



PUBLIC MEETING

June 19, 2025
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, June 19, 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 include Roger Baltz, Keegan Shea, Fred Sargeson, Christal Ness, Lindsay Morgan, Rachel Ward, Brian Coplin, Marni Bentley, Connie Griffith, Bob Jones, and Brandi Spangler Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Claims Report for Week Ending June 20, 2025. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for May 27, 28, 29; June 5, 10, 2025. (Brandi Spangler)
- c. Sublicensing Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Stop the Bleed Coalition for an Educational License. (Brandi Spangler)

[2:39] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-c and recommended 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.

Action Items

Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and the Environmental Protection Agency. (Fred Sargeson)

[4:43] Fred Sargeson, Public Health Operations Manager, presented an amendment to an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to add \$58,122 to the award amount for the

Upper Ten Mile Superfund site. The budget period remains April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

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.

Order an Investigation into a Petition to Abandon Two Alleys. (Christal Ness)

[11: 20] Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor, presented a request ordering an investigation into the abandonment of alleys at Hotel Addition and Seymer Park. They alleys have never been constructed and numerous encroachments exist in the platted alleys. Staff recommends approval of ordering an investigation by Jenny Chambers, Public Works Director; Christal Ness, Development Services Supervisor; and Commissioner Hunthausen.

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.

Resolution 2025-40. Resolution of Intention to Adopt an Updated Lewis and Clark County Growth Policy. (Planners: Lindsay A. Morgan and Rachel Ward)

[19:21] Lindsay Morgan, Planner III, presented a resolution of intention to adopt the draft County Growth Policy and updates to grammar and punctuation within the document. Community engagement has been a priority in the process with staff holding stake holder meetings, legal notices, social media posts, and emails sent out with information. If passed today, staff recommends the comment period remain opened for 15 days. Final adoption will be scheduled July 24th. Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[36:50] Bob Jones, resident, believes the process has been complete and thorough.

[39:08] John Herrin, 2855 Sundown Road, wants to know if groundwater availability is considered in this resolution. He wants three resolutions: one to consider evaluation to address groundwater by moving it from one aquifer to another area and to create a public water system, one for fire protection, and one for adopting a user-friendly tracking growth trend since the 2005 lawsuit. He would like them by the end of summer.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to adopt the resolution including amendments presented. The motion was 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.

[1:15:56] John Herrin, spoke again about groundwater issues brought up by a member of the Planning Board and a request for the Commission to address the issue. Also to look at the fire protection before subdivision regs are completed. He insists the Commission draft the three resolutions he is proposing and take action on them within the next 30 days or have a committee set up to push it forward.

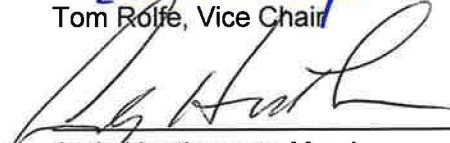
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair


Tom Rolfe, Vice Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board