

**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**March 5, 2024**

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Chapman-Wilson voiced opposition to a recently published commentary in which Commissioner Swope assailed Centralia College's plan to host a transgender woman as a speaker at its International Women's Day celebration.

Commissioner Swope responded, noting that inviting someone born a biological man to speak at an event designed to celebrate women diminishes the struggles and achievements of biological women throughout history.

Debbie Aust said she agrees with the points Commissioner Swope brought up in the commentary.

**AGENDA CHANGE**

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to amend the day's Business Meeting agenda to include Resolution 24-074 to appoint Roger Moore to the Lewis County Planning Commission. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 5, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-072. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 24-072:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 881,602 through 881,961 and direct disbursements numbered 12460, 12493, 12525 through 12528, 12557, 12519 through 12524, 12529 through 12532, 12547 through 12552, 12555, 12558, 12566, 12582, 12596, 12597, 12609 and 12737 through 12740 were issued the week of February 23-29, 2024, for payments

against the county totaling \$2,582,101.62. She said payroll / tax deposit warrants numbered 796,136 through 796,138 and automatic deposits 65,229 through 65,821 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,288,599.41. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 881,592 through 881,601, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

***Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-073 and 24-074. Commissioner Swope seconded.***

**Resolution 24-073:** Ratify contract AHHG2024 with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Inc. to provide annual hydrologic, hydraulic and geomorphic services.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution approves a contract of up to \$350,000 with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Inc. to provide annual hydrologic, hydraulic and geomorphic services.

**Resolution 24-074:** Appoint Roger Moore to the Lewis County Planning Commission.

**Community Development Director Lee Napier** discussed the resolution. Lee said the resolution appoints Roger Moore to an at-large position on the Lewis County Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term through Dec. 31, 2024.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Pollock thanked the neighbors and law enforcement who helped apprehend three individuals accused of vandalizing the Friendship Fence in Chehalis.

## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

No questions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).



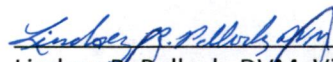
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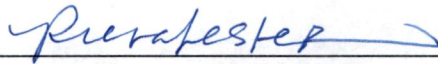


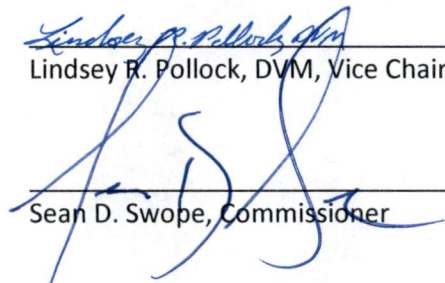
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