

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 20, 2023

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Swope called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erin Volz discussed her group's recent effort to collect signatures in opposition of Senate Bill 5599. She said the group was not affiliated with the neo-Nazi group that harassed the neighboring Pride event, and she condemned Commissioner Pollock's statements to the contrary.

Mitchell Townsend decried statements made regarding the Republicans' signature-gathering efforts.

Beth Rohr likened statements made regarding the Republicans' signature-gathering efforts to those of the boy who cried wolf and decried Commissioner Pollock's statements regarding the event.

Greg Rohr urged Commissioner Pollock to apologize for her remarks.

Candy Warren said she feels Commissioner Pollock's remarks amount to malfeasance.

Chris Granger asked whether Commissioner Pollock is in favor of Senate Bill 5599. He said Commissioner Pollock was wrong to lump the Republicans' group with Nazis and others.

Bev Granger she'd like to donate her time to someone else.

Kim Jones Peterson decried Commissioner Pollock's comments regarding Republican leadership.

Carla Askew said she feels Commissioner Pollock's statements show she jumped to conclusions.

Brandon Svenson invited the commissioners to attend the next Republican meeting on July 3. He echoed other remarks about Commissioner Pollock's statements and suggested that she apologize for her remarks.

Rachel Anderson said the Republican signature-gathers never crossed paths with the neo-Nazis who showed up to protest local Pride events.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the June 13, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-199. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-199: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 870,908 through 870,980 and 871,010 through 871,176 as well as direct disbursements numbered 11643 through 11649 and 11653 through 11654 issued the week of June 9-15, 2023, were approved for payments against the county totaling \$3,137,156.89. She said payroll warrant number 796,014 and Automatic Deposits numbered 55,092 through 55,680 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,284,918.41. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 870,981 through 871,009, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-193 as well as Resolutions 23-200 through 23-202. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-193: Approve Contract #V02-0195-23 between the Veterans Memorial Museum and Lewis County.

Veterans Benefit Specialist Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the \$66,880 contract will allow for the county to have a second Veterans Services Officer.

Resolution 23-200: Establish a flag policy.

HR / Risk Director Amber Smith discussed the resolution. She said the flag policy applies to flags flown publicly internally and externally.

Resolution 23-201: Approval of a Thirteenth Supplement Agreement between SBGH Partners, LLC and Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. She said the amendment provides additional funding to cover the cost.

Resolution 23-202: Approve a reimbursement agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts for extraordinary costs in responding to State v. Blake on the state's behalf.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution establishes a process by which the county can receive reimbursements for its work in response to the Blake decision.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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