

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 5, 2023

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Absent: Commissioner Swope

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

Peter Lahmann invited the commissioners and the public to upcoming events, including a Veterans Stand Down from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 23, a Flying Saucer event Sept. 22-23 and a patriotic tribute at the Borst home on Sept. 16.

Ray Chapman Wilson praised the Lewis County Accessible Recreation program, which connects adults with special needs through weekly gatherings. Ray also expressed concerns with an Aug. 16 article in which Commissioner Swope made statements about jailing individuals who are staying in or setting up homeless encampments.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-274 through 23-277. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-274: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise renewal to McDaniel Telephone Company to construct, operate and maintain telecommunications infrastructure in Lewis County road rights-of-way. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Sept. 26, 2023.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes discussed the resolution. Shawn said the hearing for the franchise renewal for McDaniel Telephone, also known as TDS, will take place Sept. 26.

Resolution 23-275: Approve a call for bids for two new truck chassis. Bids must be submitted in OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) by 12:30 p.m. Sept. 28, 2023.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said bids will be submitted online and are due Sept. 28.

Resolution 23-276: Approving a call for bids for two new folding Gooseneck (non-detachable lowboy) trailers. Bids must be submitted in OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) by 12:30 p.m. Sept. 28, 2023.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said bids will be submitted online and are due Sept. 28. Josh said one of the lowboys is from the 1970s and the other is from the 1980s.

Resolution 23-277: Reissue a request for proposals (RFP) for the periodic update of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. Proposals must be submitted in OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) by 3 p.m. Oct. 5, 2023.

Senior Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the commissioners approved sending the RFP the previous week but that since there was no Business Meeting Aug. 29, the resolution for the proposal was taking place at the Sept. 5 Business Meeting.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the August 22, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-278. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-278: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 873,929, 873,931 through 874,178, and 874,192 through 874,357 and direct disbursements numbered 11940 through 11944 were issued in August for payments against the county totaling \$3,498,461. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,030 through 796,067 and Automatic Deposits 58,081 through 58,735 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,292,097.13. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 873,910 through 873,928, 873,930, 874,179 through 874,191, and 874,358 through 874,360, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock noted that Resolution 23-280 was being held. She made a motion to approve Resolution 23-279 and Resolutions 23-281 through 23-288 (later amended to exclude Resolution 23-286). Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-279: Approve Interlocal Agreements between Lewis County and the City of Chehalis Fire, City of Chehalis Police, Riverside Fire Authority and Lewis County Fire Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 11 and 14 for support of radio communications equipment and systems.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the interlocal agreements are related to support of radio communications equipment and systems.

Resolution 23-281: Accept a bid on tax title property off Morris Road, White Pass.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes discussed the resolution. Shawn said a neighboring property owner has made an offer on property along Morris Road in White Pass. He said the resolution would accept the offer subject to conditions of providing neighboring landowners the opportunity to compete for purchase by offer of more favorable price on the terms negotiated.

Resolution 23-282: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County 2023 Snow Sand Proposal.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received bids from three companies and that Good Crushing provided the lowest bid for materials at \$174,097.00, including tax. He noted that hauling costs will be incurred by the county and are calculated to determine the lowest overall cost alternative separate from the bid proposals.

Resolution 23-283: Appoint Edward Smith and William Cavinder as regular members of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Public Health and Social Services Community Outreach Worker - Veterans Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. Heidi said the resolution appoints the two individuals to the Veterans Advisory Board.

Resolution 23-284: Approve Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Contract #20-4613C-116 Amendment D between the Washington State Department of Commerce Housing Division, Homelessness Assistance Unit (HAU) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution provides the county funding for the night-by-night shelter.

Resolution 23-285: Approve Contract #T01-0205-23 between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution provides county funding for The Salvation Army to use to operate the night-by-night shelter.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen said the contract for Resolution 23-286 (Approve Contract #H02-0203-23 between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County) was not ready and that the resolution would have to be held.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to remove proposed Resolution 23-286 from the list of deliberation items being considered for approval. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution 23-287: Approve Contract #C07-0186-23 between Compass Career Solutions and Lewis County.

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

Resolution 23-288: Approve Contract #SWMLSWFA-2023-LCPHSS-00161 between The State of Washington, Department of Ecology and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution provides Department of Ecology funding for Lewis County's solid waste enforcement and permitting activities work.

The motion as amended (to approve Resolution 23-279, Resolutions 23-281 through 23-285 and Resolutions 23-287 and 23-288) passed 2-0.

HEARING

Resolution 23-289: Establish a new County Road (Ghosn Lane) off Baker Drive.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. A member of the public mistakenly asked a question regarding another matter.

Commissioner Brummer closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Shawn asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-289. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.


ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.



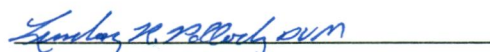
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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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