

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

December 5, 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**

Rieva Lester noted that Rose Spogen had submitted written public comment.

**DRUG COURT GRADUATIONS**

Judge Toynbee presided over a graduation ceremony for Drug Court graduates Blake Hansen and Daniel "DJ" Miller.

At 11:07 a.m., Commissioner Swope recessed the meeting until 11:17 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

Erika Katt and Ross McDowell provided an update on the atmospheric river weather events causing minor to moderate flooding in the area. Ross said flood warnings have been issued for the Newaukum and Cowlitz rivers. Ross said it's likely Highway 12 will be closed, and that a potential closure would include a detour on Silverbrook Road.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 23-380. Commissioner Brummer seconded.*

**Resolution 23-380:** Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide annual hydrologic, hydraulic, and geomorphic services for projects including Rural Arterial Program (RAP) funded projects, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded projects, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded projects, and Lewis County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects.

**Resolution 23-384:** Approve a personal services agreement between Lewis County and Robert K. Weidner.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said resolution approves a contract with lobbyist Robert Weidner, who works on Secure Rural Schools funding on behalf of Lewis County. She said the 2024 contract totals \$17,500.

**Resolution 23-385:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Centralia Alpha Road Improvements, 10-2084, STPR-H210(008).

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received seven bids and that the resolution awards the contract to Active Construction Inc. of Tacoma, which was the low bidder at \$6,274,753.00.

**Resolution 23-386:** Authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Cowlitz County, Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1, and Lewis County for disposal of solid waste.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County, Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1 and Lewis County allows for the disposal of solid waste.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Lahmann invited the public to the Lighted Tractor Parade on Dec. 9 and a Christmas concert planned for 5 p.m. Dec. 17. He also asked for help regarding the museum roof.

Commissioner Swope invited the public to Juvenile's Christmas event on Dec. 7 and the Reliable Enterprises open house at 5 p.m. Dec. 6.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).