

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

May 16, 2023

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Absent: Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virgil Fox discussed a letter he had sent the commissioners in April regarding fees associated with recently discovered meters at the former Birchfield water system, now known as the Middle Fork Water System.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the May 9, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-155. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-155: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Graham Gowing, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 869,227 - 869,731 and direct disbursements 11498-11499, 11386, 11434 and 11500-11506 were issued in May for payments against the county totaling \$2,727,130.28. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,010 - 796,011 and Automatic Deposits numbered 53,915 - 54,509 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,251,175.62. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 869,214 - 869,226, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-156 through 23-162. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-156: Approve agreement to accept funding from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for a project related to the control of purple loosestrife.

Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Charles Edmonson discussed the resolution. Charles said funding from the state Department of Agriculture will be used to battle noxious weeds.

Resolution 23-157: Accept an interlocal agreement between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office/County and Mason County Sheriff's Office for use of jail facilities.

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. Chief Sweet said the contract would cover Mason County's emergency use of the jail, should the need arise.

Resolution 23-158: Approve Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) Contract #22-46108-18 Amendment D between the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Outreach Worker Senior Justia Madrigal discussed the resolution. Justia said the amendment decreases the Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) funding provided by Commerce by eliminating an unspent amount totaling \$311,342.

Resolution 23-159: Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal between Lewis County and the County Road Administration Board for the Centralia Alpha Road Improvements project – CRP 2084.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the amendment adds additional funding totaling \$144,200 for the county's Centralia Alpha Road project.

Resolution 23-160: Approve a Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Project Proposal between Lewis County and the County Road Administration Board for the Barnes Drive Paving project - CRP 2201.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the agreement approves \$1,093,500 for the county's Barnes Drive paving project.

Resolution 23-161: The proposed vacation of undeveloped Washington Street, north of Horsley Avenue, in Centralia.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county is considering returning the unused alley in the area to the neighboring property owners and that the resolution instructs the County Engineer to evaluate the property owner's request to do so.

Resolution 23-162: The proposed vacation of an undeveloped right of way between Haynes Avenue North and Cowlitz Avenue North in Packwood.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county is considering returning the unused alley in the area to the neighboring property owners. Shawn Keyes said a vacation typically is a two- to three-month process. Josh said road vacations typically are requested by the neighboring property owners.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR / Risk Director Amber Smith applauded county employee Aimee Albright's daughter, Skylee Voie, for Skylee's Future Farmers of America (FFA) state championship win in Creed Speaking.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

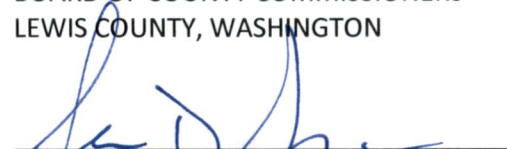
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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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