



PUBLIC MEETING

March 5, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Rm 330.

Roll Call

Chair Tom Rolfe, Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Candace Payne were present. Those attending all or a portion of the meeting included Roger Baltz, Nicho Hash, TJ Murphy, Dan Karlin, Pam Attardo, Jenny Chambers, Connor Fitzpatrick, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2026-12 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Audra Zacherl)

[1:44] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a and recommended approval.

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

Action Items

Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Application. (Dan Karlin)

[3:45] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Application in the amount of \$1,554,500 from Senator Sheehy to fund design and right-of-way acquisition for the Lake Helena Drive/Hauser Dam Road Project. Staff recommend approval of the 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.

Task Order B107 Between Lewis and Clark County and Great West Engineering. (Dan Karlin)

[14:50] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a task order with Great West Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for a preliminary engineering report and to assist submission of the Montana Coal Endowment Program grant application for the Birdtail Road over Flat Creek Bridge with work to be completed by May 31, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the task order.

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 State of Montana Historic Preservation Office. (Pam Attardo)

[21:04] Pam Attardo, Historic Preservation Officer, presented a grant application in the amount of \$6,000 to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office for the Certified Local Government Grant Award with a grant period from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 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.

Resolution 2026-13 Calling for a Local Election for Lewis and Clark County. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[25:27] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a resolution calling for a local election for Lewis and Clark County for terms that expire in January 2027 including County Commissioner; District #2, Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, County Attorney, Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of Schools. Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

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.

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

Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, gave an update on federal bills related to elections and noted the department is planning for any changes that may occur due to the bills and any possible eventualities. He urges the public to check the status of their voter registration.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 3-26-26

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Tom Rolfe, Chair

Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board