

**PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2013
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at 9 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chairman Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Good Geise were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Jeremy Gersovitz, Drenda Niemann, Laura Erikson, Jack Walsh, Sonny Stiger, Sean Logan, Bob Drake, Dave Sammons, Pat McKelvey, Jean Riley, Ken Wood, Kelly Tuck and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Public Meeting Minutes: Aug. 29, Sept. 3, 24, 26, Oct. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 & 29, 2013.
(Rita Cortright)

Eric Bryson reported on the consent action items and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Consent Action 2.a. and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2013-101 Supporting the Lewis and Clark County Fire Council and Its Member Fire Departments. (Eric Bryson)

Commissioner Murray invited Sonny Stiger to read Resolution 2013-101 Supporting the Lewis and Clark County Fire Council and Its Member Fire Departments.

The Commissioners extended appreciation to members of the County Fire Council and Fire Departments for their service to the residents of Lewis & Clark County.

Public comment –

Pat McKelvey, Project Impact Coordinator, noted the Resolution marked the start of a hoped-for statewide campaign titled, "Enough is Enough," as approximately 67 firefighters had lost their lives this year fighting fires.

Sean Logan, Helena Fire Dept. Chief, stated the resolution and campaign, spearheaded by Sonny Stiger, was an important first step. In their risk management model, firefighters would risk a lot to save a life, but hoped to change the mindset of trading lives for property.

Bob Drake, Tri-Lakes Fire Dept. Chief, recalled the risks taken in fighting the Bucksnot and Cave Gulch fires over six days with 8,000 volunteer hours, all without injury. He stressed that the Resolution would allow firefighters to make more strategic decisions based on the risk model, and would result in saving more houses by establishing fire lines in locations that would not place firefighters' lives in undue risk. Making those decisions would be much easier with the support of the Commission.

Dave Sammons, East Valley Fire Dept. Chief, thanked the Commission for supporting the Rural Fire Council and firefighters through the Resolution. He acknowledged the efforts of Sonny Stiger in providing training to each fire department.

(No vote on the resolution.)

Amendment One to Task Order 13-07-3-01-086-0 between Lewis & Clark County and MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Services for the Montana Asthma Project. (Drenda Niemann) The Commissioners will consider the amendment in the amount of \$25,000 allowing the County to continue delivering Asthma Home Visiting services through June 30, 2014.

Drenda Niemann, Division Administrator, presented the \$25,000 Amendment One to Task Order 13-07-3-01-086-0, allowing the county to continue delivering Asthma Home Visiting services to approximately 15 to 18 clients through June 30, 2014.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise moved adoption of Amendment One to Task Order 13-073-01-086-1 between Lewis & Clark County and the MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Services for the Montana Asthma Project, as outlined by Staff. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

County/State Storm Drain Agreement, Wolf Creek, Montana, between Lewis & Clark County and the Montana Dept. of Transportation. (Laura Erikson) The Commissioners will consider the agreement outlining the responsibilities and duties of the County and MDT as they pertain to the storm drain.

Laura Erikson, Grants Coordinator, reported on the County/State Storm Drain Agreement for Wolf Creek, Montana, between the County and Montana Dept. of Transportation. Documents presented to the Commission included the Storm Drain Agreement, As-built Plans, Bill of Sale and Valuation, and an Encroachment Agreement.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the State/County Storm Drain Agreement for Wolf Creek, Montana, between Lewis & Clark County and the Montana Dept. of Transportation, including all documents included in our packet, and as presented by Staff. Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Jean Riley, MDOT, noted this was the first step; a 3-party agreement allowing for construction of the storm drain would be forthcoming. Construction coordination through next summer's tourist season would be necessary between the Great Falls District and the Commission.

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

Eric Bryson noted a vote was not taken on Resolution 2013-101.

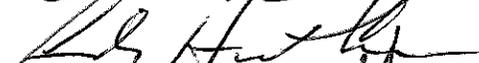
Commissioner Good Geise moved adoption of the Resolution, as read, regarding fire suppression. Commissioner Hunthausen seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned a 9:23 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