

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 16, 2017

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve the presentation and the proclamation. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Presentation: Timberland Regional Library annual update.

Cheryl Heywood of the Timberland Regional Library and area library managers introduced themselves. Cheryl discussed the Timberland's Build a Better World summer reading program, which drew 13,000 participants. She discussed a Microsoft Office certification pilot program. She invited the group to attend Centralia library's grand reopening at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. She discussed the upcoming expansion of the My TRL e-card program.

Proclamation: Proclamation recognizing October 21, 2017, as Sheriff William "Bill" Wiester Day.

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record.

Sheriff Wiester's children, Janice and Bill, introduced themselves, and then Bill shared memories of their father. Former Sheriff Logan and Sheriff Snaza also shared a couple of stories about former Sheriff Wiester.

Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 17-304 and 17-305. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 17-304: Notice of hearing to consider Ordinance 1281, which would consent to the transfer of a controlling interest in WaveDivision I LLC, which holds a non-exclusive franchise for a cable television system in Lewis County. The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 6, 2017.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, discussed the resolution.

Resolution 17-305: Notice of hearing to consider Ordinance 1282, which would amend portions of Chapter 9.20 of Lewis County Code pertaining to the Law and Justice Council. The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 13, 2017.

Eric Eisenberg, representing the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, said a hearing will take place Nov. 13, 2017, to bring the county's ordinance into compliance with state law and to make a 19th position on the council a voting position.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the October 9, 2017, meeting as well as Resolution 17-306. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 17-306: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 778439-778580 (142 regular warrants) were issued the week of Oct. 6, 2017, are approved for a total payment of \$665,439.31.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 17-307 through 17-310. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 17-307: Resolution to modify restrictions on outdoor burning throughout unincorporated Lewis County, allowing recreational fires effective 12:01 a.m. Oct. 6, 2017, and open burning by permit effective 12:01 a.m. Oct. 16, 2017.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, said the resolution ratifies action that modifies burning restrictions. She said residents can apply for burning permits online 24 hours a day.

Resolution 17-308: Resolution to approve a Certification Acceptance (CA) Qualification Agreement with the state Department of Transportation and authorizing signatures thereon.

Erik Martin, Director of Public Works, said the CA agreement allows WSDOT to delegate projects to the county. He said the agreement is being revised to specify the county has a new employee.

Resolution 17-309: Resolution to authorize initial placement of Accounting Specialist Lead on the Lewis County Salary Grid (13 STEP M GRID) for non-union help.

Archie Smith, Human Resources Administrator, said the county is hiring a casual employee outside the "casual" range.

Resolution 17-310: Resolution to approve a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters 252 representing Juvenile Probation and Clerical.

Archie Smith, Human Resources Administrator, discussed the resolution, which he said changes the base wage and includes an education incentive.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Ordinance 1278: Hearing for Ordinance 1278, which would adopt revisions to the Shoreline Master Program.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Community Development Director Lee Napier introduced Senior Long-range Planner Fred Evander. Fred Evander gave the staff report. He said the state updated its guidelines in 2003 and that the county's

Shoreline Master Program was last updated in 1998. He said the planning commissioner held a public hearing on May 10, 2016. He detailed the steps taken to move the plan forward. He said the state required 11 changes, most of them regarding urban growth areas. He said the stream list also had to be changed.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the approval of the plan would help the real estate industry and / or property owners. Fred said the Shoreline Master Plan increases flexibility in use as well as siting buffers.

Commissioner Stamper asked about floodplain mapping. Fred discussed the corrections that can take place as well as the distinction between the plan and FEMA's guidelines.

Fred said state guidelines dictate what can take place but that the county is as flexible as it can be within those confines. Lee discussed options available under the Shoreline Management Plan. She discussed the "line of non-conformity," which allows a neighbor to enjoy the same buffer the surrounding neighbors enjoy.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none. He then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Lee and Fred asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Stamper asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

Commissioner Stamper closed the hearing.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Ordinance 1278. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 1279: Hearing for Ordinance No. 1279, which would amend Lewis County Code Chapter 17.25 and Section 18.05.120 to reflect the revisions to the Lewis County Shoreline Master Plan.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Senior Long-range Planner Fred Evander gave the staff report. He said Chapter 17.25 of county code has definitions in it. Instead of revising it, he said the idea was to direct viewers to the Shoreline Master Plan. He said it also would update Section 18.05.120. He and Lee discussed the changes to county code.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none. He then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Lee and Fred asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Stamper asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

Commissioner Stamper closed the hearing.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Ordinance 1279. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Fund discussed the recent reopening of the Jackson Courthouse. She said the courthouse, located near Toledo's Lewis and Clark State Park, has been restored by State Parks.

Commissioner Stamper said Centralia College East in Morton plans an Oct. 18 fundraiser.

Commissioner Fund said Jaime Herrera Beutler's office is interviewing veterans at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis.

Erik Martin introduced Tim Murphy, the county's new fleet manager.

PRESS CONFERENCE

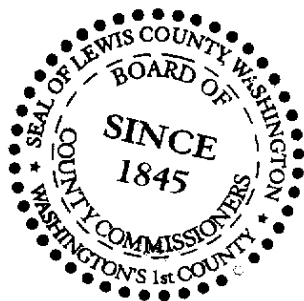
No questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, October 23, 2017, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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