



PUBLIC MEETING

April 30, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 30, 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, Connor Fitzpatrick, Betsy Kirkeby, Xavier Ford, Emily Frasier, Valerie Bone, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Proclamation

Proclamation Declaring May 2026 as ALS Month.

[1:44] Commissioner Rolfe read a proclamation declaring May 2026 as ALS month.

Proclamation Declaring the First Thursday of May 2026 as Greater Helena Gives Day.

[5:50] Emily Frasier, Helena Area Community Foundation, read a proclamation declaring the first Thursday of May 2026 as Greater Helena Gives Day.

Consent Action Items

- a. City of East Helena Letter of Support. (City of East Helena)
- b. Resolution 2026-29 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Larymie Rada)
- c. Resolution 2026-30 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Larymie Rada)

[12:37] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 3a-c 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

Resolution 2026-31 A Resolution Designating Polling Places in Lewis and Clark County. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[14:35] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a resolution designating polling places in Lewis and Clark County. Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

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 2026-32 A Resolution Appointing Post-Election Audit Committee. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[18:55] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a resolution appointing the post-election audit committee. Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2026-33 A Resolution Appointing Elections Judges for 2026-2028. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[22:53] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented a resolution appointing election judges for 2026-2028. Staff recommend approval of the resolution.

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.

Declaring Fire District Candidates Elected By Acclamation. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[28:06] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented candidates for noncompetitive fire district elections elected by acclamation and recommended the following candidates to each fire district.

Joseph Barrett to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Augusta Fire Service Area.

Chase Young to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Augusta Fire Service Area.

David Langlois to a one-year unexpired term as a Trustee of the Augusta Fire Service Area.

Paul Olsen to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Augusta Volunteer Fire District.

Linda Keim to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Baxendale Volunteer Fire District.

Dennis McCall to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Baxendale Volunteer Fire District.

Barnhard "Bee" Hall to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Birdseye Rural Fire District.

Catherine Culver to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Eastgate Volunteer Fire District.

Mathieu Bianchini to a three-year term as a Trustee of the East Helena Valley Volunteer Fire District.

Richard "Dick" Birkholz to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Lincoln Fire District.

Gary Weisner to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Lincoln Fire District.

Bonnie Jones to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area.

Anna Baker to a three-year term as a Trustee of the West Valley Fire District.

Donald Reed II to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area.

Sarah Adydan to a three-year term as a Trustee of the York Fire Service Area.

Susan Podruzny to a three-year term as a Trustee of the York Fire Service Area.

Michelle Smith to a one-year unexpired term as a Trustee of the York Fire Service Area.

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.

Declaring Park District Candidates Elected By Acclamation. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[33:52] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following candidates for Trustees to be elected by acclamation to the Treasure State Acres Park District.

Matthew Klara to a four-year term.

John Wilkins to a four-year term.

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.

Declaring Water/Sewer District Candidates Elected By Acclamation. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[35:42] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following candidates for Directors to be elected by acclamation to the Water and/or Sewer District positions.

Jeremy Williams to a four-year term as a Director of the Northstar Water and/or Sewer District.

David C Larson to a four-year term as a Director of the Ranchview Water and/or Sewer District.

Mark Whiting to a four -year term as a Director of the Ranchview Water and/or Sewer District.

Thomas Stockton to a four-year term as a Director of the Ten Mile Creek Estates/Pleasant Valley Water/Sewer District.

Pete Storseth to a four-year term as a Director of the Ten Mile Creek Estates/Pleasant Valley Water/Sewer District.

Robert Much to a four-year term as a Director of the Treasure State Acres County Sewer District.

John Wilkins to a four-year term as a Director of the Treasure State Acres County Sewer District.

Aaron Helfert to a four-year term as a Director of the West Canyon Ferry County Water/Sewer District.

Mike Hughes to a four-year term as a Director of the West Canyon Ferry County Water/Sewer District.

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.

Board Appointment - Fire Districts. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[38:32] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following candidates to be considered for appointment to Fire District and Fire Service Areas.

Glenn M. Henderson to the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area Board of Trustees.

Deondrai Earl Ramsey Sr. to the Birdseye Rural Fire District Board of Trustees.

Kevin Demaray to the Marysville Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees.

Michael Pool to the Marysville Volunteer Fire District Board of Trustees.

Marc Boutilier to the West Valley Fire District Board of Trustees.

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 - Water/Sewer Districts. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[42:10] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following candidates to be considered for appointment to Water and/or Sewer Districts.

Kurt Geise to a four-year term as a Director of the Augusta Community Water/Sewer District.
Austin Mason to a four-year term as a Director of the East Clark St. Water/Sewer District.
Ralph H Jackson to a four-year term as a Director of the Northstar Water/Sewer District.
Douglas K Bing to a four-year term as Director of the East Canyon Ferry Water/Sewer District.
John C Doubek to a four-year term as a Director of the East Canyon Ferry Water/Sewer District.

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.

Board Appointments - Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[44:17] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented the following candidates to be considered for appointment to the Upper Blackfoot Community Council.

Richard Cosner to a three-year term as a Council Member of the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council.
Richard J Foreman to a three-year term as a Council Member of the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council.
Kevin R Grantier to a three-year term as a Council Member of the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council.
Tamara Jordan to a two-year term as a Council Member of the Upper Blackfoot Valley Community Council.

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 - Marysville Fire District. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[47:10] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented one candidate, Scott Rosenthal, to be considered for appointment to the Marysville Rural Fire District Board of Trustees.

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.

Board Appointment - Wolf Creek Craig Fire Service Area. (Connor Fitzpatrick)

[50:41] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, presented two candidates to be considered for appointment as a Trustee to the Wolf Creek Craig Rural Fire District Board of Trustees.
Valerie Bone and Robert Radcliffe applied.

[52:54] Valerie Bone, candidate, wants to serve her community in a non-operational way.
Both candidates are currently on a Fire District.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to appoint Valerie Bone to the Wolf Creek Craig Fire Service Area until the regular election in May of 2027. 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.

[59:00] Connor Fitzpatrick, Elections Supervisor, announced May 5th is School Election Day. Primary Election is June 2nd. Absentee ballots will be mailed out May 8, 2026.

Adjourn

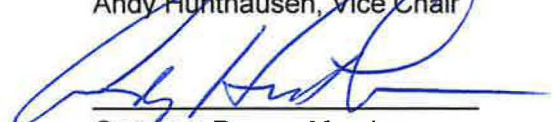
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 6/11/24

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Tom Rolfe, Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair


Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board