



PUBLIC MEETING

October 23, 2025
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

Chair Candace Payne, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Tom Rolfe were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, TJ Murphy, Chris Weiss, Kellie McBride, Brett Petty, Brian Haven, Bob Bussey, Brent Colbert, Marni Bentley, Ann McCauley, Alyssa Spies, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending October 24, 2025. (Marni Bentley)

[2:13] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

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.

Action Items

Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from Montana Department of Transportation. (Chris Weiss)

[3:56] Chris Weiss, Sworn Sergeant and STEP Program coordinator, presented a grant award from Montana Department of Transportation for reimbursement of overtime costs for deputies working DUI traffic shifts in the amount of \$15,000. The grant period is October 1, 2025. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

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 Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance. (Kellie Goodwin McBride)

[12:02] Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, presented a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$2,000,000 to develop and administer a jail diversion program in Lewis and Clark County. The anticipated grant period is October 2025 through September 2029. Staff recommends approval of the grant application.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[21:50] Wes Feist, City Council member of East Helena, did not hear that the City of East Helena is a partner in this process. He encourages East Helena PD to participate in this program.

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

[25:10] Wes Feist, introduced himself as Community Relations Manager for Northwestern Energy and wants to serve Lewis and Clark County as liaison.


Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 11-13-25

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board