

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 26, 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

Tim Potter said the county needs to impose impact fees to offset local growth as well as homelessness. Tim said the developers and businesses should be paying their fair share.

WINLOCK BROADBAND PROJECT

Aaron Nelson of ToledoTel provided an update on the Winlock Broadband project. Aaron said the project's groundbreaking will take place Oct. 13.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE BREWFEST

Chris Judd of United Way invited the public to the United Way's brewfest fundraiser Oct. 7, which will raise funds to battle poverty.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The commissioners honored Lewis County employees who had reached five-year employment milestones, including:

- **Five years:** Cindy Lampert and Kallan Kersavage of Solid Waste, Isaac Freeman and Camren Prater of IT Services, Sophia Limacher of Superior Court, Andrew J. Yocom of the Sheriff's Office, Scott Hamilton of the Assessor's Office, Tammi Amman of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Sara Palm-Sons of Public Health and Social Services (PHSS).
- **10 years:** Tim Fife of Public Works, Paula Willey of Superior Court, and Paul Masiello and Tiffini Walker of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
- **15 years:** Brett Graham and Tyrone Musselman of Solid Waste, Nichole Davis of Juvenile, Lisa Delio of Public Works, Smokey Padgett of PHSS, Johna Martin of the Prosecuting Attorney's

Office, Jeremy Mannikko of IT Services, Angela Cothorn of the Guardian Ad Litem program, and Curtis L. Lamping and David L. Harper of the Sheriff's Office.

- **20 years:** Dirk Haney of IT Services, Lyle Metzenberg of Public Works, Vickie Thormahlen of PHSS.
- **25 years:** Dustin Breen of the Sheriff's Office.
- **30 years:** Sherri Guenther of the Sheriff's Office.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the September 19, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-305. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-305: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing said warrants 874,935 through 874,983 and 875,037 through 875,225 (238 warrants) were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$1,431,864.84. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 874,984 through 875,036, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-306 through 23-111. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-306: Modify Lewis County burn restrictions to allow recreational fires and solid fuel BBQ use in all lands regulated by Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the resolution eases countywide burn restrictions.

Resolution 23-307: Approve Contract #TSA-ESG-CV Amendment F between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution adds funds totaling \$111,459.82 to Shelter Operations, moves \$86,750.18 from "Outreach" to "Shelter Operations" and adds \$11,145.98 to "Admin," moves that will allow the county to operate the night-by-night shelter using state funding.

Resolution 23-308: Approve interlocal agreements between Lewis County and the City of Winlock and the City of Toledo for support of radio communications equipment and systems.

911 Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the resolution approves agreements with Winlock and Toledo for radio communications.

Resolution 23-309: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said a number of vehicles have been found to have outlived their usefulness. Josh said two sedans will go to the Morton Police Department.

Resolution 23-310: List the bids received and contractor selected for the IT Emergency Generator.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the county received three bids for the project and that the apparent low bidder was Elite Electrical Contracting, which submitted a bid of \$88,000.

Resolution 23-311: List the bids received and issue a Notice of Award for the IT Building Structural Upgrade Project, Project 31-2106-STRUC1.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the project will provide support for equipment on the roof. Doug said the Tundra Construction LLC was the low bidder at \$48,000.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 23-312: Approve a franchise renewal to McDaniel Telephone Company for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report. Shawn said the non-exclusive, five-year franchise is for telecommunication facilities.

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 asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Swope closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-312. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted that the anniversary of Commissioner Stamper's passing is Sept. 30.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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