

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

February 28, 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

Peter Lahmann invited the commissioners and the public to Washington Patriotic Day from 2 to 4 p.m. March 4 in DuPont.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the February 21, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-072. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-072: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 866,195 through 866,381 were issued the week of February 17-23, 2023, for payments against the county totaling \$1,144,617.02 Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 866,141 through 866,194, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-073 through 23-079. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-073: Accept an interlocal agreement for use of jail facilities between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office/County and the Chehalis Tribe.

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. Chief Sweet said the interlocal agreement would allow the Chehalis Tribe to use the county jail in cases of emergency.

Resolution 23-074: Approve an agreement with Antiquity Consulting, LLC for consulting services related to the Winlock Broadband Project.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the contract is for \$10,600, an amount that may need to be updated.

Resolution 23-075: Approve contract C11-0127-22 Amendment A between Lewis County Veterans Memorial Museum and Public Health and Social Services.

Veterans Community Outreach Worker Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the amendment extends the county's contract for Veterans Journey Forward, updating the timeline and scope of the project and allowing the group to access funds that remained unused. Jesse Lloyd, said the group has not yet been approved for additional grant funding from elsewhere.

Resolution 23-076: Increase and expand Veterans benefits.

Veterans Community Outreach Worker Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the resolution corrects rental amounts listed in a previous resolution.

Resolution 23-077: Adopt 2023 Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) rates for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution lists ER&R rates, which are set during the budget process and required for the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

Resolution 23-078: Adopt a policy regarding survey monument preservation within the county road right-of-way.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution creates a monument policy, as required by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

Resolution 23-079: Approve and authorize the Public Works Director to sign a consultant contract with HDR Engineering Inc. for architectural and engineering services for a Packwood sewer facility.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution allows the Public Works director to sign a contract with HDR for architectural and engineering services for a new Large On-Site Sewer System (LOSS) in Packwood.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1344: Establish a compost procurement policy in Lewis County.

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Rocky Lyon and Melanie Case gave the staff report. They said the county was required to draft a compost ordinance in response to recent changes in state law.

Commissioner Swope asked if there were any questions.

Isabel Vander Stoep asked if the ordinance would allow for curbside compost pick-up in the future.

Rocky said it would indeed set the stage for curbside compost pick-up. He noted that he'd already been contacted by a firm interested in providing the service.

Commissioner Swope closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Rocky and Melanie asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

No one spoke.

Rieva Lester noted that Section 2 of the ordinance on screen contained a typo that had been corrected in the official copy: the number 110 had been mistyped as 100.

Commissioner Swope closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Ordinance 1344. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.


ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).


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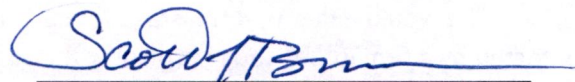


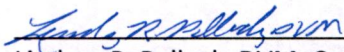
ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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