

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

January 24, 2023

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Merten provided an update on ToledoTel's broadband project.

HONORS

The commissioners honored the 2022 Napavine Tigers football team for its state championship and undefeated season. The commissioners welcomed Coach Josh Fey and the team's seniors.

The commissioners honored Lewis County employees who've reached five-year employment milestones, including Community Development Director Lee Napier (10 years), Sheriff's Office employee Ron Anderson (35 years) and Juvenile Detention Supervisor Lowell Stuart (35 years).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the January 17, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-021. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-021: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 864,794 through 864,821, 864,842 through 865,025 and 865,028 through 865,045 and direct disbursements 10983 through 10988 were issued in January for payments against the county totaling \$2,875,432.70. Grace said payroll/tax Automatic Deposits numbered 49,832 through 49,837 are were approved for payments against the county totaling \$757.42. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 864,739 through 864,793, 864,822 through 864,841, 865,026 through 865,027 and 865,046 through 865,073, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-022 through 23-030. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 23-022: Approve post-execution ratification of a memorandum of understanding between Lewis County Department of Emergency Management and Lewis County Risk Management for Safety Officer services.

HR / Risk Director Amber Smith discussed the resolution. She said the MOU covers services for 2023.

Resolution 23-023: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said 42 of the 51 items on the surplus list will be recycled and that nine items will go to Economic Alliance.

Resolution 23-024: Approve Amendment 18 between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the agreement provides an additional \$60,000 in RCO funding for Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority work.

Resolution 23-025: Approval of a Twelfth Supplement Agreement between SBGH Partners, LLC and Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the agreement increases by \$60,000 the funding the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, which will allow for additional staffing.

Resolution 23-026: Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment 10 between Lewis County and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Public Health and Social Services Deputy Director John Abplanalp discussed the resolution. John said the resolution approves an amendment that increasing funding and updates the scope of work.

Resolution 23-027: Reappoint Roger Morningstar and appoint Barbara Russell as regular members of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) through June 30, 2024.

Community Outreach Worker Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the resolution extends Roger Morningstar's service on the Veterans' Advisory Board and adds Barbara Russell as a member.

Resolution 23-028: Increase and expand Veterans benefits.

Community Outreach Worker Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the resolution increases funding for veterans services and increases the number of veterans for which help can be provided.

Resolution 23-029: Appoint Commissioner Scott J. Brummer to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said Commissioner Brummer will fill former Commissioner Lee Grose’s unexpired term.

Resolution 23-030: Request that the Washington State Transportation Commission rename the Riffe Lake Overlook in Gary Stamper’s honor.

County Manager Erik Martin discussed the resolution. Erik said passage of the resolution is one of the county’s final steps before submitting its application packet to the state.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swope discussed a proposed bill that would create civil accountability for law enforcement. He, Commissioner Brummer and Commissioner Pollock urged constituents to review bills the Legislature is considering and to stay engaged.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner