

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

December 13, 2022

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment sent via email by Kyle Wheeler.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to add a discussion about Veterans Journey Forward to the BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meja Handlen introduced the Veterans Journey Forward program. George Dodd from the Veterans Journey Forward group addressed his concerns about those being paid from the Veterans Relief Fund grant for the program. Jesse Lloyd from the Veteran's Memorial Museum said that certain expenses are required. Commissioner Swope said the 30% allocation for salaries is low. Commissioner Swope said it is important to ensure this makes the program a success and not a part-time project. Commissioner Swope would like to see the results after the first quarter. Commissioner Brummer appreciated the oversight from the Veterans Advisory Board. George said that at this time, administrative costs and salary costs use 81% of the grant money. He would like to see the program become sustainable. Meja said the next focus for the group is to ensure additional funding for the program. Commissioner Brummer said he did not want to have any contract stipulations. Commissioner Swope asked for a progress update monthly during the Board of Health meeting from both the Veterans Advisory Board and the Veterans Journey Forward program.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-405 and 22-406. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 22-405: Lewis County 2022 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, a notice of hearing thereon. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 27, 2022.

Budget Services Manager Beck Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said this is for a budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds.

Resolution 22-406: Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Winlock Broadband Project Archaeological Monitoring Plan. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. Jan. 12, 2023.

Housing Services Manger Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. Eric said this is a request for proposals for archaeological services. Eric noted this is reimbursable through a grant.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the December 6, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-407. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 22-407: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 863,226 through 863,419 were issued in December for payments against the county totaling \$765,448.30. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 863,205 through 863,225, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-408 through 22-412. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 22-408: Approve an addendum to County Professional Services Agreement #R01-0173-22-A between Lewis County Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) and Reliable Enterprises to correct scrivener's errors.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said this is an addendum to fix a scrivener's error to ensure the same date is consistent in all the documents.

Resolution 22-409: Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment 9 between Lewis County and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said this is to approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment 9 between Lewis County and the Washington State Department of Health. Meja said this is to return unused funds and then receive funds for the SNAPeD program.

Resolution 22-410: Approve a financial contribution agreement between Lewis County and Lewis County Seniors organization for senior nutrition program support during calendar-year 2023.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said this is a financial contribution agreement between Lewis County and Lewis County Seniors organization for senior nutrition program support during calendar-year 2023 and will be paid in two increments.

Resolution 22-411: Adopt Lewis County's 2023 State Legislative Agenda.

Erik Martin discussed the resolution. Erik said Lewis County has worked closely with state legislators and this year Lewis County has hired lobbyists. This is to adopt the key objectives for the Legislative Roundtable presentation.

Resolution 22-412: Approve defense and indemnity for Josh Metcalf and his marital community, and for John Roe and his marital community, if any.

Amber Smith discussed the resolution. This is for approval of litigation defense for Josh Metcalf and John Roe to include both their marital community, if any.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 22-413: Approve a nonexclusive franchise renewal to Lakeside Village Water Systems Inc. for the installation, construction, operation and maintenance of water facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Shawn Keyes gave the staff report.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Pollock then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing. There was no one with questions.

Shawn asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 22-413. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 22-414: Approve a nonexclusive franchise renewal to the Lake Mayfield Community Club for the installation, construction, operation and maintenance of water facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Shawn Keyes gave the staff report.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Pollock then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Shawn asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 22-414. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 1341: Amend Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, of the Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Amber Smith gave the staff report.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Pollock then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Amber asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

There was no public testimony.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1341. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Lahmann from Centralia said there will be a free event to the public at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

PRESS CONFERENCE

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.

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