

**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**June 6, 2023**

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Swope called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment.

Lewis County Broadband Action Team (LCBAT) Chair Frank Corbin thanked the county for its support for the LCBAT's efforts.

Lisa Striedinger of Friends Without Homes discussed a homeless forum planned for later in the day. She asked the county to look into the Housing Resource Center for its recent eviction of an elderly woman.

Jim McCully invited the public to the Juneteenth program Saturday, June 17, at Washington Park.

Usha Sahadeva-Brooks echoed the invitation to the Juneteenth celebration.

James O'Hagan proposed a resolution regarding election fraud. He read his proposed resolution.

Commissioner Swope praised the Lewis County Elections staff.

**NOTICE ITEMS**

***Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-173 through 23-175. Commissioner Brummer seconded.***

**Resolution 23-173:** The proposed vacation of undeveloped right of way between Haynes Avenue North and Cowlitz Avenue North in Packwood. A hearing on the matter will take place at or after 10 a.m. June 27, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the hearing will take place June 27.

**Resolution 23-174:** The proposed vacation of undeveloped Washington Street lying north of Horsley Avenue. A hearing on the matter will take place at or after 10 a.m. June 27, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the hearing will take place June 27.

**Resolution 23-175:** Accepting a bid on tax title property off Craig Road, Packwood. Any other offers must be submitted within 15 days of the notice.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county has received a bid for a 0.23-acre parcel. He said the neighboring property owner has offered \$409.16.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the May 23, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-176. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 23-176:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing said warrants 870,014 through 870,332 and 870,346 through 870,522 as well as direct disbursements 11561 through 11566 were issued in May and June for payments against the county totaling \$2,298,711.73. He said payroll/tax deposit warrants 796,012 through 796,013 and Automatic Deposits 54,510 through 55,091 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,236,451.43. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 870,005 through 870,013 and 870,333 through 870,345, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-177 through 23-187. Commissioner Brummer seconded.*

**Resolution 23-177:** Approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization LLC and Lewis County Superior Court for civil commitment cases.



**Superior Court Administrator Susie Palmateer** discussed the resolution. Susie said the MOU addressed the reimbursement fees for civil commitment cases.

**Resolution 23-178: Approve interlocal agreement among Chehalis River Basin communities for study, analysis and implementation of flood hazard reduction solutions.**

**Community Development Director Lee Napier** discussed the resolution. Lee said the interlocal agreement is a re-up of an agreement from five years ago.

**Resolution 23-179: Amend Sections 19-28 of the Lewis County Employee Handbook.**

**HR / Risk Director Amber Smith** discussed the resolution. Amber said changes include a TikTok ban as well as cleanup of language.

**Resolution 23-180: Award contract for Royal Bakery South Side Siding Project.**

**Facilities Administrator Alex Murray** discussed the resolution. Alex said Ace Improvements of Auburn was the lowest qualified bidder at \$53,687.

**Resolution 23-181: Approve Contract #R01-0165-22 Amendment A between Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County.**

**Public Health and Social Services Developmental Disabilities Coordinator Sara Sons** discussed the resolution. Sara said the amendment decreases the funding allocation by \$97,000.

**Resolution 23-182: Approve Contract #TSA-ESG-CV Amendment E between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.**

**Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment increases funding by \$143,311.17.

**Resolution 23-183: Temporarily reduce Animal Shelter adoption fees for adult dogs.**

**Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the fee for adopting adult dogs will decrease from \$200 to \$100 from June 10 to June 17, 2023.

**Resolution 23-184: Reappoint four members to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.**

**Solid Waste Services Manager Director Rocky Lyon** discussed the resolution. Rocky said the resolution reappoints Terry Harris, Max Vogt, Jason Adams and Samantha Winkle to the committee.

**Resolution 23-185:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Pigeon Springs Road MP 2.3 Slide Repair Project, 90-21F640220230.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received seven bids for the Pigeon Springs Project and that Midway Underground of Toledo provided the lowest responsive bid at \$473,883.25.

**Resolution 23-186:** Approve \$1,600,093.85 .09 ("Distressed Counties") grant to the City of Centralia for its Alder Street Improvements project.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said Centralia will use the grant to make improvements to Alder Street between Yew Street and State Route 507 (Mellen Street) in support of the Centralia Station project. Centralia Public Works Director Kim Ashmore discussed the planned roadway improvements.

**Resolution 23-187:** Approve a contract with Washington State University to accept funds for Broadband Action and Digital Equity Planning work done by the Lewis County Broadband Action Team (LCBAT), as fiscal sponsor for the LCBAT.

**Housing and Infrastructure Specialist Eric Eisenberg** discussed the resolution. Eric said the county will accept funds and act as fiscal agent for LCBAT.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lee Napier said the Fire Marshal is releasing a press release about a red flag high-danger fire warning. Josh Metcalf discussed a blaze in the Randle area.

Colonel Ron Averill said the Farm Bureau will meet June 7.

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

No questions.



## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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