



## **PUBLIC MEETING**

March 15, 2022  
MINUTES

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 9:00 AM in Commission Chambers, Room 330.

### **Roll Call**

Commissioner Jim McCormick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Tom Rolfe and Commissioner Andy Hunthausen were present. Others in attendance were: Roger Baltz, Leo Dutton, Kathy Moore, Eric Griffin, Kevin Horne, Audra Zacherl, Marni Bentley, Brent Colbert, Dan Karlin, Jesse Whitford, Calob Marquis, Jessica Makus, Greg McNally, Betsy Kirkeby, Misty Edwards, Kari DesRosier, Emily McGlenn, Alex LeMieux, Joachim Walters, Jason Walden, Shelley Walden, Clay Caudle, Matt Maxwell, Cory Gallup, Jim Wics, Andrew Zwicker, Kim Parvinen, Mac McCarley, Scott Howard, Alex Johnson, Brad Hahn, Justin Davis, Conrad Bentley, Chris Lamping, Ed Tinker, Kelly DelaHunt, and Nadine McCarty, Recording Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone recited the pledge.

### **Consent Action Items**

There were no consent action items.

### **Outstanding Citizen Recognition. (Leo Dutton)**

Leo Dutton, Sheriff/Coroner, discussed an incident on February 23, 2022. County Public Works staff Travis Leslie and Joachim Walters noticed an icehouse that fell through the ice while driving along the causeway. They were able to call for emergency help and went out on the ice, risking their safety along with the help of another citizen, James Walden. He noted this could have turned out tragically. This is a cause for celebration as these individuals wanted to save a citizen in danger. Thanks to these individuals for their quick action to step up and help.

Kevin Horne, Public Works Department, thanked everyone in attendance, the Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department for the award to these individuals. These guys are the true act of heroism. They saved a life that day. He noted they train for situations like this as many times they are first on the scene in all the miles that they cover. Mr. Horne added that Travis Leslie was not able to attend.

Sheriff Dutton read and presented a certificate of life-saving award along with a recognition letter and pin to James Walden and Joachim Walters.

**Grant Award to Lewis and Clark County from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.**  
**(Postponed 3-8-22) (Kathy Moore)**

Kathy Moore, Environmental Division Administrator, presented the grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Lead Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) in the amount of \$142,404. The project period began September 2010 through August 31, 2025.

The soil cleanup program began in 1991 at the smelter in East Helena. The smelter was permanently shutdown in 2001. With abatement concluded, the program was changed to the LEAP. The EPA also assumed responsibility for all remaining cleanup and activities at the smelter and all surrounding areas. The program ensures that knowledge of contamination, along with public health risks are understood and communicated to the community. Some health risks associated with lead exposure are neurological conditions, slowed growth and development, damage to brain and kidneys, and learning disabilities. Risk is higher to young children and pregnant women, which are the main focus. They regulate and monitor soil from the area so that it is not used as garden soil. Screening of blood samples is conducted for people exposed to the area. Funding will also be used for a Lead Education expert. Staff recommends approval of the grant award.

No public comment was received.

A motion to Approve was made by Commissioner Rolfe 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 9:35 am.

Meeting minutes approved on Jan 12, 2023

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Tom Rolfe, Chair

  
Andy Hunthausen, Vice Chair

  
Candace Payne, Member

ATTEST:

  
Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board