

RESOLUTION 2025 - 119

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS MANAGER AS A CONTRACT SIGNATORY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners employs a Fairgrounds Manager whose duties include oversight of the operations of the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds and all aspects of the Fairground's events, entertainment, and usage of facilities occurring at the Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-1-2103(3), a county has power to make contracts and purchase and hold personal property that may be necessary to the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-1-2104, a county's powers can only be exercised by the board of county commissioners or by agents and officers acting under their authority or authority of law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-5-2101(1), the board of county commissioners has jurisdiction and power, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to represent the county and have the care of the county's property and the management of the business and concerns of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA § 7-5-2101(2), the board has jurisdiction and power, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to perform all other acts and things required by law not enumerated in this title or which may be necessary to the full discharge of the duties of the chief executive authority of the county government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to MCA § 7-5-2102 has jurisdiction and power, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to make and enforce such rules for its government, the preservation of order, and the transaction of business as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Fairgrounds Manager has historical verbal authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to execute contracts which are revenue neutral or revenue generating, including but not limited to facility rental agreements, commercial vendor booth/space rental agreements, rodeo agreements, entertainment agreements, and food concessionaire contracts; and

WHEREAS, the contracts described herein are generally based upon rates established by the Board of County Commissioners and reviewed by the County Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the contracts executed by the Fairgrounds Manager are not matters of such significant public interest that formal public notice and action by the Board of County Commissioners at a public meeting is necessary or required; and



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners hereby delegates to the Fairgrounds Manager the authority to execute contracts on behalf of Lewis and Clark County and the Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

1. For revenue neutral or revenue generating contracts, including but not limited to facility rental agreements, storage agreements, campground use agreements, commercial vendor booth/space rental agreements, rodeo agreements, entertainment agreements, and food concessionaire contracts.
2. This authority does not include the authority to execute contracts and agreements related to the general operations of the Fairgrounds, work associated with maintenance or upgrades related to Fairground facilities, buildings, grounds, or other agreements that are not revenue neutral or revenue generating.

Dated this 6 day of November 2025.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Candace Payne, Chair

ATTEST:


Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

