

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

March 21, 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

Bob Carns said a June 2021 Chronicle article about members of the homosexual community asking the commissioners to fly a pride flag prompted him to address the commissioners. He said he wanted to share information about homosexuality, the pandemic, abortion, global warming and the Bible.

WF WEST BEARCATS

WF West Wrestling Coach Jamie Rakevich introduced his state championship-winning wrestlers, Blake Ely and Daniel Matagi. The wrestlers discussed their post-high school plans and joined the commissioners for a photo.

STATE-OF-THE-LIBRARY UPDATE

Timberland Regional Library Executive Director Cheryl Heywood provided an overview of the Timberland Regional Library's 2022 annual report.

BID OPENING

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester said the county received two bids for the newspaper of record for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. She opened the bids, which were as follows:

- **From the East County Journal:** \$5.20 per 1.20 column inches with a sample bid price of \$45.50.
- **From The Chronicle:** \$4.50 per 1.20 column inches with a sample bid price of \$35.55.

Rieva noted that the winning bid for newspaper of record would be announced via resolution at a future Business Meeting.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 23-098. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-098: The necessary acquisition of additional right of way for the Centralia Alpha Road Improvement Project. Final action is planned for April 11, 2023.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county will continue attempting to negotiate with the property owner in an effort to avoid the condemnation process. However, he said, the resolution would allow for condemnation if needed.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 14, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-099. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-099: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 866,996 through 867,421 and direct disbursements numbered 11244 through 11249 were issued in March for payments against the county totaling \$3,561,774.75. She said payroll/tax deposits numbered 51,567 through 52,150 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,245,575.88. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 866,948 through 866,995, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-100 through 23-102. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-100: Authorize the Public Works Director to sign agreements with HDR Engineering for Railroad Switch Upgrades and Railroad Track Extension and Road Crossing Closure at Pacific Sound and Pacific (PSAP) Railroad at Reynolds Avenue.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the agreements are for the Railroad Switch Upgrade and the Railroad Track Extension and Road Crossing Closure of the Puget Sound and Pacific (PSAP) Railroad at Reynolds Avenue.

Resolution 23-101: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Kruger Road MP 1.2, Onalaska.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution instructs the County Engineer to acquire additional temporary and permanent easements for a culvert replacement project.

Resolution 23-102: Appoint Shawn O'Neill to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the resolution appoints Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to correct the amount in for the Railroad Switch Upgrade in Resolution 23-100 to \$233,872.00. **Commissioner Brummer** seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion to approve the resolutions, including the amended version of Resolution 23-100, passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The commissioners agreed to oppose proposed SB 5599, which would create exceptions to parental notification requirements.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

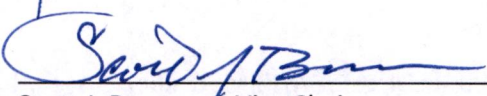
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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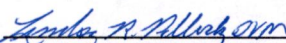


Sean D. Swope, Chair

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner