

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

February 27, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer 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 Kyle Wheeler had submitted written comment.

Stephanie VonMoos discussed concerns regarding mistreated horses she had been alerting county officials along the Newaukum River over the last two years.

Ray Chapman-Wilson urged the commissioners to improve their fiscal responsibility, citing costs associated with recent lawsuits. He discussed concerns regarding racial and sexual profiling and urged improved outreach / education about various matters.

LEWIS COUNTY TRANSIT

Lewis County Transit Director Joe Clark and Chief Financial Officer Rebecca Towner reviewed Lewis County Transit's expansion efforts, ridership, finances, operations, policy work and response.

COORDINATED ENTRY

Salvation Army Captains Steven and Gin Pack discussed The Salvation Army's Coordinated Entry program, which provides assistance and resources to the area's homeless population. Gin and her team noted that The Salvation Army hosts "resource fairs" from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at its shelter in Centralia.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 24-067. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-067: Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1354, which would add Chapter 8.80 Lewis County Code to regulate sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and make violations of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. March 19, 2024.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert Bradely discussed the resolution. He said the proposed ordinance has been updated to exclude retailers under RCW 70.115.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the February 20, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-068. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-068: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 881,543 through 881,590 were issued in February for payments against the county totaling \$190,219.35. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 881,447 through 881,542 and 881,591, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-069 through 24-071. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-069: Accept a bid on tax title property off of Elkhorn Drive, Packwood.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the unpaid taxes for the undevelopable parcel, parcel No. 009800390000, total \$1,717.31 and that an adjacent landowner has offered \$23,000 for the property.

Resolution 24-070: Ratify a professional services agreement between PPC Solutions and Lewis County for the 2024 Law and Justice Center Security Services.

Superior Court Administrator Susie Palmateer discussed the resolution. Susie said the resolution approves a contract for armed security personnel to guard the Law and Justice Center through December 2024.

Resolution 24-071: Appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the appointees will serve through the end of 2024.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

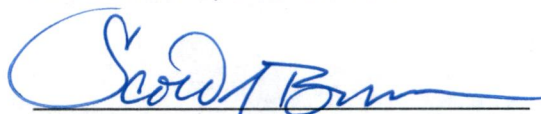
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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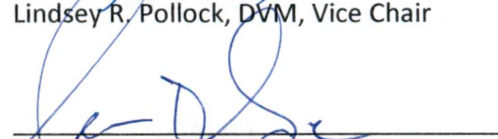
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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair


Sean D. Swope, Commissioner