

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 11, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer (virtual), Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Chapman-Wilson paraphrased a letter to the editor regarding Centralia College's International Women's Day activities. He lamented Commissioner Swope's criticism of the trans woman who presented at the event.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS

The commissioners honored retiring Chehalis City Manager Jill Anderson and retiring Centralia City Manager Rob Hill for their many years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the June 4, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-183. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-183: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Auditor's Office Deputy Director Graham Gowing said warrants 885,702 through 885,873 and direct disbursements numbered 12696, 12935, 13008, 13036, 13039, 13061 through 13067, 13073 through 13082, 13085, 13105, 13112, 13114, 13115, 13124, 13126, 13138 through 13142, 13165, 13166, 13170 and 13176 were issued in May and June for payments against the County totaling \$664,486.38. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 885,687 through 885,701, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 24-180 and Resolutions 24-184 through 24-190. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-180: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Vader Water System Improvements Project.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received seven bids for the project. He said HCON Incorporated of Puyallup is the low apparent bidder. Josh noted that the Engineer's Estimate was \$2,965,551.05.

Resolution 24-184: Authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement between City of Centralia and Lewis County Public Works Department, Solid Waste division for a Residential Leaf Collection Program in the City of Centralia.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Department of Ecology funding will be used to cover costs of up to \$7,500 per year in 2023 and 2024 for the leaf-collection program.

Resolution 24-185: Authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement between City of Centralia and Lewis County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division for litter collection on exits 81 and 82.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Department of Ecology funding will be used to cover costs of up to \$18,124.92 in 2024 and up to \$9,335.70 in 2025 for the litter-collection program at exits 81 and 82.

Resolution 24-186: Reappoint Tom Rupert and appoint Ed Morlan to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said Tom Rupert will continue serving on the committee and that Ed Morlan will replace Eddie Lewis.

Resolution 24-187: Grant final plat approval, authorize the Chair of BOCC to sign the final plat drawing for the Subdivision of Douglas Lane Acres - application Number LP19-00001, and direct Community Development staff to record said final plat.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the application for the nine-lot Douglas Lane subdivision was submitted in 2019, prior to a change in county code, so the county is processing it under the steps that were in place at that time.

Resolution 24-188: Declaration of surplus personal property.

Facilities Administrator Alex Murray discussed the resolution. Alex said the county has identified a handful of items that are no longer of use and can be declared surplus.

Resolution 24-189: Appoint Amy Besunder and reappoint Gerry Monkman to the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) Board of Directors.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said Amy Besunder will fill the remainder of Blake Griffith's term, which expires April 1, 2025, and that Gerry Monkman will serve and an additional three-year term through April 1, 2027.

Resolution 24-190: Accept a tax title bid on Mountain View Cemetery.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution allows the county to close escrow for the sale of the cemetery.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted that the courthouse will be closed June 19 in observation of Juneteenth.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

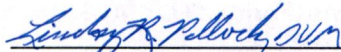
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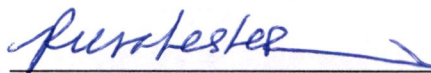


Scott J. Brummer, Chair

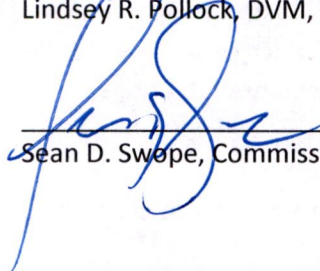


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner