

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

January 10, 2023

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Swope called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written comment.

Mike Kimbrel expressed his concerns regarding increased assessed values of property in Lewis County.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-007. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-007: Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for VHF engineering study, a project of the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Proposals are due to the 911 Communications Director by 4 p.m. Feb. 23.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said she is seeking proposals for a VHF infrastructure engineering study to improve 911 Communications' radio infrastructure.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the January 3, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-008. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-008: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 10791, 10804, 10815 through 10824, 10832 through 10834, 10836 through 10853, 10874, 10875, 10884, 10888 through 10890 and 10937 were issued in December and January for payments against the county totaling \$87,203.52. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 864,279 through 864,288, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-009 through 23-011. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-009: List the bids received and contractor selected for the East County Sheriff's Substation Project.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said Midway Underground was the lowest responsive bidder at \$92,000. Doug said he would recommend moving forward with the add / alternate, which would add an additional vehicle bay for \$21,600.

Resolution 23-010: Approve a First Amended Agreement with AMP Insights concerning consultant services for a water bank.

Housing and Infrastructure Specialist Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. Eric said the amendment increases the scope of work and the contract amount for a total amount of \$44,500.

Resolution 23-011: Set Lewis County's 2023 mileage rate at 65.5 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2023.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution sets the county's 2023 mileage reimbursement rate at 65.5 cents per mile, a 3-cent-per-mile increase over the previous year's rate. She said the county typically follows the IRS's lead on the mileage reimbursement rate and that the change mirrors the IRS's recent increase.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swope thanked local law enforcement.

Commissioner Swope discussed his upcoming testimony regarding the governor’s budget regarding disability funding.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner