

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 18, 2023

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

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

Salvation Army Captain Gin Peck invited the commissioners and the public to two showings of "Miles of Kindness," a documentary filmed by a Lewis County native. Captain Peck said the movie will be aired at 1 and 5 p.m. July 23 at McFilers.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Johanna Kovarik introduced herself and provided updates about the Gifford Pinchot.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 11, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-220. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 23-220: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 871,881 through 871,968 and 871,972 through 872,300 and direct disbursements 11639 through 11642, 11650 through 11652, 11655 through 11660, 11664, 11680 through 11682, 11685, 11702, 11703, 11716, 11744, 11758 through 11761, 11769, 11762 through 11768 and 11772 were in July for payments against the county totaling \$3,159,780.18. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,020 through 796,023 and Automatic Deposits numbered 56,276 through 56,874 were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,290,777.20. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 871,847 through 871,800 and 871,969 through 871,971, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-221 through 23-226. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 23-221: Authorize the Facilities Administrator to execute a five-year lease agreement with Quadient for a new federally compliant mail service machine.

Facilities Administrator Alex Murray discussed the resolution. Alex said the agreement allows the county to lease a mail-sorting machine for five years.

Resolution 23-222: Approve Agreement #2363-48919 between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Lewis County.

Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the resolution. Sara said the agreement provides \$1,295,409 in funding for developmental disabilities services.

Resolution 23-223: Appoint Gregory Lassila as a regular member of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Veterans Benefit Specialist Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution and outlined Gregory Lassila's service history. Heidi noted that the board has three vacancies remaining.

Resolution 23-224: Elect to receive Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Funding and Allocation of Title II and Title III Funds for the Federal fiscal year 2023 for 2024 payments.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution sets the 2023 allocations for 2024 payments as follows:

- 85 percent to Title I.
- 15 percent to Title II.
- 0 percent for Title III projects.

Resolution 23-225: Update procedures for Distressed Counties Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution updates the policies and procedures for the .09 committee and includes updates regarding population thresholds and board membership.

Resolution 23-226: Preliminary approval of the Rich Masters Subdivision located within the Centralia Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the City of Centralia provided its preliminary approval May 9, 2023. Lee noted that the preliminary plat includes conditions of approval regarding the septic, requiring the applicant to submit to Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Environmental Health Division soil evaluations with a per-lot minimum of two test holes.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammy Martin said Col. Ron Averill invited the commissioners and public to the upcoming Farm Bureau picnic.

PRESS CONFERENCE

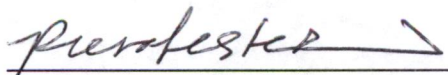
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

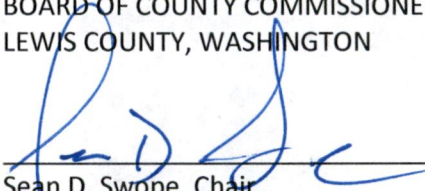
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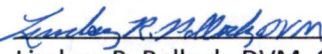
ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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