



PUBLIC MEETING

June 2, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 2, 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, Ellie Fitzpatrick, Misty Edwards, Jeromy Ashcraft, Audra Zacherl, Jenny Chambers, Sarah Sandau, Dan Karlin, Brian Robinson, Sherri Martin, Brent Colbert, Eric Gilmore, Carrie Krepps, Denise King, Catherine Surovy, Heather Hundtoft, Amber Nichols, Travis Vincent, Nate Hagen, and Brandi Grande, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2026-38 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Larymie Rada)

Statement of Work Between Lewis and Clark County and Milliman Inc. (Jessica Seavey)

[1:50] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action items 2a-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

Youth SnowSchool Program Presentation. (Ellie Fitzpatrick)

[3:44] Ellie Fitzpatrick, Montana Discovery Foundation Director, presented information and updates on the Youth SnowSchool Program.

No public comment was received.

Fiscal Year 2026 Alcohol Tax Updates. (Misty Edwards)

- [17:30] Misty Edwards, Senior Finance Coordinator, presented alcohol tax updates and introduced the agency representatives that received funds in FY26 to give updates. Boyd Andrew received 25%, Intermountain Community Services received 25%, YWCA received 20%, Helena Valley Addiction Services received 15%, and Florence Crittenton received 20%.
- [19:07] Heather Hundtoft, Boyd Andrew Director, gave an overview of their mission, programs, and how the funds were used included outpatient, intensive outpatient, and residential treatment.
- [23:56] Catherine Surovy, Intermountain Community Services, gave an overview of programs, challenges faced, and how the funds were used included substance misuse prevention, early screening, risk assessment, psycho education, healthy relationships, and residential care and school-based programs for children and adolescents (ages 4-18).
- [29:49] Carrie Krepps, Florence Crittenton, gave an overview of services and how funds were used including trauma recovery, parenting education and support, prevention services for children, youth maternity home, substance use disorders, detox services upon admission, and 24/7 rehabilitation aids, physician assistance training.
- [35:41] Denise King, YWCA Executive Director, read mission statement, and listed programs funds are used on including, shelter and transitional housing, substance misuse prevention, mental health therapies, and extended stay for families.
- [42:10] Eric Gilmore, Helena Valley Addiction Services, gave an overview of history, services, and how funds are used including a medically assisted program, detox, evaluations, inpatient and intensive outpatient treatments.

No public comment was received.

Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Premier Utility Solutions, LLC. (Jessica Makus)

- [52:20] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a contract with Premier Utility Solutions, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$29,305.45 for gravel material and grading maintenance in Stallion Ridge Rural Improvement District (RID) on or before August 1, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

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.

Bid Opening. 2026 Magnesium Chloride Supply. (Audra Zacherl)

- [55:15] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, opened bids for the 2026 Magnesium Chloride Supply. One bid was received from Envirotech Services of Greeley, Colorado in the amount of \$155,400. Staff recommend taking the bid under advisement and coming back to the Commission with a recommendation on June 16, 2026.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion for staff to take the bids under advisement and come back with a recommendation on June 16, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

Grant Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. (Audra Zacherl)

[58:14] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a grant agreement with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation the amount of \$479,085 for the Upper Blackfoot Mining Complex Water Treatment Plant Powerline Relocation and Infrastructure Protection Project with a grant period from April 23, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the agreement.

[1:00:41] Amber Nichols, Project Manager Superfund Site Manager, gave an overview of the project and explained recovery of fish and wetland system.

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 Award to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust. (Sarah Sandau)

[1:08:05] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grants Specialist, presented a grant award in the amount of \$16,000 from the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust to support Universal Home Visiting with a grant period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. 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 Amendment to Lewis and Clark Public Health from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. (Sarah Sandau)

[1:13:51] Sarah Sandau, Public Health Grants Specialist, presented a grant award amendment from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services for the Universally Offered Home Visiting grant to extend the grant period to March 31, 2026. Staff recommend approval of the amendment.

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.

Bid Award. 2026 Chip Seal. (Dan Karlin)

[1:20:44] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a bid award for the 2026 Chip Seal Project to the low bidder, Montana Materials and Construction of Helena, Montana for a total of \$707,690. Staff recommend approval of the bid 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.

Bid Award. 2026 Scrub Seal. (Dan Karlin)

[1:22:52] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a bid award for the 2026 Scrub Seal Project to the low bidder, Montana Materials and Construction of Helena, Montana for a total of \$652,169. Staff recommend approval of the bid 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.

Funding Agreement Between Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Department of Transportation. (Dan Karlin)

[1:25:02] Dan Karlin, County Engineer, presented a funding agreement in the amount of \$608,640 with the Montana Department of Transportation for the Better Local Bridges program with a \$152,160 match for the Birdtail Road over Flat Creek Bridge replacement project. The grant period is June 11, 2026 until project completion. Staff recommend approval of the 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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Cherie B Lofton. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[1:31:35] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, gave an overview of grant funding and presented a contract with Cherie B Lofton for mental health services for the Sheriff's Office staff in the amount of \$175 per 50-minute session, not to exceed \$1,400 per day with a contract period beginning on approval through September 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

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 Warriors Mindset. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[1:38:11] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, presented a contract with Warriors Mindset for mental health services for the Sheriff's Office staff in the amount of \$175 per 50-minute session, not to exceed \$1,400 per day with a contract period beginning on approval through September 30, 2027. 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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Infinite Hope Counseling. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[1:39:33] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, presented a contract with Infinite Hope Counseling for mental health services for the Sheriff's Office staff in the amount of \$175 per 50-minute session, not to exceed \$1,400 per day with a contract period beginning on approval through September 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

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 Jaime Pandis. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[1:41:09] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, presented a contract with Jamie Pandis for mental health services for the Sheriff's Office staff in the amount of \$175 per 50-minute session, not to exceed \$1,400 per day with a contract period beginning on approval through September 30, 2027. 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.

Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Wildflower Counseling. (Captain Brian Robinson)

[1:42:39] Brian Robinson, Patrol Captain, presented a contract with Wildflower Counseling for mental health services for the Sheriff's Office staff in the amount of \$175 per 50-minute session, not to exceed \$1,400 per day with a contract period beginning on approval through September 30, 2027. Staff recommend approval of the contract.

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.

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

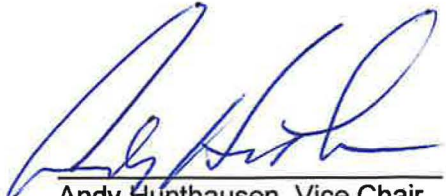
Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Meeting minutes approved on 6/18/20

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Tom Rolfe, Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair
Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board