



PUBLIC MEETING

June 30, 2026
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 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, Jenny Chambers, Audra Zacherl, Jessica Makus, Dawn Temple, Karie Frydenlund, Kari DesRosier, Kendra Whitaker, Dylan Neumiller, Stephanie Wallea, Roy Caldwell, Marc Weniges, Sarah Diehl, Bonnie Jones, Rick LePage, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone recited the pledge.

Consent Action Items

- a. Resolution 2026-61 Declaring County Property Surplus Property. (Larymie Rada)

[0:02:49] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer, reported on consent action item 2a 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 2026-62 to Establish the Lewis and Clark County Landfill Fee Rates Beginning July 1, 2026. (Audra Zacherl)

[0:04:07] Audra Zacherl, Public Works Assistant Director, presented a resolution to change and update the Lewis and Clark County landfill fee rates beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Zacherl reviewed the proposed changes. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.

Ms. Zacherl stated the landfill rates are evaluated annually. She explained tipping and the associated fees, the various classes, and gave a brief overview of the special waste that is taken in.

All operating expenses for the landfill are from revenue such as tipping fees with nothing from the general fund nor property taxes.

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 2026-59 Intention to Increase the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area Fee Schedule.
(Jessica Makus)

[0:13:38] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution with the intent to increase the Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area fee schedule. The last increase to fees was made in 2009. The fee was proposed to increase from \$135 to \$150 starting at a taxable value of \$100 and increasing by \$20 per additional thousand dollars in taxable value with a cap of \$500 for residential properties. Undeveloped land not assessed by another wildland suppression provider to be taxed 10 cents per acre with a \$200 cap per taxpayer. If approved, notice of the proposed increase will be mailed to each benefitting property with a public hearing scheduled for August 6, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.

[0:16:07] Bonnie Jones, Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area Board Chair, stated since 2009 properties have doubled. Staying in compliance with equipment is more expensive and a challenge. They have about 105 square miles and average about 275 calls annually. She gave an overview of additional services they now provide.

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.

Resolution 2026-60 Intention to Alter the Boundaries of the Sunny Vista Road Improvement District No. 1990-13. (Jessica Makus)

[0:27:19] Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator, presented a resolution with the intent to alter the boundaries of the Sunny Vista Road Improvement District in order to add three additional properties. The addition of the three properties will bring the estimated assessment to \$144.34 per undeveloped property and \$601.90 per developed property per year. The petition was signed by 79 percent of property owners. Maintenance items of the current district will not change. If approved, notice will be mailed to all benefitting property owners of the public hearing on August 6, 2026 to alter the boundaries with public comment accepted by 4:00 p.m. on August 5, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the proposed 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.

Contract Renewal Between Lewis and Clark County and Datalink Networks. (Dawn Temple)

[0:35:09] Dawn Temple, Information Technology & Services Operations & Security Manager, presented a contract renewal with Datalink Networks in the amount of \$251,770.41 for Microsoft licensing as outlined in the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement. The

contract begins July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Staff recommends approval of the contract.

Ms. Temple stated they combine the City and County users in order to get the best pricing, that amounts to about 800 users.

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.

Resolution 2026- 63 Ordering the Cancellation of Personal Property Taxes That Have Been Delinquent For 5 Years or More. (Karie Frydenlund)

[0:40:47] Karie Frydenlund, Property Tax Supervisor, presented a resolution for the cancellation of personal property taxes that have been delinquent for five years or more. They have tried to collect these taxes in multiple ways to no avail. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.

Ms. Frydenlund explained how all taxes must be paid prior to any legal documents being changed on a mobile home. She explained the process for a writ of execution and the laws related to it.

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 2026-64 Ordering the Cancellation of Real Property Taxes That Have Been Delinquent For 5 Years or More. (Karie Frydenlund)

[0:47:07] Karie Frydenlund, Property Tax Supervisor, presented a resolution for the cancellation of real estate taxes that have been delinquent for five years or more. The provided list are parcels that are reviewed annually that the County does not want to take a tax lien or put in its name. Staff recommends approval of the proposed resolution.

No public comment was received.

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

Resolution 2026-57 Setting The Salaries for Certain Elected Officials. (Kari DesRosier)

[0:53:45] Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution setting the pay for most elected officials for fiscal year 2027. This is based on the 2.70 percent cost of living increase given to all County employees, as well as statute or County resolution required applicable additions. The recommended salaries were approved by the Lewis and Clark County Compensation Board on June 17, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the proposed 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 2026-58 Setting the Salary for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and Establishing Office Hours. (Kari DesRosier)

[0:56:46] Kari DesRosier, Human Resources Director, presented a resolution setting the pay for the Lewis and Clark County Justice of the Peace and establishing office hours. This is based on the 2.70 percent cost of living increase given to all County employees and other elected officials. The elected officials recommended salaries were approved by the Lewis and Clark County Compensation Board on June 17, 2026. Staff recommends approval of the proposed 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.

Board Appointments. (Roger Baltz)

[0:58:34] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented a board appointment to the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Development Council and recommended the Commissioners consider the applicant to a second term that will expire June 30, 2029.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to reappoint Kory Kannaugh to the Heritage Preservation and Tourism Development Council to a term that will expire June 30, 2029. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[1:00:26] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented board appointments to the Tax Appeal Board and recommended the Commissioners consider the applicants to second terms that will expire June 30, 2029.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen made a motion to reappoint Gene Walborn and Shauna Helfert to the Tax Appeal Board to second terms that will expire June 30, 2029. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

[1:02:33] Roger Baltz, Chief Administrative Officer presented a board appointment to the Water Quality Protection District Board and recommended the Commissioners consider the applicant to a term that will expire June 30, 2029.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to reappoint Adel Johnson to the Water Quality Protection District Board to a term that will expire June 30, 2029. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hunthausen. The motion Passed on a 3-0 vote.

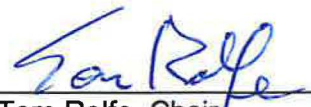
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Meeting minutes approved on 7-16-26

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Tom Rolfe, Chair


Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair


Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

