

**PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 2013  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Susan Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Ben Tiller, Paul Spengler, Laura Erikson, Ron Whitmoyer, Craig Erickson, Fred Rice and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

Eric Bryson reported there were no consent action items on today's agenda.

Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Terri R. Russell, LAC for Addiction Counseling Services to Patients of the Cooperative Health Center. (Ben Tiller)  
The Commissioners will consider the contract for addiction counseling services to patients of the Cooperative Health Center at the rate of \$125/chemical dependency assessment; \$53/outpatient individual session; \$31/outpatient group session per CHC referred patient. (Tabled from 10/22/13.)

Ben Tiller, Operations Director, reported on the Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Terri R. Russell, LAC, for addiction counseling services to patients of the Clinic and God's Love, fulfilling the requirements of the County's 330H Federal Grant. The number of patients utilizing the counseling services was unknown at this time. The rate for services was consistent with community norms.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise moved adoption of the Independent Contractor Contract Between Lewis and Clark County and Terri R. Russell, LAC for Addiction Counseling Services to Patients of the Cooperative Health Center, as requested by Staff. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

FFY13 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Award by the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs to Lewis & Clark County Disaster and Emergency Services. (Paul Spengler)  
The Commissioners will consider the grant award in the amount of \$53,266 for the period Oct. 1, 2013 – Sept. 30, 2014.

Paul Spengler, DES Coordinator, presented the FFY13 Emergency Management Performance Grant awarded by the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs to the County's DES. This FEMA Grant is provided to counties throughout the country to encourage establishment of an Emergency Management Program, and pays for approximately half the salary and administrative costs of the DES Coordinator.

No public comment was received.



Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the FFY13 Emergency Management Performance Grant Award from the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs, as presented by Mr. Spengler. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

MT Community Dev. Block Grant Program Application – East Helena School Siting Study in the Amount of \$30,000. (Laura Erikson)

Laura Erikson, Grants Coordinator, reported on the Montana Community Development Block Grant Program Application for the East Helena School Siting Study in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Ron Whitmoyer, Supt. of East Helena Schools had requested the County sponsor their application. The project scope entailed determining which of five potential sites would best meet the need for construction of a new school to house second and third grade students. The sites would be ranked according to their relationship to the pedestrian and bicycle facilities available, with the objective of encouraging students to bike or walk to school. Craig Erikson, GreatWest Engineering, was also present.

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools, thanked the Commission for considering their CDBG application that would provide an opportunity to consider accommodating the growth in their student population, which was noted at 1,161 students currently. Five sites were being considered for construction of a future facility: 9 acres adjacent to Mountain View Meadows, Lamping Field; Dartman Field, Helena Sand & Gravel property and Holmberg subdivision property.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Montana Community Development Grant Program Application for the East Helena School Siting Study in the Amount of \$30,000, as presented. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Negotiated Agreement by and between Lewis & Clark County and Lewis & Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015. (Fred Rice)

Fred Rice, Human Resource Director, presented the Negotiated Agreement by and between Lewis & Clark County and Lewis & Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015. Three changes to the previous agreement dealt with the way individuals assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau were compensated.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise moved adoption of the Negotiated Agreement by and between Lewis & Clark County and Lewis & Clark County Sheriff Employees' Association, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015, as described by Staff. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Board Appointment. (Eric Bryson)

Tax Appeal Board

Harry Jacobs resigned from the Tax Appeal Board effective September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The vacancy was advertised and Russ Hyatt submitted an application to fill the unexpired term through June 30, 2014.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to appoint Russ Hyatt to complete the unexpired term through June 30, 2014. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Michael A. Murray, Chairman

  
Andy Hunthausen

  
Susan Good Geise

ATTEST:

  
Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board