



PUBLIC MEETING

March 17, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 17, 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, Corey Popp, Alyssa Spies, Kelly McBride, Jillian Danesi, Roy Caldwell, Fred Sargeson, Sarah Sandau, Connor Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Wallace, Wendy Adamson, Peggy Justesen, Bob Justesen, Ray Miller, Connie Horder, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation

Proclamation Declaring March 17, 2026 as Irish Heritage Day.

[1:58] Commissioner Rolfe read a proclamation declaring March 17, 2026 Irish Heritage Day.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Action Items

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Helena Asphalt Solutions LLC. (Kevin Tenney)

[3:45] Corey Popp, Fairgrounds Accounting Technician, presented a contract with Helena Asphalt Solutions, LLC for seal coat and crack seal in the amount of \$17,311 with work to be completed by May 31, 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 Healthcare Foundation. (Alyssa Spies)

[7:46] Alyssa Spies, Criminal Justice Services Diversion Coordinator, presented a grant application in the amount of \$ 50,000 for a one-year planning grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation with a grant period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the grant application.

[15:07] Kellie McBride, Criminal Justice Services Director, explained the difference between the Pretrial Program and the anticipated Diversion Program.

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.

Amended Task Order to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Health and Human Services. (Fred Sargeson)

[19:13] Fred Sargeson, Public Health Operations Manager, presented amendments to a task order with the Montana Department of Health and Human Services for the Chronic Disease Prevention programs to extend the grant period to June 30, 2026 and the total amount to \$283,316. Staff recommend approval of the amendment.

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.

Subrecipient Agreement Between Lewis and Clark Public Health and Jefferson County Amendment No.1. (Fred Sargeson)

[23:48] Fred Sargeson, Public Health Operations Manager, presented an amendment to a subrecipient agreement with Jefferson County for tobacco use prevention work to extend the term through June 30, 2026 with compensation of \$43,950. Staff recommend the approval of the amended agreement.

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 Public Health Institute. (Sarah Sandau)

[27:18] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grants Specialist, presented a grant application in the amount of \$1,500. to the Montana Public Health Institute for their Community Engagement funding opportunity with a grant period through June 30, 2026. 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.

Grant Application to the Montana Arts Council. (Sarah Sandau)

[33:02] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grants Specialist, presented a grant application in the amount of \$5,000 to the Montana Arts Council for the Montana Arts in Health Lab Pilot Program with a grant period from early June 2026 through November 30, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the grant application.

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 Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund. (Sarah Sandau)

[36:12] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grants Specialist, presented a grant application in the amount of \$100,000 to the Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund for their Learning partnership program with a grant period from June 2026 through June 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 Appointment. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[41:51] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a board appointment to the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District and recommended the Commissioners consider two applicants, Ray Miller or David R. Williams, to a term until the next regular election in May 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[43:47] Jim Thomas, Canyon Creek Resident and Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Chair, supports both candidates.

[44:43] Wendy Adamson, Canyon Creek Rural Fire District Trustee, supports Ray Miller due to him running unopposed in May.

[45:44] Ray Miller, Canyon Creek Rural Fire Department Trustee applicant, feels like he is obligated to help the community.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to appoint Ray Miller to the Canyon Creek Rural Fire District to a term through May 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. 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 9:48 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 3-26-26

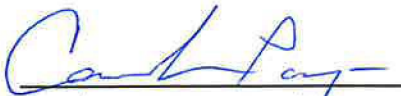
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Tom Rolfe, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board