

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 3, 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

Ray Chapman-Wilson of Centralia discussed the demonstrable

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-314. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-314: Notice of a public hearing for Ordinance 1349, which would prohibit interference with a firefighter or emergency responder and make a violation thereof a gross misdemeanor. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 17, 2023.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution will provide protections for firefighters and other emergency service providers.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the September 26, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-315. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-315: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 875,249 through 875,463 and direct disbursements numbered 12035 through 12039 were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$1,570,124.12. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,105 through 796,110 and Automatic Deposits numbered 59,383 through 59,980 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,268,364.04. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 875,226 through 875,248, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-316 through 23-318. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-316: Initiate county road construction projects and assign County Road Project (CRP) numbers.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution establishes County Road Project (CRP) numbers that authorize the preliminary engineering, right of way purchase and construction of projects as part of the 2023 Annual Construction Program (ACP) and 2023-2028 6-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Resolution 23-317: Approve \$300,000 grant to Town of Pe Ell for its Lester Creek Personnel Access Walkway and Chehalis River Intake project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution provides Distressed Counties / .09 grant funding totaling \$300,000 to the Town of Pe Ell to allow the town to create access to its Chehalis River Intake area.

Resolution 23-318: Approve a Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition Grant to reimburse the purchase of 1258 SE Washington Ave., Chehalis.

Housing and Infrastructure Specialist Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. Eric said the resolution allows Lewis County to receive a Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition grant that will reimburse the county \$467,235 for its purchase of 1258 SE Washington Ave. in Chehalis.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 23-319: Adopt the amended 2023-2028 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2023 Annual Construction Program (ACP).

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf gave the staff report. Josh said the resolution approves an amendment that reflects a recent federal funding award of \$2,200,000 for the 2023 County Safety Program and updates information and funding sources for the TIP and ACP projects.

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

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

Josh 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 Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 23-319. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 1348: Amend Chapters 15.30 (Mobile Home Parks), 16.04 (Definitions), 17.10 (Definitions), 17.30 (Accessory Uses) and 17.42 (Zoning Summary), repeal Chapter 16.14 (Recreational Vehicle Park Divisions), and adopt Chapter 17.144 (Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds) of the Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Swope introduced the hearing.

Assistant Planner Preston Pinkston gave the staff report. Preston said the notice of hearing was published Sept. 14 and that materials related to the ordinance have been posted online since that time. Preston said the approval will change the process for applying for RV parks and campgrounds.

Preston said the following will not change:

- Where RV parks and campgrounds are allowed.
- The minimum lot size required.
- The minimum campsite size.
- The density of campsites when RVs are allowed.
- Septic, water and solid waste requirements.

Preston said the following will change:

- The review process.
- Cabins and yurts.

- Tent-only campgrounds.
- Rules regarding cabins/yurts.
- Length of stay (210 days).
- Caretaker accommodations.
- Accessory uses.
- Screening and buffering.

Kirsten Wecker and Jeff Landrum discussed Public Health and Social Services requirements.

Commissioner Swope asked if there were any questions. No one chose to speak.

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

Preston, Kirsten and Jeff asked that their 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 Ordinance 1348. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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