



PUBLIC MEETING

February 24, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

Chair Tom Rolfe, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, TJ Murphy, Troy Christensen, Jillian Danesi, Gretchen Ulrickson, Mary Sparks, Stephanie Wallace, Jenny Chambers, Audra Zacherl, Dan Karlin, Sarah Sandau, Brent Colbert, Travis Craig, Roy Caldwell, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation

Consent Action Items

- a. Vendor Invoice to Department of Environmental Quality. (Fred Sargeson)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for January 20, 29; February 3, 5, 10, 12, 2026. (Roger Baltz)

[1:32] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 3a-b and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

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

Action Items

Grant Application to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust. (Troy Christensen)

[3:01] Troy Christensen, Detention Center Commander, presented a grant application in the amount of

\$215,318 to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) for the Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid Settlement Grant with a period of performance from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the grant application.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Great West Engineering. (Audra Zacherl)

[14:00] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a contract with Great West Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$ 276,600 for the design, bidding and construction administration of the Scratch Gravel Solid Waste District transfer site project to be completed by June 2028. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[22:54] Travis Craig, Scratchgravel District resident, is in support of the project.

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

Grant Award from the Montana Department of Commerce Montana Coal Endowment Program. (Dan Karlin)

[28:39] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a grant award in the amount of \$750,000 from the Montana Department of Commerce for the Augusta-Clemons Road Elk Creek Bridge Replacement Project with a \$793,700 match to be provided by the SB 536 funding. The grant period begins upon approval through December 31, 2029. Staff recommend approval of the grant award.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Award from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Sarah Sandau)

[38:34] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grant Specialist, presented a grant award from the Public Health and Human Services in the amount of \$5,000 for the Harm Reduction and Prevention to Reduce Opioid Overdoses in Montana funding opportunity with a grant period through August 31, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the grant award.

No public comment was received.

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

Contract Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Yellowstone City-County Health Department. (Sarah Sandau)

[43:09] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grant Specialist, presented a contract with Yellowstone City-County Health Department, DBA Riverstone Health, in the amount of \$11,400 to provide nurse supervision for the Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting program with a contract timeline from January 1, 2026

through September 30, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

No public comment was received.

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

Grant Application to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust. (Sarah Sandau)

[49:46] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grant Specialist, presented a grant application for an amount up to \$26,181 to the opioid abatement funding opportunity from the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust with a grant period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the grant application.

No public comment was received.

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

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[54:34] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, presented board appointments to the Lewis and Clark County DUI Task Force and recommended the Commission consider the applicants to terms that will expire December 31, 2027.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to appoint Annette Luckett to a term that will expire December 31, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to appoint Kyle Butler to represent the East Helena Police Department for a term that will expire December 31, 2027. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

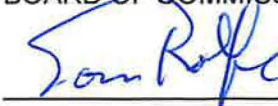
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 3/12/26

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Tom Rolfe, Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair


Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board