

**PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 24, 2014
MINUTES**

The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners Public Meeting was held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 9 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 9 a.m. Commissioner Andy Hunthausen was present. Commissioner Mike Murray was away on county business and excused. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Eric Bryson, Marni Bentley, Laura Erikson, Deborah Swingley, Elizabeth Andrews, Paul Spengler, Audrey Dufreschou, Paulette DeHart, Jack Walsh and Rita Cortright, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the Pledge.

Consent Action Items. (Eric Bryson)

- a. Vendor Claims Report for the Week of April 24, 2014. (Marni Bentley)
- b. Public Meeting Minutes for Feb. 18 & 20, March 20, April 1, 3, 10, & 15, 2014. (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 Items 2.a. and b., as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

MT Dept. of Commerce, Community Dev. Block Grant – Planning Grant Contract # MT-CDBG-13PL-08 for East Helena School Siting Study. (Laura Erikson) The Commissioners will consider the contract in the amount of \$30,000 for Great West Engineering to complete the siting study for a new school facility in East Helena.

Laura Erikson, Grants Coordinator, presented the MT Dept. of Commerce, Community Dev. Block Grant – Planning Grant Contract for the East Helena School Siting Study in the amount of \$30,000. Great West Engineering was contracted to complete the Siting Study for a new school facility in East Helena. The School District provided the \$30,000 required match. Staff recommended approval of the contract and requested the Chair be authorized to sign all applicable documents.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the MT Dept. of Commerce, Community Dev. Block Grant - Planning Grant Contract for the East Helena School Siting Study, as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Elisa Prescott. (Laura Erikson) The Commissioners will consider the contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to complete and perform the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Outreach and Coordination according to Exhibit A of the contract, for the period April 20-June 30, 2014.

Laura Erikson, Grants Coordinator, presented the Independent Contractor Contract between the County and Elisa Prescott in the amount of \$1,500 to complete and perform the Safe Routes to School Outreach and Coordination Program. Bike Rodeos and Walking School Buses will be set up at various schools throughout the community through June 30, 2014.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Independent Contractor Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Elisa Prescott, as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Professional Services Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities. (Laura Erikson) The Commissioners will consider the contract for project management services related to the Helena Area Transit Inclusive Planning, Round 2 Project in an amount not to exceed \$74,500 for the period April 24 – Nov. 30, 2014.

Laura Erikson, Grants Coordinator, presented the Professional Services contract between the County and Montana council on Developmental Disabilities for project management services related to the Helena area transit Inclusive Planning Round 2 Project. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$74,500 was intended to create an advocacy coalition, and develop a marketing and communications plan by Nov. 30, 2014.

Deborah Swingley, Executive Director and CEO of the MT Council on Developmental Disabilities, thanked the Commission for providing MCDD with the opportunity to build a team of consultants for the project.

Elizabeth Andrews, chair if the Helena Transportation Advisory Committee, thanked the Commission on behalf of the HTAC, the Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities, United Way and Rocky Mountain Development Council, the groups comprising the leadership team, for considering the contract. She noted a reliable, affordable and accessible bus service was a huge economic benefit for both riders and businesses in the Helena Area. Their first action plan work session was scheduled for May 9 and she urged support for the contract.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Professional Services Contract between Lewis & Clark County and Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities, as presented.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Fed. Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application. (Paul Spengler) The Commissioners will consider the grant application to the MT Dept. of Military Affairs Disaster and Emergency Services Grant Program by the DES Coordinator for a L&C Co. Fairgrounds Generator in the amount of \$105,000.

Paul Spengler, County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application to the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Grant Program in the amount of \$105,000 for purchase of a generator that would provide power to the Entry Hall during a massive power outage resulting from a disaster.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application for \$105,000 for the generator that was described for the Fairgrounds property by Mr. Spengler.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Fed. Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application. (Paul Spengler) The Commissioners will consider the grant application to the MT Dept. of Military Affairs Disaster and Emergency Services Grant Program by the DES Coordinator for the Augusta Senior Center Generator in the amount of \$42,000.

Paul Spengler, County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application to the Montana Dept. of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Grant Program in the amount of \$42,000 for purchase of a generator that would provide power to the Augusta Senior Center during an area power outage.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved approval of the Fed. Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program Application for \$42,000 for a generator that was described for the Augusta Senior Center, as described by Mr. Spengler.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Board Appointments – 2014 Fire Districts Elected by Acclamation. (Audrey Dufrechou) The Commissioners will consider the following elections by acclamation:

Augusta Fire Service Area
Augusta Volunteer Fire Dist.
Baxendale Volunteer Fire Dist.
Canyon Creek Volunteer Fire Dist.
Eastgate Volunteer Fire Dist.
Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area
West Valley Volunteer Fire Dist.
Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area

Audrey Dufrechou, Elections Supervisor, presented the slate of candidates for Fire Districts and Fire Service Areas to be elected by acclamation pursuant to Sec. 7-33-2106, MCA.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to elect by acclamation to terms ending in 2017, Augusta Fire Service Area – Joseph Barrett and S. William Mosher; Augusta Volunteer – Lloyd Allen; Baxendale – Dennis McCall and Linda Keim; Canyon Creek – Robert W. Keim; Eastgate – Susan Mergenthaler; Tri-Lakes – Bonnie M. Jones and Bruna Bizzotto; West Valley – Greg Archie and Justin McDonough; and Wolf Creek/Craig – Ralph Elrod.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Board Appointments – 2014 Fire Districts Elected by Appointment. (Audrey Dufrechou) The Commissioners will consider the following elections by appointment:

Birdseye Volunteer Fire Dist.
East Valley Volunteer Fire Dist.
Marysville Volunteer Fire Dist.

Commissioner Hunthausen moved to elect by appointment to terms ending in 2017, Birdseye Volunteer Fire Dist. – Allen Blanchard; East Valley Volunteer Fire Dist. – Patricia Ludwick; and Marysville Volunteer Fire Dist. – Thomas Griggs and Chris Coyle, and in addition, Don Clark – Marysville Volunteer Fire Dist. through 2015 and Billy Cater – Marysville Volunteer Fire Dist. through 2016.

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Good Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

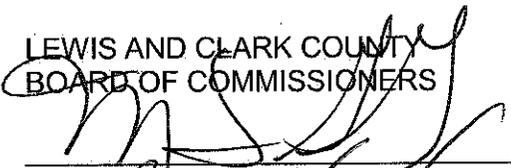
Public comment on any public matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on the agenda above.

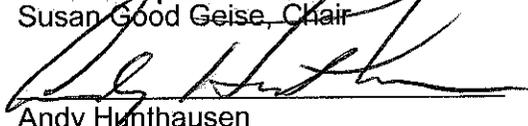
Elizabeth Andrews, 727 12th Ave., Helena, thanked the Commission, on behalf of the TAC, for approving the Helena Inclusive Planning Grant Round 2 Montana Council for Developmental Disabilities Proposal. Materials were distributed to Commissioners that included an overview of TAC and their FY2015 Coordinated Plan, in addition to HATS tokens.

Commissioner Hunthausen suggested that TAC leadership and Commissioners consider scheduling a HATS ride to become more familiar with the system and evaluate the service.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Susan Good Geise, Chair


Andy Hunthausen


Mike Murray

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board