

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 1, 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

Debbie Aust urged the county to consider impact fees to alleviate tax burdens on property owners who are shouldering the costs for fire and police response, including the costs for travelers who use those services within Lewis County.

Tim Potter echoed Debbie Aust's request to establish impact fees to hold developers accountable for the extra infrastructure needed to accommodate local growth.

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 25, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-238. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 238: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing said warrants 872,645 through 872,881 and direct disbursements 11830 through 11834 were issued in July for payments against the county totaling \$2,418,710.07. He said payroll/tax deposit warrants 796,024 through 796,026 and Automatic Deposits 56,875 through 57,480 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,303,244.45. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 872,640 through 872,644, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-239 through 23-246. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-239: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and the City of Centralia regarding work by county crews and authorize signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the agreement is for chipseal work the county will perform for the city. He said the contract will total \$152,308.31, which includes administrative fees to be paid to the county.

Resolution 23-240: Approve a Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) on behalf of the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) and Lewis County for the MF Newaukum Tributary-Kruger Fish Passage Construction project in the amount of \$1,067,870.00.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Public Works has been awarded grant funding administered through the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the culvert project.

Resolution 23-241: Approve Contract #E03-0199-23 between Equity Institute and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides funding for Equity Institute to help mitigate potential evictions by paying rents/utilities direct to landlords or utility agencies for eligible households.

Resolution 23-242: Approve Contract #H02-0198-23 between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution provides case management and rapid rehousing services to those who are literally or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Resolution 23-243: Approve Contract #H02-0197-23 between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides up to 48 Emergency Shelter beds, along with supportive services, to community members who are homeless at imminent risk of homelessness.

Resolution 23-244: Approve Contract #R01-0200-23 between Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides case management services to individuals residing in Reliable Enterprises properties.

Resolution 23-245: Approve Contract #H04-0201-23 between Hope Alliance and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen and Community Outreach Worker Senior Justia Madrigal discussed the resolution. Meja said the funds allow for housing for those who are fleeing domestic or sexual violence.

Resolution 23-246: Appoint Ryan Barrett as County Manager.

Human Resources Deputy Director Daleyn Coleman discussed the resolution. Daleyn said the resolution approves a contract with Ryan Barrett to serve as County Manager effective Aug. 28.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jenn Libby-Jones provided potential appointees for the pro and con committees for the 911 Sales Tax ballot proposal: Eric Sonnenberg (pro) and Bill Serrahn (con).

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the pro and con committees for the 911 Sales Tax ballot measure:

- Pro: Eric Sonnenberg
- Con: Bill Serrahn

Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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