

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. **COMMISSIONERS F. LEE GROSE, RON AVERILL, and P.W. SCHULTE** were in attendance. **Chairman Grose** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Averill** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2009. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded.

Motion carried 3-0

Public Comment

Rod Reynolds, Ashford WA stated he would like to address a few areas of concern. He is concerned because last week he talked to the Commissioners regarding walking access to his property. On Wednesday, Lewis County put up a gate blocking the access without giving him notice. He had to cancel his Memorial Day plans because of this. He then sought legal advice on this issue. His attorney told him to speak at the BOCC Meeting and to get responses in writing. His attorney went out and looked at the property access the County provided for property owners on Wold Road. He could not believe the liability position Lewis County has put them in with the current access.

Chairman Grose clarified that Mr. Reynolds was told the property would be gated during the meeting held with him last week. He also clarified that the property owners were offered buy-outs of their property because the County knows the access is not safe.

Notice

Commissioner Averill made a motion to approve Notice Item one. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion. Commissioner Averill read the proclamation into the record.

1. Proclamation: Proclaiming Lewis County Board of County Commissioners is committed to partnering with the United States Census Bureau.

Jan McStay, Assistant Regional Census Manager, stated she was pleased to accept the proclamation from the Board. She noted that law requires the census, be completed every ten years. The census brings in \$1,100 per year for every person in WA State. It is easy to complete and is safe. Many procedures are in place to ensure confidentiality.

Commissioner Averill stated the census is a constitutional requirement also.

Chairman Grose stated that the form to fill out for the census count before was for a traditional family. He asked if the form had been modified to accommodate non-traditional families.

Ms. McStay stated it has been modified. They want to be able to account for everyone. They are using various ways to collect data to do this.

Commissioner Averill stated he had talked to staff about the census. There have been people in the County who have called the Sheriff's Office because they did not know the census people were out working. This information needs to get out to the public.

Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Averill made a motion to approve Notice Item two. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board read the item into the record.

2. Notice of Hearing: Regarding the proposed vacation of a portion of Hopp Road. Hearing will be held on June 8, 2009, on or after 10:00 am. Resolution No. 09-131

Item No. 2: Larry Unzleman, Public Works stated this project is listed on the amended Six Year Transportation Plan (STIP). It will continue improvements on Priest, Sommerville, and Newaukum Valley Roads.

Commissioner Averill stated bids must be submitted by 9:30 on June 8, 2009 to the Clerk of the Board.

Motion carried 3-0

Consent

Commissioner Schulte made a motion to approve Consent Items three through nine. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board, read the items into the record.

- 3. Resolution No. 09-141 Approving a contract amendment with Independent Associates.**
- 4. Resolution No. 09-142 Approving an inter-local agreement with City of Centralia to prepare an update of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
- 5. Resolution No. 09-143 Approving a short plat amendment to accept Robin Road into the County Road System.**
- 6. Resolution No. 09-144 Proposed acquisition of additional right of way on Pleasant Valley Road, Mineral, WA.**
- 7. Resolution No. 09-145 Approving Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Prospectus with WSDOT for the Pe Ell McDonald Rehabilitation Project.**

- 8. Resolution No. 09-146 Approving Rural Area Project Agreement for a construction proposal with the County Road Administration Board for the Hwy 603 Phase 2 Project.**
- 9. Resolution No. 09-147 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters 252 representing the Prosecutor's Office.**

Item No. 3: Tara Smith, Health Department stated this resolution will terminate the Independent Associates contract, they are one of four adult employment providers, for Lewis County's Developmental Disabled population. In March they made, the decision to close their office. They had seven individuals who were able to choose a new provider from the three other providers. The funding will follow those individuals to the new providers.

Item No. 4: Bob Johnson, Community Development, stated this resolution is to approve an inter-local with the City of Centralia to provide an updated All Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA requires all agencies that receive emergency money have one of these plans. These plans need to be updated every five years. Centralia has indicated they have the staff and the time to be the lead agency on this project. All jurisdictions in Lewis County will be able to participate in this plan. The cost for updating the plan will be approximately \$75,000 and will be paid for out of Public Works funding

Commissioner Averill stated there are two aspects to this plan. We normally do a flood hazard plan separately, but this includes every type of hazard that may be out there.

Mr. Johnson stated that was correct.

Commissioner Averill stated the second aspect is that in the past Lewis County has done a multi-jurisdictional type plan, which includes not only government entities but also small taxing districts, public, and private agencies that provide assistance during a disaster. The important aspect of this particular plan is that in order to get FEMA funding the plan needs to be in place and anyone who is going to be reimbursed by FEMA has to be a part of the plan. It is important that the public understand that this process is taking place and that the agencies and jurisdictions that do provide services participate. That participation is not just signing the plan. Is this correct?

Mr. Johnson stated that public participation in this plan is extensive. The intent is to have every entity who receives funding from FEMA involved in developing the plan. Centralia will provide advance notice of planning meetings.

Commissioner Averill asked if the City of Centralia Council has approved the inter-local.

Mr. Johnson stated they approved it at their last meeting.

Item No. 5: Larry Unzleman, Public Works (PW), stated a project by the WSDOT to realign Hwy 6 and Bunker Creek Rd intersection created access issues in the area of Robin Road. WSDOT and the County agreed on a way to correct the access issue.

The State would pay for necessary road improvements and the County would take jurisdiction of the road. The property owners along Robin Rd agreed to dedicate the private road right of way to the County and road improvements were made. All property owners have signed the short plat amendment dedicating the right of way to the County. This resolution will approve the short plat and accept the dedication of right of way to the County.

Chairman Grose asked if the short plat had been approved and if this was an amendment to it.

Mr. Unzleman stated this is an amendment to the short plat.

Item No. 6: Larry Unzleman, PW, stated Lewis County replaced a culvert earlier this year on Pleasant Valley Road, and a guardrail now needs to be installed. In order to do this the County needs to acquire right of way from four property owners. This resolution will grant PW the authority to pursue the acquisition of additional right of way required for the installation of the guardrail.

Commissioner Averill asked if there was a cost to the County.

Mr. Unzleman stated there would be a minimal cost to the County. It is approximately \$200 per property owner

Item No. 7: Larry Unzleman, PW, stated this resolution is for the Pe Eill McDonald Rd Rehabilitation. This project is about 6.35 miles in length, running from Pe Eill East. About 3/10 of the project is in the Town of Pe Eill. The remaining 6.05 miles is County Rd. The project is on the amended STIP and will qualify for funding from the Surface Transportation Program. It is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Commissioner Averill asked if the repairs related to the flooding in the 2007?

Commissioner Schulte stated if it was not directly, it was indirectly caused from the heavy equipment that ran over it for the debris removal of the road slide.

Mr. Unzleman stated there was a lot of heavy equipment because there was a pit site for disposal of the debris.

Commissioner Averill stated there was a slide over the road and a huge amount of truck traffic that would not normally use this road. That is why we need to do this upgrade.

He asked if the cost was about \$1,080,000 and funding will be split between Federal and State Monies.

Mr. Unzleman believes that is the correct amount.

Commissioner Schulte stated the Town of Pe Eill expresses their gratitude to the County for their help in this project.

Chairman Grose pointed out this is project No. 21 on the STIP and we do not always do the projects in the order in which they occur. We do them, as funding is available.

Item No. 8: Larry Unzleman, PW, stated this resolution is for a Rural Arterial Project Agreement for a construction proposal for Hwy 603-phase II. This project is # 35 on the 2009-2014 amended STIP. This project qualified for funding through the Rural Arterial Program in the amount of \$1,125,000.

Commissioner Averill asked where this project is going to be on Hwy 603.

Mr. Unzleman stated it starts at the Winlock City limits and runs north for about 1.72 miles.

Commissioner Averill stated we were working on this road last year outside of Napavine. Is the second part of that project?

Mr. Unzleman stated that was correct. This would begin the completion of the leg between Napavine and Winlock.

Item No. 9: Archie Smith, Human Resources stated this resolution will approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters 252 representing the Prosecutor's Office. He noted the issues with this contract was the insurance benefit contribution amount by the County. This contract did cap those rates for the County.

Commissioner Averill asked if this was the last of the Teamsters contracts.

Mr. Smith stated there were two more from the Juvenile Department.

Commissioner Averill asked what is the total of Teamsters contracts.

Mr. Smith stated there are six Teamsters contracts.

Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Averill noted we would not have a BOCC Meeting on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. He stated that Memorial Day is a significant holiday in that people gave their lives for our freedom. He asked citizens to take advantage of Memorial Day to honor our veterans.

Chairman Grose seconded Commissioner Averill's statement.

Motion carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am, on May 18, 2009. The next public meeting will be held Monday, June 1, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

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F. Lee Grose, Chairman

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