

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 4, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to amend the day's agenda to include an executive session discussion about the night-by-night shelter. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment.

Jim McCully invited the public to the June 19 Juneteenth celebration in Centralia.

Ray Chapman-Wilson discussed the need to pass legislation to make it mandatory for pastors and clergy to report child abuse.

RECOGNITION

The commissioners honored the 2023-24 Adna Fastpitch Team for its 2B State Championship and Adna Karsyn Freeman for her 2B State Title for discus.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the May 28, 2024 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-177. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-177: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 885,480 through 885,485 and 885,487 - 885,686 and direct disbursements numbered 13143 through 13148 and 13150 were issued in May for payments against the county totaling \$1,425,117. She said payroll warrant numbered 796,151 and automatic deposits numbered 68,793 through 69,389 also were approved for

payments totaling \$1,269,407.87. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 885,474 through 885,479 and 885,486, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-178 through 24-182. Commissioner Brummer seconded. (The commissioners later passed a motion to exclude Resolution 24-180 from consideration.)

Resolution 24-178: List the bids received and contractor selected for the decommissioning of underground storage tank and installation of above-ground storage tank.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received four bids for the project. He said the lowest apparent, complete bid was received from Peak Environmental \$414,402.60.

Resolution 24-179: Accept a bid on tax title property off of Silverbrook Road, Randle.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county has received an offer totaling \$1,449 for the property.

Resolution 24-180: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Vader Water System Improvements Project. Josh Metcalf said he would like to postpone approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to amend her earlier motion to exclude Resolution 24-180 from consideration. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution 24-181: Approve contract with Otak Inc. to provide engineering and environmental services for the Senn Road and Wildwood Road Bridge Scour projects.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county is looking to Otak Inc. to develop scour mitigation countermeasure plans for two federally funded scour critical bridge projects.

Resolution 24-182: Approve a Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Project Proposal between Lewis County and the County Road Administration Board for the Bunker Creek Road project - CRP 2209.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the project qualifies for \$405,072 in Rural Arterial Trust Account (RATA) funding through the Rural Arterial Program (RAP) in the amount of and requires a 10 percent (\$40,507) match requirement, making the project total \$445,579.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Vacation 24-002 (Cannon Road): The vacation of a portion of undeveloped Cannon Road in Packwood.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report. Shawn said a neighboring property owner has requested the county vacate a portion of Cannon Road in Packwood. Shawn said the section of roadway – measuring roughly 200 feet of right of way – has been found useless to the county's needs.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Brummer then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Shawn asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Brummer asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Vacation 24-002. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:40 a.m. to discuss the night-by-night shelter.

Executive session ended at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

In anticipation of cooperation with the city on permitting for the permanent night-by-night shelter, Commissioner Pollock made a motion to dismiss the county's lawsuit against Chehalis. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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