

**PUBLIC MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2014  
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 10 a.m. in Commission Chambers Room 330 of the City-County Building, 316 North Park Avenue, Helena, Montana.

Chair Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen and Commissioner Mike Murray were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Nancy Everson, Eric Griffin, Kyle Thomas, Sheriff Leo Dutton, Dave Rau, Karen Lane, Al Knauber, Ben Tiller, Melanie Reynolds, Jason Grimmis, Paul Spengler, Katie Jerstad, Ray Brown, Fred Rice and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Retirement Recognition – Pat Frawley. (~~Kate Melver~~) (Ben Tiller)

Ben Tiller, CHC Operations Director, introduced and recognized Mr. Pat Frawley, who was retiring from the Cooperative Health Center, having serviced for 8 years as counselor.

Pat Frawley said he was honored, and enjoyed his tenure at the CHC, noting the fine staff had contributed to his experience.

Commissioner Hunthausen, noting his 20-year professional relationship with Mr. Frawley, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Frawley for his service to the community, the CHC and residents of the County, noting his strong voice as an advocate for those in the Helena community living with mental illness.

Commissioner Murray expressed his appreciation for Mr. Frawley's work.

Commissioner Good Geise thanked Mr. Frawley for the kindness shown to her upon her first tour of the CHC. The Commissioners presented Mr. Frawley with an engraved paperweight and County pin.

Consent Action Items. (~~Eric Bryson~~) (Nancy Everson)

- a. Resolution 2014-41 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance in the Case of *State of Montana vs. Jenny Marie Buchman*. (Leo Gallagher)

Nancy Everson, in Eric Bryson's absence, reported on the consent action item a. and recommended approval.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of Resolution 2014-41 Requesting Prosecutorial Assistance for the County Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bid Award – Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue Building. (Kyle Thomas) (Tabled from 4/1/14 and 4/10/14) The Commissioners will consider awarding the bid.

Kyle Thomas, Ast. Public Works Director, presented the Bid Award for the Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue Building, tabled previously on April 1 and April 10. Nine bids were opened on March 20, 2014; the ThinkOne Construction bid was non-responsive. Bids ranged from \$1,353,000 base bid to \$1,128,000. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Swank Enterprises, in the amount of \$1,295,500; noting it was \$300,000 over the initial project budget. Public Works Staff, Nancy Everson and Eric Bryson had developed a financing package approved by the Search and Rescue Board and the Sheriff's Office allowing for a \$300,000 loan over 9-10 year period from the Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue budget. Staff recommended approval of the Notice of Award for Swank Enterprises for the construction in the amount of \$1,295,500, including all 4 Alternates, and authorization for the Chair to sign all applicable documents.

Public comment –

Raymond Brown, president of the Lewis and Clark Search and Rescue, thanked the Commission for consideration of the bid award, noting his 40-year affiliation with Search and Rescue. The group had worked for the past 20 years to secure an adequate building to house their operations, training and equipment, staffed by 40-50 dedicated volunteers. County voters were recognized and thanked for approving two mill levies providing funding; the Sheriff's Office was thanked for providing the bridge funding.

Commissioner Murray moved adoption of Staff's recommendation to award the construction contract to Swank Enterprises for the Search and Rescue Building.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion.

Discussion –

Commissioner Murray noted concern that the bids came in higher than the amount budgeted. Through the efforts of the County's Chief Fiscal Officer and the generosity of the Sheriff, additional funds were identified to cover the shortfall; therefore he was comfortable supporting the motion. Mistakes were made in the bidding process which would not be tolerated in the future; Staff was expected to come forward in the future when costs exceeded the budget. Material costs had increased due to improvement in the economy.

Commissioner Hunthausen recognized and thanked Staff, Slate Architecture, and the Search and Rescue members for their work on the project. He expressed his dismay when the bids came in over budget; however, the best course today was to move forward with the project. Everyone understood what had happened and how to make improvements to the process for the future. This was a loan from the Sheriff's Office to Search and Rescue, that would be repaid by Search and Rescue, and dedicated to the Search and Rescue building project. Commissioner Hunthausen currently represented the Commission on the Search and Rescue Board.

Commissioner Good Geise stated 70% of County voters approved the 2012 mill levy; it was apparent the motion would pass today. In her opinion, mistakes were several, some preventable, some not, but processes must be implemented to prevent a recurrence in the future when budgets and revenues began to diverge. She was pleased that Search and Rescue would get the needed building, but to punctuate the Commission's concern, she intended to vote against the motion to approve bid award.

The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Good Geise voted no.

Amendment One to Task Order No. 14-07-3-01-009-0 between MT Dept. Public Health & Human Services and Lewis & Clark County. (Karen Lane)

Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, presented Amendment One to Task Order no. 14-07-3-01-009-0, the Cancer Control Program contract with the MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. The amendment adjusted down by 100, the number of breast and cervical cancer screening reimbursable through Sept. 30, 2014. Overall the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program provided outreach and education in the community, targeted at three types of cancer; breast, cervical and colorectal. The decrease was based on statewide trends; the task order brought the funding into alignment with the number of screenings.

Karen Lane, Prevention Program Manager, noted the decrease was based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines that recommended the reduced frequency of different cancer screenings and their effectiveness.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of Amendment One to Task Order 14-07-3-01-009-0 between MT Dept. of Public Health and Human Services and Lewis and Clark County, as presented.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Agreement between Lewis & Clark County and Benefis Spectrum Medical, Inc. (Jason Grimmis)

Jason Grimmis, Detention Center Captain, reported on the Agreement between Lewis and Clark County and Benefis Spectrum Medical, Inc., for medical services for inmates at the County's Detention Center through June 30, 2015. Exhibit A of the contract provided a schedule of fees for services. Spectrum Medical had provided services for the past three years; this contract was a \$10,000 increase over last year's contract.

Commissioner Murray asked for a report on the number of inmates in the Jail as of today.

Jason Grimmis reported a total of 111; 76 in-house and 35 out-of-county, primarily housed in Broadwater County.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Agreement between Lewis & Clark County and Benefis Spectrum Medical, Inc. as presented.

Commissioner Murray seconded the motion.

Discussion --

Commissioner Good Geise encouraged ongoing discussions between the Sheriff's Office and the Cooperative Health Center to continue investigating ways to partner on providing services to jail inmates.

The motion carried 3-0.

Notice of Intent to Apply for FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant. (Paul Spengler) The Commissioners will consider the intent to apply for federal grant funds in the amount of ~~\$55,227~~ \$55,392 in support of all core capabilities in the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas of L&C Co. DES operations for the period 7/1/14 – 6/30/15.

Paul Spengler, DES Coordinator, presented the Notice of Intent to Apply for a FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$53,350 that essentially provided half of the coordinator's salary and administrative costs. The grant was due in June and covered the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Murray moved approval of submission of the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$55,392.

Commissioner Hunthausen seconded the motion.

Discussion –

Commissioner Murray acknowledged and thanked Paul Spengler for his efforts in ensuring the County was prepared in the event of unusual or emergency situations, through the availability of current emergency plans and training.

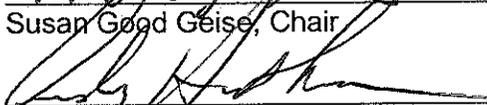
The motion carried 3-0.

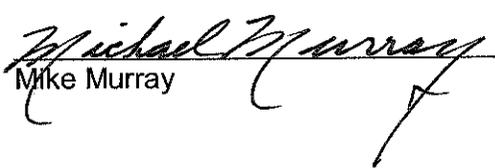
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above. None.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

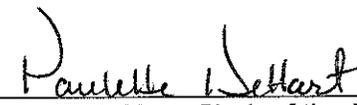
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