

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 23, 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

Ray Chapman-Wilson discussed concerns regarding Ordinance 1354. He said the ordinance contains elements that are unconstitutional. He also questioned the timing of the Prosecuting Attorney's departure (Chronicle reporter Mitchell Roland later asked about it and Commissioner Brummer clarified that Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert Bradley had taken a job with the Attorney General's office).

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The commissioners recognized Lewis County employees who have reached five-year employment milestones.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-118 through 24-120. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-118: Notice of hearing to rescind Ordinance 1202. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. May 7, 2024.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the commissioners will consider rescinding Ordinance 1202, which was approved in 2008.

Resolution 24-119: Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for Security System Design and Installation for the new Community Development and Information Services building. Proposals are due electronically in OpenGov by 4:30 p.m. May 10, 2024.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said the county is seeking a vendor to design and install an appropriate security system including access control, cameras, and alarms in the new Lewis County Community Development and Information Services building.

Resolution 24-120: Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for Audio/Video Design and Installation for the new Community Development conference room. Proposals are due electronically in OpenGov by 4:30 p.m. May 10, 2024.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said the county is seeking a vendor to design and install an appropriate audio/video technology solution in the new Lewis County Community Development conference room.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the April 16, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-121. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-121: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 883,711 through 883,733 and 883,780 through 883,993, as well as direct disbursements 12858, 12900 through 12907 and 12909, were issued in April for payments against the county totaling \$2,395,679.45. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 883,700 through 883,710 and 883,734 through 883,779, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-122 through 24-126. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-122: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt noted that the list of items to be declared surplus includes 37 items the county is donating to Pe Ell School District.

Resolution 24-123: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said items being designated as surplus include a dump truck and a backhoe.

Resolution 24-124: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and the City of Centralia regarding work by county crews and authorize signatures thereon.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said county crews will perform chipseal work on the city's behalf.

Resolution 24-125: Approve Contract #V02-0215-24 between Lewis County Veterans Memorial Museum and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides funding so the Veterans Memorial Museum can offer Veterans Service Officers and Peer Support services.

Resolution 24-126: Temporarily reduce the adoption fees for adult dogs at the Lewis County Animal Shelter.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution reduces adoption fees to \$50 from April 30 to May 11.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted that Chehalis has hired Centralia Police Chief Stacy Denham as its City Manager.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Mitchell Roland asked about Ray Chapman-Wilson's comment regarding a Prosecuting Attorney's departure. Commissioner Brummer clarified that Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert Bradley left Lewis County because he accepted a job with the Attorney General's office.

Mitchell Roland asked for an update on the timeline for the night-by-night shelter. County Manager Ryan Barrett said the county is working with the city of Chehalis to secure the proper permits.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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