

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 9, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Absent: 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

Sherri Meyers aired concerns about the county-owned agate/rock pit site along North Fork Road.

MaryAnn Norris, Matt Stevens and Martin Roy all echoed concerns about the county-owned rock pit site, noting that the area is open to the public and that littering and vandalism – in addition to trespassing – have been commonplace problems.

Ray Chapman-Wilson discussed concerns regarding proposed Ordinance 1354 and the local fentanyl crisis. Ray said he feels Commissioner Swope's no-mask, no-vaccine, no Gather Church narrative is putting the county in jeopardy.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 24-104. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-104: The proposed vacation of an undeveloped right of way, being a continuation of Beryl Road in Randle. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. May 7.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution sets a hearing regarding a neighboring property owner's request to vacate the property.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the April 2, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-105. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-105: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 883,221 through 883,349 were approved in March and April for payments against the county totaling \$1,020,259.92.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-106 through 24-108. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-106: The proposed vacation of an undeveloped right of way, being a continuation of Cannon Road in Packwood.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution instructs the County Engineer to examine the right of way and evaluate the neighboring property owner's request for the vacation.

Resolution 24-107: Ratify signature for the East County Substation - Tenant improvements construction contract.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the county received eight bids for the project and that Paasche Construction of Roy, Wash., submitted the lowest responsive bid of \$110,030 plus tax.

Resolution 24-108: Approve an Agreement from the Washington State Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$103,435.00 for use in the calendar year 2024.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the agreement provides state funding totaling \$103,435 to offset the costs associated with providing indigent defense. She noted that the county's actual costs total roughly \$2 million.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board


Scott J. Brummer, Chair


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

 ABSENT
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner