

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 13, 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

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

Lisa Striedinger of Friends Without Homes discussed an elderly woman evicted by the Housing Resource Center.

AGENDA CHANGE

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add Resolution 23-198 -- Declare an emergency, dispense with normal bidding requirements and select a vendor to provide a replacement for the Intercom System at the Lewis County Jail as authorized under RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.280 -- to the day's Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-188 and 23-189. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-188: Call for bids for electrical materials and equipment Lighting Package. Bids are due to the Clerk of the Board by noon June 23, 2023.

Facilities Administrator Alex Murray discussed the resolution. Alex said the request is for lighting for Community Development and Environmental Health.

Resolution 23-189: Call for bids for the Rainier Block Site Improvement Project. Bids are due to the Clerk of the Board by 2 p.m. July 12, 2023.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the bid call is for the parking lot, underground facilities and sidewalks at the Rainier building.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the June 6, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-190. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-190: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 870,533 through 870,907 were issued in June for payments against the county totaling \$778,627.10. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 870,523 through 870,532, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-191 and 23-192 as well as Resolutions 23-194 through 23-198. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-191: Award contract for Community Development Floor Grind and Polish project.

Facilities Administrator Alex Murray discussed the resolution. Alex said the county solicited bids from four vendors and that Diamond Polishing submitted the apparent winning bid of \$51,829.05.

Resolution 23-192: Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment #12 with Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Public Health and Social Services Deputy Director John Abplanalp discussed the resolution. John said the amendment decreases total funding by \$194,938.

Resolution 23-194: List the bids received and contractor selected for the 2021 County Safety Program, F.A. Project No. HSIP 000S(610), 10-2196.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Midway Underground is the apparent low bidder at \$874,138.50.

Resolution 23-195: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Kruger Road MP 1.20 Culvert Replacement Project, 15-1904.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Steele Trucking Inc. of Chehalis was the apparent low bidder at \$833,134.97.

Resolution 23-196: Restrict outdoor burning throughout unincorporated Lewis County.

Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford discussed the resolution. Doyle noted that recent precipitation has helped but that fire dangers remain.

Resolution 23-197: Appoint Brian Mittge to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva introduced Brian Mittge.

Resolution 23-198: Declare an emergency, dispense with normal bidding requirements and select a vendor to provide a replacement for the Intercom System at the Lewis County Jail as authorized under RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.280.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Josh said the Jail's intercom system suffered significant hardware failure beginning around June 1, leading to the temporary shutdown of a man control tower.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1346: Adopt the 2045 population and housing allocations.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Senior Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks gave the staff report.

Mindy said the cities' population estimates put the 2045 over the Office of Financial Management (OFM) high allocation and that the commissioners directed staff to stay within the OFM's range, prompting Centralia, Chehalis and Lewis County to take less than their OFM allocation predictions.

Mindy said the county and cities must demonstrate they are able to accommodate land needed for expanding populations.

Barbara Russell noted that grant funding for infrastructure often is tied to population predictions.

City of Chehalis Planning and Building Manager Tammy Baraconi discussed how the population allocations affect the city of Chehalis.

Mindy reviewed housing allocations detailed in the ordinance.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Brummer then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Mindy Brooks, Barbara Russell and Tammy Baraconi asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Brummer asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Ordinance 1346. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock condemned recent Neo-Nazi activities that took place during Pride events in Chehalis and Centralia.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Sean D. Swope, Chair

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner