

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 24, 2023

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Swope called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Jones shared concerns about election fraud and the PUD's Meter Refresh program.

Ray Chapman-Wilson expressed concerns regarding false narratives regarding pornography, library books and child-sex abuse.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-341. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-341: Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2024 Annual Construction Program (ACP) and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2024-2029. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 21, 2023.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the hearing will meet RCW and WAC requirements regarding the ACP and TIP.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the October 17, 2023, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 23-342. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 23-342: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 876,261 through 876,446 were issued in October for payments against the county totaling \$1,042,564.21. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 876,210 through 876,260 and 876,447 through 876,454, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Rieva Lester noted that Resolution 23-345 had inadvertently been included on the agenda. Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 23-343 through 23-344. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 23-343: Approve Contract #K7096 between the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Deputy Director John Abplanalp discussed the resolution. John said Lewis County contracts with the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) to administer Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funds to provide treatment and recovery support services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system. He said the contract provides funding totaling up to \$256,330.

Resolution 23-344: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said the list of surplus personal property includes phones and other computer equipment.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEW BUSINESS

Ceres Hill Road / Humpback Bridge: Commissioner Pollock said the county did not receive funding for Ceres Hill Road Humpback Bridge repairs. She asked that staff make the project a priority. Josh Metcalf said staff is working to secure funding.

Letter of support regarding grant for formula funds for Climate Resiliency Element / Comp Plan: Mindy Brooks discussed the letter of support. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter.

Rieva Lester noted that there would be no Business Meetings on Oct. 31 and Nov. 14.

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, November 7, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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