

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 12, 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

Lisa Striedinger discussed proposed Resolution 23-286, which would approve a contract with the Housing Resource Center (HRC). Lisa said she feels HRC does not provide trauma-informed care.

Julie Balmelli Powe encouraged the county to take a stance against mask mandates and vaccine mandates.

Christine Easter encouraged the county to take a stance against mask mandates, vaccine mandates and social distancing.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Dale Merten provided an update on ToledoTel and Lewis County's private-public broadband project. He said groundbreaking for Phases 1-3 is expected to take place within 30 days.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-290. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-290: Notice of a public hearing for Ordinance 1348, which would amend the Lewis County Code related to RV parks and campgrounds. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 3, 2023.

Senior Long-Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the proposed ordinance will address parks and campgrounds only, not unauthorized camping.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the September 5, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-291. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-291: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 874,388 through 874,585 were issued the week of Sept. 1 for payments against the county totaling \$1,031,689. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 874,361 through 874,387, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-280 and 23-286 and as well as Resolutions 23-292 through 23-296. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-280: Approve a contract amendment with Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker LLC for Grant Management Compliance and Consulting Services.

Budget Services Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky reviewed the services Berry Dunn provides to help with contract management.

Resolution 23-286: Approve Contract #H02-0203-23 between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract totals \$243,507 and runs through Sept. 30, 2023.

Resolution 23-292: Approving a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Berwick Creek at Logan Hill Fish Passage Project (MP 0.103), CMP-1805, and the Scammon Creek at Graf Fish Passage Project (MP 1.34), CMP-1902.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the two projects, which total \$2,378,000, are federally funded and require a local agency agreement.

Resolution 23-293: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Jackson Highway South MP 0.639.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the project requires additional right of way from two property owners.

Resolution 23-294: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Bishop Road MP 2.839.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the project requires temporary and permanent right of way affecting two property owners.

Resolution 23-295: The proposed acquisition of temporary easements for Bunker Creek Road at MP 2.681.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the project requires temporary right of way from three property owners.

Resolution 23-296: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Lucas Creek Road at MP 4.24 and 4.39.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the culvert replacement project requires temporary and permanent right of way affecting Weyerhaeuser.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 23-297: Approve a license to Mox Networks, LLC for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report. Shawn said the non-exclusive license is for property along Little Hanaford Road.

Rieva Lester note that Resolution 23-267, which established the notice for the hearing, referenced RCW 36.55, which relates to franchises. She said the proposed agreement with Mox is for a license, not a franchise, and therefore did not require the notice to be posted in three locations.

Commissioner Swope asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Swope then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Shawn and Rieva asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Swope asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

Commissioner Swope closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 23-297. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock discussed the statewide mask mandates, which she said reflected a weaponization of L and I and the state health department.

Mindy Brooks said she does not expect any quasi-judicial matters to come before the BOCC in 2023 but that she expects quasi-judicial matters for urban growth areas (UGAs) in 2024. She doesn't know of any rezones for 2024.

PRESS CONFERENCE

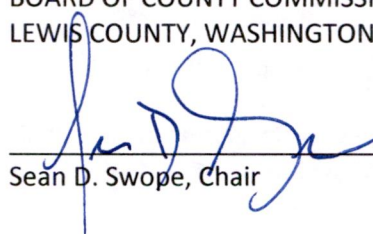
Chronicle reporter Mitchell Roland asked if the county had received any comments from the state or federal government regarding future mask mandates. Commissioner swope said the county is taking pre-emptive actions on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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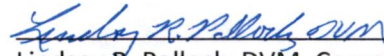
ATTEST:



Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Commissioner

