention Division Administrator, presented a task order with Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in the amount of \$101,307 to implement emergency planning, response and recovery activities. The task order is effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The task order is to enhance capacity to respond to public health emergencies. Plans, guidance documents and protocols will be updated. There are 15 preparedness capabilities and other activities that promote a safe and resilient community. The 15 capabilities are surveillance and epidemiological investigation, community preparedness, lab testing, medical countermeasure dispensing, medical material management and distribution, responder safety and health, emergency operations coordination, emergency public information and warning, information sharing, non-pharmaceutical intervention, medical surge, volunteer management, community recovery, fatality management and mass care. Responsibilities that may arise under the task order includes record retention, audits, indemnification, insurance, protection of confidential information, and property ownership and use. This is a continuation for the funding of the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Brett Lloyd. Staff recommends approval.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Grant Application to the Montana Secretary of State. (Connor Fitzpatrick)**

Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a grant application to the Montana Secretary of State's Office for the Help America Vote Act 2020 Grant in the amount of \$13,500. This grant will allow parallel testing of the ElectMT voter registration system alongside the current voter registration system during the 2022 General Election. The grant period begins October 11, 2022 through November 9, 2022. ElectMT is a new system that is in place to keep current information on voter registration. The current system is about 16 years old and although effective, it is near the end of its life. The parallel testing is to ensure the ElectMT is running smoothly before going live.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe and seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Western Water Wells, Inc. (Beth Norberg)**

Beth Norberg, Environmental Program Supervisor, presented a contract with Western Water Wells, Inc. to drill a domestic water well located at Lot 19 of 3970 Kai Court in the Canyon Ferry Crossing Subdivision for the amount of \$15,191.93 plus \$60 per linear foot. The DEQ approved water and wastewater systems in 1998 and a week later, a rewrite was done on that subdivision. There was some swapping of well and septic systems. The well location on lot 19 and 20 were moved. The original lot layout was attached to the permit and when the septic system was inspected, it was noted that the well had not been drilled yet. The original lot layout was also what was given to the owners, septic company and drilling company and the new lot layout was not on file. The owner of lot 20 wants to develop his lot and the well on lot 19 is too close for him to drill his well, so the well on lot 19 needs to be moved. It was the county's error and is a unique situation. There has been changes made internally to ensure this will not happen again. The contract begins upon approval through November 31, 2022.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Hunthausen and seconded by Commissioner Rolfe. 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.**


**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.

Meeting minutes approved on Jan 03, 2023

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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