

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for Lewis County, Washington, met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 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 Fund** moved to approve the minutes of the 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 11, 2016 Business Meeting. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

<b>Public Comment</b>
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**Ron Averill, Centralia**, spoke to an item on the consent agenda regarding the volunteer stewardship program. He is glad to see this Resolution on the agenda and feels it is important for the County to continue with the program.

<b>Proclamation</b>
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**Commissioner Stamper** moved to approve Proclamation Agenda items one and two. **Commissioner Fund** seconded the motion.

- 1. Proclamation: Proclaiming April 22, 2016, as "Earth Day in Lewis County".**

**Commissioner Fund** read the proclamation into the record.

**Melanie Case, Solid Waste**, thanked the BOCC for proclaiming April 22, 2016 "Earth Day in Lewis County". We would like to make everyday Earth Day in Lewis County.

- 2. Proclamation: Proclaiming the first week in May of 2016, as "National Corrections Officers' and Employees' week in Lewis County.**

**Commissioner Stamper** read the proclamation into the record.

**Kevin Hanson, Jail Chief**, thanked the BOCC for there recognition of the employees in jail. They serve an intrical part of this community. They protect use, our families, and help us to have a better community to raise our kids and go to school.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

<b>Notice</b>
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**Commissioner Fund** moved to approve Notice Agenda items three and four. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

- 3. Notice of Hearing: Regarding proposed revisions of the Lewis County Code(LCC) Chapter 6.15-Dog Breeding Practices and LCC Chapter 5.25-Dog Kennels. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 2, 2016. Resolution No. 16-113**

**Eric Eisenberg, Prosecutors Office**, stated the Public Hearing will be on May 2, 2016 on or after 10:00 am. The Lewis County Department of Health and Social Services has been working on this for quite some time. We have had three different public meeting on this that were a question and answer session. We took a lot of view points into account from many different people in Lewis County.

- 4. Notice of Hearing: revising LCC Section 17.42.030 related to animal kennels, shelters, boarding and grooming facilities and animal hospital standards. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m.,Monday, May 9, 2016. Resolution No. 16-114**

**Eric Eisenberg, Prosecutors Office**, stated in looking at the dog kennel operating permit there was notice of some land use changes that would be helpful. This is a technical change and will help make the ordinance uniform through out Lewis County. This hearing will take place on May 9, 2016.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

<b>Consent</b>
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**Commissioner Stamper** moved to approve Consent Agenda items five through sixteen. **Commissioner Fund** seconded the motion.

- 5. Resolution No. 16-070 Recinding Resolution No. 15-351 and approving a new resolution for the City of Chehalis to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for the Discover! Children's Museum. (this resolution was tabled from a previous meeting).**

**Chair Schulte** stated we are making some minor changes to the previous Resolution. When we first approved this the funding for the Discover! Children's Museum, it was granted and they will be able to access those fund when they had all the money available to build the building. The City of Chehalis asked if they could use the funding prior to the date. This Resolution will allow them to access the funding earlier.

- 6. Resolution No. 16-115 Approving a grant with the Port of Chehalis to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for the Habein Road Industrial Complex.**
- 7. Resolution No. 16-116 Approving a grant with the Port of Chehalis to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for the Curtis Rail Line Natural Disaster Repairs.**

**Chair Schulte** stated Item 6 & 7 both approve two grants from the Distressed Counties Funds for industrial projects at the Port of Chehalis.

**8. Resolution No. 16-117 Approving a grant with the City of Mossyrock to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for the Klickitat Prairie Park project.**

**Commissioner Fund** stated this Resolution authorizes a grant for the City of Mossyrock. This will help Mossyrock develop their Klickitat Praire Park.

**9. Resolution No. 16-118 Approving a grant with the City of Morton to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for the City of Morton Community Signage project.**

**Commissioner Fund** stated this is a grant for the City of Morton. The funding will go toward a Community Signage Project.

**10. Resolution No. 16-119 Approving a grant with the Lewis EDC to accept funding from the Distressed Counties Fund for EDC operations and implementation of Strategic Initiatives.**

**Chair Schulte** stated this Resolution approves grant funding with LC EDC. This grant is in the amount of \$125,000 per year. The funding is for operation of the EDC and implementation of their strategic initiatives.

**11. Resolution No. 16-120 Appointing members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).**

**Commissioner Fund** stated this Resolution appoints Larry Jones, Harry Bhagwandin, Dan Kay, and CJ Neer to the LTAC.

**12. Resolution No. 16-121 Appointing members to the Southwest Washington Fair Commission.**

**Commissioner Fund** stated this Resolution appoints Ted Livermore, Jennifer Slemp, and Toad Mason to the SWW Fair.

**Ted Livermore** thanked the BOCC for the opportunity to serve on this board.

**13. Resolution No. 16-122 Approval of warrants for payment.**

**Suzette Smith, Auditors Office**, stated this Resolution approves 209 regular warrants for a total payment against the County in the amount of \$578,414.35.

**14. Resolution No. 16-123 Authorizing a formal application to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for grant assistance for the Cowlitz River Public Access Point Project.**

**Tim Elsea, Public Works Director**, stated Grant funding assistance for Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) projects through the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCO) is provided in RCW 79.105.150, 79A.25 RCW, and WAC 286. This grant funding would finance the cost of acquisition and facility development for the Cowlitz River Public Access Point project. In order to submit the application to the RCO we need Lewis County Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) approval through the Resolution process.

**15. Resolution No. 16-124 Approving the Director of Community Development to sign the Voluntary Stewardship Program contract.**

**Donna Olson, Community Development**, stated approve Director of Community Development to enter into an agreement with Washington State Conservation Commissioner for the purpose of funding to the County for the development of a work plan to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

**16. Resolution No. 16-125 Approving an inter-local agreement with the Lewis County Conservation District.**

**Donna Olson, Community Development**, stated this Resolution approves an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Lewis County Conservation District and Lewis County. Through the ILA, the Lewis County Conservation District will provide technical assistance to the County and the development of a work plan to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). The County will reimburse the Lewis County Conservation District for the technical assistance provided by their staff.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

<b>Hearing</b>
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**Approval of Open Space Designations-Resolution No. 16-126**

**Dianne Dorey, Lewis County Assessor**, stated each year the public benefit ratings system committee meets to discuss whether or not to approve applications for Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation. Lewis County Code (LCC) 3.50 allows the County Assessor to defer a percentage of the property tax on parcels where it can be shown that the characteristics and use of the land contribute to a public benefit. Consistent with LCC requirement, the applications were reviewed by the Lewis County Public Benefit Rating Advisory Committee with their recommendation presented to the Lewis County Planning Commission. After a duly advertised public hearing the Planning Commission adopted a set of findings and conclusions and transmitted their recommendation to approve the applications to the Board of County Commissioners. There are three applicants receiving a reduction.

**Chair Schulte**, asked if there were any questions. There were none. He closed the question and answer portion of the hearing and opened the formal hearing.

**Dianne Dorey** asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

**Chair Schulte**, asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against the Resolution. There was no one. He closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

**Commissioner Fund** moved to approve Resolution No. 16-126. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

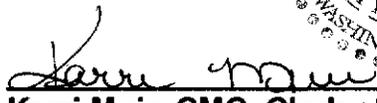
**Resolution No. 16-126 Approval of Open Space Designation and Assessed Value Reduction for Properties and Property Owners.**

**Motion carried 3-0.**

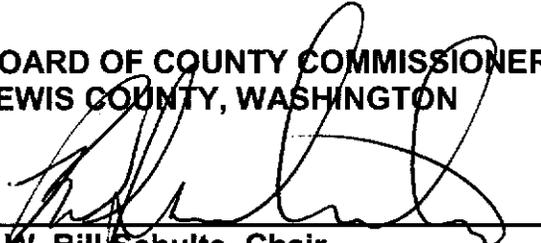
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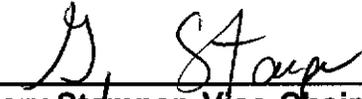
There being no further business, the BOCC's business meeting adjourned at 10:34 am April 18, 2016. The next public meeting will be held Monday, April 25, 2016. Please note that minutes from the BOCC's meetings are not verbatim. A recording of the meeting may be purchased at the BOCC's Office.

ATTEST:

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

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