

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 27, 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

Patty Howard discussed Gather Church's role regarding the Recovery Navigator program. She said the commissioners invited individuals to speak against Gather Church's work but limited the time for any rebuttals.

Brooke Reder discussed the purpose of the Recovery Navigator program.

Troy Westergard discussed the parameters in which the Recovery Navigator is required to operate.

Daylen Gonzales discussed Gather Church's trauma-informed, harm-reduction approach to the Recovery Navigator program.

Todd Morris discussed Gather Church's Recovery Navigator program work. He said the group is a mobile team that travels to meet its client's needs. Todd provided data about Gather's outreach attempts and engagements.

Graziela Gonzales discussed the success of Gather Church's outreach attempts.

Derek Shaughnessy discussed the success of Gather Church's Recovery Navigator outreach. He said the group has helped individuals with complex trauma and dire life experiences.

Nate Judd discussed Gather Church's work alongside local law enforcement. He noted that law enforcement referrals abruptly stopped in March 2023.

Jillian Davis donated her time to Patty Howard.

Patty Howard read aloud a letter from Pastor Cole Meckle.

Jimmy White Jr. discussed his battle against addiction and the services and resources Gather Church provided to help him and his wife get clean and regain custody of their son.

Blake Hansen discussed his road to recovery and the help Gather Church provided.

Elisha Danielson discussed the family atmosphere Gather Church provides.

Bob Llyod asked whether former Police Chief Roger Morningstar serves Lewis County in any capacity. Commissioner Swope said he believe Morningstar serves on the Veterans Advisory Board. Bob said Morningstar has broken the public's trust.

Peter Lahmann discussed hiring initiatives through the Veterans apprenticeship programs. He also discussed the Digital Navigator Program, which provides veterans free phones and tablets. Peter also discussed the WorkEx internship program.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-203. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-203: Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. Proposals are due to Project Manager Mindy Brooks by 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 2023.

Senior Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the hearing will take place in August.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the June 20, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-204. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-204: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 871,255 through 871,376 and direct disbursements numbered 11397, 11416, 11423, 11444, 11454 through 11455, 11496, 11497, 11509 through 11538, 11540, 11545, 11552 through 11560, 11597, 11606 through 11610, 11634 through 11637 and 11711 through 11715 were issued the week of June 16-22, 2023, for payments against the county totaling \$1,498,129.31. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 871,177 through 871,254, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-205 through 23-212. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-205: Authorize a contract between Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) and Lewis County for costs of transportation planning work performed.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the contract provides \$50,000 for work performed by Public Works's Transportation Planner through June 20, 2025.

Resolution 23-206: Award contract for the Fairgrounds Park Water System Rehabilitation Project.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the county received one response to its request for qualifications for the Fairgrounds Park Water System. Doug said the resolution awards the \$126,605 contract to TerraVista.

Resolution 23-207: Authorize additional funds to the Parks & Recreation Department Revolving Account for starting cash change for events.

Parks & Recreation Administrator BJ Kuykendall discussed the resolution. BJ said the resolution provides petty cash for Parks & Recreation events.

Resolution 23-208: Funds Transfer to Parks and Recreation Department revolving working account.

Parks & Recreation Administrator BJ Kuykendall discussed the resolution. BJ said the resolution provides \$25,000 in petty cash for the Southwest Washington Fair and Garlic Fest.

Resolution 23-209: Approve SECO Coordinator Professional Development (CPD) Contract No. E24-027.

911 Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the resolution approves up to \$40,200 to cover professional development expenses.

Resolution 23-210: List the proposals received and contractor selected for the VHF Radio Engineering Study ARPA project.

911 Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the county received seven proposals in response to its request for proposals for its VHF radio engineering study and that the resolution would approve a \$43,469 contract with Televate using ARPA funds.

Resolution 23-211: Approve Director of Community Development to enter into an agreement with Washington State Conservation Commission for the purpose of funding to the County for the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the resolution approves an agreement with the state Conservation Commissioner for funding for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Resolution 23-212: Approve Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Lewis Conservation District and Lewis County for technical assistance to the County to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the ILA allows the county to use the Lewis Conservation District's technical assistance to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Vacation 23-001 (Washington): The vacation of undeveloped Washington Street right of way.

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Public Works Right of Way Agent II Kimberly Edminster gave the staff report.

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

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

Kimberly asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Swope asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke.

Commissioner Swope closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Vacation 23-001. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Vacation 23-002 (Haynes ROW): The vacation of undeveloped right of way between Haynes Avenue North and Cowlitz Avenue North in Packwood.

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Commissioner Swope closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Vacation 23-002. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brummer noted that the Great Rivers Behavioral Health's governing board makes decisions regarding the Recovery Navigator program.

The commissioners invited the public to various July 4 events planned locally.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

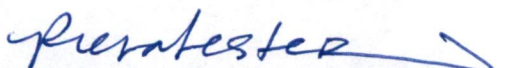
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:46 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

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