



PUBLIC MEETING

May 26, 2026

MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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, TJ Murphy, Ann McCauley, Frank Cornwell, Lisa Kallio, Kevin Tenney, Kevin Downs, Casey Hayes, Roy Caldwell, Elisa Fiaschetti, Jenny Chambers, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

There were no consent action items.

Action Items

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentations:

[2:04] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, explained the process of budget hearings and approval of budget items that will be presented in the near future.

[4:22] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, notes that special items and requests will be brought for approval in a future meeting. Today is for information purposes and questions for the Commissioners to gain understanding.

[5:49] Ann McCauley, Grants and Procurement Director, gave an overview of the department, FY26 accomplishments, FY27 work plan, and budget. Budget included General Fund budget of \$313,942 with increases in subscriptions and professional training. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget is \$429,868 which needs to be spent down by the end of the calendar year. Closing all projects and completing final report by April 30, 2027.

No public comment was received.

[32:38] Jenny Chambers, Public Works and Planning Department Director, gave an overview of Planning responsibilities, highlighted recent accomplishments, and overall budget. Increases include personnel cost of living adjustments (COLA); 0.5 FTE for Stormwater Sewer System support but may not be necessary to hire immediately. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) increases include Central Square support and a smartboard upgrade.

No public comment was received.

[1:02:18] Frank Cornwell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Commission budget, administrative budget, and miscellaneous budget. Commission personnel budget includes 2.7% COLA, step increases, and health plan contributions; operations and management increase of \$2,812 and capital budget increase of \$7,500. Administration budget personnel increases include 2.7% COLA, step increases, and health plan contributions; operations and management decreased by \$31,096; and fixed costs include Central Square accounting software. Miscellaneous budget included a decrease in operations and management (O&M); increase of \$150,000 in fixed costs are related to property and liability insurance; and CIP decrease of \$10,000 due to the closure of the Margaret Stewart Home.

No public comment was received.

[1:36:23] Lisa Kallio, Clerk of District Court, presented increases to budget including 2.7% COLA, step increases, and health plan contributions; small increase in O&M for a laptop; increase in mailers for jurors with a decrease in supplies.

No public comment was received.

[1:46:47] Kevin Tenney, Fairgrounds Manager, presented changes to the budget including 2.7% COLA, step increases, and health plan contributions; decrease in O&M and stampede and fair revenue.

No public comment was received.

[2:00:30] Kevin Downs, County Attorney, gave an overview of the County Attorney's Office roles and responsibilities, update on staffing and presented the budget including an increase for cost of travel and contract services; a decrease to O&M.

No public comment was received.

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 2:05 pm.

Meeting minutes approved on 6/11/26

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Tom Rolfe, Chair



Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair



Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board