

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 15, 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 discussed concerns regarding the Lewis County Seniors group. Debbie said the Seniors board has five openings but that President Carol Brock indicated new applicants would not be accepted until the group revised its bylaws.

Christie Easter of Toledo expressed concerns regarding the Lewis County Seniors group's transparency and its recent restrictions on free speech.

Tim Potter of Chehalis addressed concerns regarding a lack of impact fees and a lack of proactive work regarding junk RVs.

Peter Lahmann of Centralia discussed Veterans of Foreign Wars hiring assistance available. Peter also invited the public to the Labor Day picnic on Sept. 4.

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

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-263. Commissioner Brummer seconded.*

**Resolution 23-263:** Notice of hearing of an Order of Establishment of a newly constructed road (Ghosn Lane). The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Sept. 5, 2023.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the notice is regarding the establishment of a new road, Ghosn Lane.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the August 8, 2023 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-264. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 264:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 873,164 through 873,587 and direct disbursements 11659, 11665, 11717, 11745, 11757, 11770 through 11774, 11791 through 11802, 11810 through 11814, 11856 through 11859, 11867, and 11873 through 11886 were issued in August for payments against the county totaling \$1,343,142. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants 796,027 through 796,029 and Automatic Deposits 57,481 through 58,080 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,287,836. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 873,155 through 873,163, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### DELIBERATION ITEM

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-265. Commissioner Brummer seconded.*

**Resolution 23-265:** Approve Contract #T01-180-22 Amendment A between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract covers Coordinated Entry services from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. She said the agreement increases funding by \$50,000.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lewis County Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford discussed a total fire ban implemented the previous day.

#### 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 22, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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