

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for Lewis County, Washington, met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. **P.W. "Bill" Schulte Commissioners, Gary Stamper, and Edna J. Fund** were in attendance. **Chair Schulte**, called the meeting to order, determined a quorum, and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Stamper** moved to approve the minutes of the 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 28, 2015 Business Meeting. **Commissioner Fund** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Notice

Commissioner Fund moved to approve Notice Agenda items one through five. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

1. Notice: Establishment of 2016 county road construction projects by County Forces. Resolution No. 16-001

Tim Elsea, Director of Public Works, stated pursuant to RCW 36.77.070, "If the Board of County Commissioners determines that any construction should be performed by County Forces, and the estimated cost of the work exceeds ten thousand dollars, it shall cause to be published in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the county, a brief description of the work to be done and the county road engineer's estimate of the cost thereof." In this case, the work to be done is the County Forces construction projects in 2016. The 2016 Annual Construction Program (ACP) was adopted by resolution 15-331 on November 16, 2015 and lists portions of the 2016 Countywide 3R Program (\$100,000), Roundtree Road Slide Repair (\$100,000), 2016 Countywide Misc. Safety & Guardrail (\$25,000), and Hwy 603 Stabilization (\$10,000) as County Forces construction projects with estimated costs in excess of ten thousand dollars. Lewis County's County Forces limit is \$1,277,759 for 2016. This resolution satisfies the publication requirements for RCW 36.77.070.

2. Notice: Accepting a bid on tax title property located off Crosby Street, Centralia. Resolution No. 16-002

Larry Unzelman, Realestate Service Manager, stated Tax parcel 002780 001 008 is a 1.01 acre parcel, located off Crosby Street, Centralia. The property was offered for sale at auction by the Treasurer due to tax delinquencies. The property did not sell at the tax sale and was subsequently deeded by the Treasurer to Lewis County. RCW 36.35.150 allows for the property to be disposed of by private negotiations providing that the final sale price is no less than the principal amount of unpaid taxes. The County has received

an offer in the amount of \$2,458.71 for the property, the amount of the tax delinquency and miscellaneous Treasurer's fees. This resolution would accept the bid subject to conditions of LCC 3.30.390 which requires that the proposed sale be noticed in a legal newspaper of general circulation at least once a week for two consecutive weeks.

3. Notice of Hearing: Franchise to Mashell Telecom, Inc. Resolution No. 16-003.

Larry Unzelman, Realestate Service Manager, stated Lewis County Code 12.20 and RCW 36.55 require that all utility installations on county road rights of way be authorized by a franchise from Lewis County. An application for a franchise has been received by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from Mashell Telecom, Inc., dba Rainier Connect to construct, operate and maintain telecommunication facilities in Lewis County road rights of way. This resolution sets the 1st day of February, 2016, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, as the time and place for the hearing on this Franchise request. The Clerk of the BOCC is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040.

4. Notice of Hearing: Franchise to High Valley County Club, Inc. Resolution No. 16-004

Larry Unzelman, Realestate Service Manager, stated Lewis County Code 12.20 and RCW 36.55 require that all utility installations on county road rights of way be authorized by a franchise from Lewis County. An application for a franchise has been received by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from High Valley Country Club, Inc. to construct, operate and maintain water system facilities in Lewis County road rights of way. This resolution sets the 1st day of February, 2016, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, as the time and place for the hearing on this Franchise request. The Clerk of the BOCC is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040.

5. Notice of Hearing: Franchise extension to Puget Sound Energy. Resolution No. 16-005

Larry Unzelman, Realestate Service Manager, stated the County entered into a 49-year Franchise Agreement with Washington Water Power Company, Washington Natural Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company, dated March 15, 1965, to construct, operate, maintain, and/or replace water mains with necessary service lines for the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project on certain roads. PSE is the Operating Agent of the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project, which Project is owned by PSE, Avista Corp. and Northwest Pipeline, GP, and, as Operating Agent is authorized to enter into a new franchise agreement on behalf of itself and co-owners Avista Corp. and Northwest Pipeline. PSE has applied for a new franchise to replace the franchise granted in 1965. Resolutions 14-162 and 15-258 extended the franchise through

December 31, 2015 to allow time for further negotiation. The extensions have now lapsed and franchise negotiations have not been completed. To continue to be compliant with RCW 36.55 and Lewis County Codes 5 & 12, the parties propose to extend the terms of the 1965 franchise agreement through March 31, 2016. RCW 36.55.40 requires that a public hearing be held by the BOCC to consider the franchise extension. This resolution sets January 25, 2016, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., as the time for the hearing on the a franchise extension request by PSE and instructs the Clerk of the BOCC to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040.

Motion carried 3-0.

Consent

Commissioner Fund moved to approve Consent Agenda items six through eleven. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion. **Chair Schulte** noted that item eleven was added to the agenda this morning.

6. Resolution No. 16-006 Appointment and reappointment on the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board.

Bill Wamsley, Noxious Weed Control, stated this Resolution is for the reappointment of Vic Kkvoroff and appointment of Nancy Toenyan for a four year term. There is still one vacancy in Weed district #2.

7. Resolution No. 16-007 Approval of warrants for payment.

Suzette Smith, Auditors Office, stated this Resolution approves 372 regular warrants for a total payment against the County in the amount of \$1,012,540.72.

8. Resolution No. 16-008 Designating time and location of tax foreclosure sale.

Arny Davis, LC Treasurer, stated this office has obtained a Judgment and Order of Sale foreclosing upon its tax liens. RCW 84.64.080 requires that the County legislative authority direct the time and place of sale. We would like to suggest 9:00 A.M., Friday, January 29, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse Building.

9. Resolution No. 16-009 Inter-agency agreement with Washington State University.

Sheila Gray, Lewis County WSU Extention Director, stated this is an annual agreement that outlines the fund allocation that is line itemed within our operational budget. The amount is \$77,101.00.

10. Resolution No. 16-010 Transfer of franchise for existing water line on Yates road.

Larry Unzelman, Realestate service Manager, stated On April 10, 2000, Lewis County issued a 25 year franchise to Alice and Gordon Godfred to erect, install, construct, repair, replace, reconstruct, maintain and retain a waterline on a portion of Yates Road near Chehalis. The Godfreds' property is now owned by James and Ruth Jones. The franchise issued to the Godfreds' has a provision for transfer and the Jones' have submitted an application for transfer of the franchise. This resolution would approve an agreement transferring the franchise set to expire April 9, 2025 from Alice and Gordon Godfred to James and Ruth Jones and authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the same. James and Ruth Jones have signed the agreement which binds them to all terms and conditions of the franchise being accepted.

11. Resolution No. 16-011 Mileage rate change for Lewis County.

Chair Schulte stated the mileage rate paid to employees for using personal vehicles is changing to \$0.54 effective January 1, 2016. Lewis County employees will be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.54 mile when driving their personal vehicle to and from approved County business.

Motion carried 3-0.

Recorder: Candy Hallom

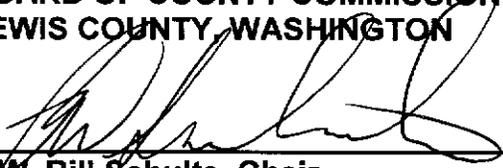
There being no further business, the BOCC's business meeting adjourned at 10:25 am on January 4, 2016. The next public meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2016. Please note that minutes from the BOCC's meetings are not verbatim. A recording of the meeting may be purchased at the BOCC's Office.

ATTEST:



Karri Muir, CMC, Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

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P.W. Bill Schulte, Chair


Gary Stamper, Vice-Chair


Edna J. Fund, Commissioner