

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for Lewis County, Washington, met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioners Gary Stamper and Edna J. Fund** were in attendance. **Commissioner P.W. "Bill" Schulte** was absent. **Vice-Chair Stamper** 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, October 3, 2016 Business Meeting. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Public Comment

Human Response Network spoke regarding October being the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Bob Bozarth, Chehalis, recognized that a Lewis County employee did very well at the equipment rodeo.

Erik Martin stated last week at the American Public Works Association fall conference, our one and only Matt Mohny was the grand champion.

Proclamation

Commissioner Fund moved to approve Proclamation Agenda items one through three. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

1. Proclamation recognizing "Fire Prevention of Lewis County Week".

Commissioner Fund read the Proclamation into the record.

Richard Mack, Fire Marshall, Riverside Fire Authority, stated we hold a poster contest every year to recognize fire prevention week. He then announce the winners of this years contest.

Motion Carried 2-0

Consent

Commissioner Fund moved to approve Consent Agenda items two through five. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

2. Resolution No. 16-271 Approval of warrants

Grace Jimenez, Auditor Office, stated this Resolution approves 176 regular warrants for a total payment against the County in the amount of \$1,210,653.62. This also approves 677 warrants/AD dated October 5, 2016 for a total payment against the county in the amount of \$3,522,421.79.

3. Resolution No. 16-272 Declaration of certain vehicle as surplus county property.

Erik Martin, Director of Public Works, stated Lewis County Code 3.30 requires that the Board of County Commissioners declare county property surplus to allow for its disposal. The item listed on Exhibit "A" is no longer useful to Lewis County. The vehicle has reached its useful life and has been damaged beyond reasonable repair. We recommend this vehicle to be declared surplus as salvage value.

4. Resolution No. 16-273 Rescind Resolution No. 09-362 and authorize a new cash flow loan from current expense for Packwood Airport.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, stated a cash flow loan is required for payment of contractor prior to reimbursement from Federal Aviation Administration. Currently, Resolution No. 09-362 authorizes up to \$150,000 on an as needed basis. The current project and amount due to the contractor exceeds this amount.

5. Resolution No. 16-274 Appointing of the Clerk of the Board for the County Commissioners.

Archie Smith, Human Resources, stated a selection process for the position of Lewis County Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners has been completed with Rieva Lester having been identified as meeting the qualifications for the position and being the candidate of choice

Motion Carried 3-0

Hearing

Approving franchise extension to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for construction, operation and maintenance of water lines for the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing and asked for the Staff Report

Larry Unzelman, Realestate Service Manager, stated Lewis 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. Puget Sound Energy

(PSE) is the Operating Agent of the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project, which is owned by PSE, Avista Corp. and Northwest Pipeline, GP. PSE, 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, 15-258 and 16-005 extended the franchise through March 31, 2016 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 January 10, 2017. A hearing was set by Resolution 16-243 on September 19, 2016 and all required notices were given to the public. Public Works recommends approval of the Resolution to grant an extension to PSE through January 10, 2017.

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

Larry Unzelman and Erik Martin asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Stamper, 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. 16-275. **Commissioner Stamper** seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 16-275 A hearing to consider a proposed franchise extension to Puget Sound Energy for construction, operation and maintenance of water lines for the Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Project.

Motion Carried 2-0

There being no further business, the BOCC's business meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m., October 10, 2016. The next public meeting will be held Monday, October 17, 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.

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absent

P.W. Bill Schulte, Chair

ATTEST:

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**Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners**

G. Stamp

Gary Stamp, Vice-Chair

Edna J. Fund

Edna J. Fund, Commissioner

