

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 8, 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.

LITTLE MISS FRIENDLY

The 2023-24 Little Miss Friendly finalists (and the retiring 2022-23 Little Miss Friendly Emma Britton) introduced themselves and then gathered for photos with the commissioners. The finalists included:

- 10-year-old Clara Hansen of Centralia.
- 9-year-old Emma Elder of Chehalis.
- 10-year-old Riot Anderson of Chehalis.
- 10-year-old Aria Hoffman of Centralia.
- 8-year-old Kimber Serl of Chehalis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rieva Lester noted that Neil Stewart, Scott Crossfield and Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment.

Frank Corbin discussed his concerns about the Lewis County Seniors' group's recent stance to disallow prayer at the Lewis County senior centers.

Commissioner Swope said Debbie Aust had donated her time to Frank Corbin.

Frank Corbin further shared his concerns regarding censorship at the senior centers.

Elizabeth Rohr discussed concerns about the sexualization of children and the placement of LGBTQ books in local libraries. Elizabeth shared LGBTQ books she found at local libraries.

Scott Crossfield of Toledo discussed his concern regarding the L Rock Industries mining operation on Mandy Road.

Candy Warren urged the commissioners to ask Carol Brock why she published the article in Senior Dynamic that stated prayer and political discussion would not be allowed.

Willie Merryman said volunteers at the Winlock Senior Center requested a background check and information about her work history as prerequisites to allowing her to continue volunteer.

Ray Chapman-Wilson discussed Gather Church's successful efforts to help homeless individuals with housing and other needs. He expressed concerns with the county's move to Hope Source, which is located in Kittitas County.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-247. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-247: Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) services for Lewis County. Proposals are due through the new Open Gov procurement portal (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) by 4 p.m. Aug. 23.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said qualified organization to provide the county with Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) services.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 23-248. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-248: Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1347, which would repeal and replace Chapter 8.60 to prohibit unauthorized camping and parking on county property and make a violation thereof a misdemeanor. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 22.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the hearing would take place at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 22.

Commissioner Pollock expressed concerns that the ordinance as proposed would encroach individuals' property rights.

Commissioner Swope said the Sheriff's Office will not encroach on individuals' property rights.

Motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Swope and Commissioner Brummer voting in favor and Commissioner Pollock opposed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the August 1, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-249. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-249: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing said warrants 872,896 through 873,154 were issued in July and August for payments against the county totaling \$1,982,686.04. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 872,882 through 872,895, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-250 through 23-262. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-250: Authorize the Director of Information Technology Services to execute a purchase order with Legal Atoms through sole source procurement in order to meet the requirements of House Bill 1320.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt noted that using a multi-year contract provided cost savings for the county.

Resolution 23-251: Approve Interagency Agreement No. K4611 between the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board for the treatment of knotweed in the Chehalis and Cowlitz River basins.

Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Charles Edmonson discussed the resolution. Charles said the agreement provides funding to Lewis County Noxious Weed Control (LCNWCB) for treatment and progressive management of the complex of invasive knotweed species on the Cowlitz and Chehalis Rivers and their tributaries.

Resolution 23-252: Approve Agreement No. WQAIP-2024-LeCoNW-00068 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the eradication of *Egeria densa* at Plummer Lake in Centralia.

Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Charles Edmonson discussed the resolution. Charles said experts believe recent technological advances will prove successful.

Resolution 23-253: List the bids received and contractor selected for the South Lewis County Airport - Phase 1 Improvements, New Above Ground Avgas (100LL) Fueling System.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the lowest responsive bidder was Mascott Equipment, which offered a bid of \$242,277.34. Josh noted one other bid was deemed nonresponsive.

Resolution 23-254: Approve a Task Assignment pursuant to Interlocal Agreement No. 05-200 between Lewis County and Tacoma Power regarding work by county crews and authorize signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county will provide chipseal work for Tacoma Power. He said the \$75,534.20 contract includes \$3,596.87 in administrative fees for the county.

Resolution 23-255: Approve a supplemental agreement for Design and Engineering for Water Crossing Structures (DEWCS2023) with HDR Engineering.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the agreement increases funding to \$400,000 to cover work on Evans Road and Spencer Road.

Resolution 23-256: Approve Interagency Agreement between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the resolution provides base funding totaling \$224,000 for the biennium.

Resolution 23-257: Approval of a Fourteenth Supplement Agreement between SBGH Partners, LLC and Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the agreement covers work Scott Boetcher does in support of the Flood Authority.

Resolution 23-258: Acknowledge that the amended Flood Insurance Study for Lewis County and accompanying revised federal insurance rate maps for the Nisqually River Basin, have been completed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and go into effect on August 15, 2023.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the resolution acknowledges the amendment of the federal insurance rate maps for the Nisqually River Basin.

Resolution 23-259: Approve Contract #R01-0191-23 between Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the resolution. Sara said the contract provides funding for Reliable Enterprises to provide Child Development Services, community outreach, recreation, and health and fitness education for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Resolution 23-260: Approve Contract #M01-0189-23 between Morningside and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the resolution. Sara said the agreement provides funding for Individual Supported Employment, Community Inclusion and Job Foundation services to eligible persons who reside in Lewis County.

Resolution 23-261: Approve Contract #K6952 between the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides funding for parent education, youth mentoring programs, special prevention events and marketing.

Resolution 23-262: Appoint David Hilligoss as an alternate member of the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints David Hilligoss to fill an “alternate” vacancy created by Wallace Rosa’s move to a regular position.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The commissioners invited staff and the public to attend the fair beginning Aug. 15.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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