

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 26, 2022

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Grose

Absent: Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The commissioners recognized the following Lewis County employees for reaching five-year employment milestones:

Five years: 911 Communications employee Landon Cruickshank.

10 years: IT employee Jared Stewart and Juvenile employee Ricolena Anders.

15 years: Public Works employee Loren Buckman.

30 years: Facilities employee Gary Smith.

35 years: Juvenile employee Susan Wickert.

PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION

Assistant County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the Emergency Project of the Year Award Lewis County Public Works received for its Newaukum Valley Bank Stabilization project during the American Public Works Association (APWA) Spring Conference held April 14 in Vancouver. Geoff praised the efforts of Rod Lakey, Ann Weckback and Devin DeBono as well as the work Tunista Construction performed. He noted that the emergency project was completed quickly, safely and under budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 22-117. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 22-117: Issue a solicitation for consultant services regarding establishing a water bank. (Note: This was held from the April 19 Business Meeting.)

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. He said the county would reach out to various consultants to explore and potentially seeking grant funding for the establishment of a county water bank to provide for residential, industrial or commercial development possibilities in the future as water supplies tighten.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve minutes from the April 19, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-126. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 22-126: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 854,189 through 854,336 were issued in April for payments against the county totaling \$521,095. She said payroll/tax Automatic Deposits numbered 39,197 through 39,210 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$19,648.64. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 854,133 through 854,188, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 22-119 as well as Resolutions 22-127 through 22-131. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 22-119: Provide preliminary plat approval for the subdivision of Douglas Lane Acres - application Number LP19-00001. (Note: This was held from the April 19 Business Meeting.)

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. She noted earlier questions about the water system had been answered and that Community Development suggested preliminary approval of the project.

Resolution 22-127: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and the City of Centralia regarding work by county crews and authorizing signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county will perform chip sealing work on behalf of Centralia. He said the estimated cost is \$163,158.31, which includes \$7,769.45 in administrative fees the county will collect.

Resolution 22-128: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and Lewis County Fire District 6 regarding work by county crews and authorizing signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the county has been asked to provide traffic control flagging services during a controlled house burn. He said the estimated cost is \$1,000, which includes \$50 in administrative fees the county will collect.

Resolution 22-129: Approve a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation and authorizing signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the Code of Federal Regulations requires the Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement because the county receives federal funding. He said the county needed to update its agreement.

Resolution 22-130: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the county has several vehicles and pieces of equipment that are no longer of use and can be disposed of as surplus.

Resolution 22-131: Selection of Tanner LLC for Lewis County Long-Range Strategic Planning Services.

County Manager Erik Martin discussed the resolution. He said the agreement will provide Long-Range Strategic Planning Services.

Motion passed 2-0.

DRUG TAKE-BACK PRESENTATION

Jennifer Jardine and Sara Bumgardner discussed their work with the Centralia Prevention Coalition and the Morton Up Coalition, which were formed to help combat substance abuse in children.

They noted that drug take-back events for prescription and non-prescription disposal will take place at Centralia Middle School and the Morton Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock said she received a threat regarding her hydrogen comments. Commissioner Pollock discussed a Winlock recycling event she attended as well as a flood mitigation tour she recently participated in.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM
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absent
Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair

F. Lee Grose
F. Lee Grose, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board