

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**June 18, 2024**

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony Mixer from Chehalis, representing Citizens for Lewis County 911 proposed 2/10ths sales and use tax increase to fund 911 services. Anthony asked that this measure be placed on the November ballot.

Elizabeth Cameron Vice President of Citizens for Lewis County 911 spoke in favor of the sales and use tax increase to provide 911 emergency services. Elizabeth asked for the ballot measure to be placed on the November election.

Frank Corbin from Chehalis wanted to speak as a recipient of services from Fire District 5. Frank was grateful for their service and the service of the 911 operators. Frank said he supports the proposed sales tax increase to support 911 services.

Ray Chapman Wilson from Centralia congratulated his son for graduating high school with the class of 2024. Ray also said the Moms for Liberty are cover for sexual abuse. Ray asked to redouble efforts of the clergy and pastors to join the first responders to report sexual abuse.

Ally Pickard spoke to the Board to request more public access to all BOCC meetings. Ally would like more transparency.

Chris Brewer from Centralia representing Lewis County Community Trails spoke to the group on behalf of Ride the Willapa announcing the Family Fun Ride at 10:00 am Saturday, June 22.

**RETIREMENT RECONGNITIONS**

Commissioner Brummer announced the privilege to recognize Mike Kytta's and Gregg Peterson's retirement.

Commissioner Pollock thanked Gregg Peterson for his support for Boistfort. Commissioner Swope thanked Gregg for his continual support and service.

Commissioner Pollock thanked Chief Kytta for his strong, steady presence and guidance. Commissioner Swope said Mike is a great leader to look up to.

## NOTICE ITEM

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-191 and 24-192 Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 24-191:** The extended closure of Shorey Road to all through traffic between Milepost 0.00 and Milepost 0.72. The area will be closed beginning July 15.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said this extended closure is to stabilize the Shorey Rd. bank. Local access

**Resolution 24-192:** The extended closure of Logan Hill Road to all through traffic at Milepost 0.103. The area will be closed beginning July 1.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said this is to replace a culvert.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the June 11, 2024 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-193. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 24-193:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor, Graham Gowing, representing the Auditor's Office said that warrants numbered 885,907 - 886,293 and direct disbursements numbered 13211-13218, 13221-13222 (397 warrants/direct disbursements combined) issued the week of June 7-13, 2024, are approved for a total payment against the County in the amount of \$4,877,706.39.

Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants that the payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,152-796,153 and automatic deposits numbered 69,390 - 69,988 (601 combined total warrants/AD), dated June 10, 2024, are approved for a total payment against the county in the amount of \$1,321,313.44.

Graham noted warrants numbered 885,874 - 885,906, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.



*Motion passed 3-0.*

## **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-194 through 24-201. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 24-194:** List the proposals received and vendor selected for the Lewis County Security System Design and Installation for the new Community Development and Information Services building.

**HR/IT Services Director Matt Jaeger** discussed the resolution. Matt discussed the proposals and said the lowest bid was selected.

**Resolution 24-195:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to Noxious Weed Contract K4611 with the state Department of Agriculture.

**Noxious Weed program Coordinator Charles Edmonson** discussed the resolution. Charles said this allows Lewis County to treat and manage invasive knotweed.

**Resolution 24-196:** Approve interlocal agreement with City of Centralia for Engineering Services relating to the SWW Fairgrounds Waterline Rehabilitation Project.

**Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey** discussed the resolution. Doug said this will be services for the upcoming waterline repair.

**Resolution 24-197:** Ratify signature for the Law and Justice center NCM HVAC controller replacement contract.

**Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey** discussed the resolution. Doug said one bid was received and selected.

**Resolution 24-198:** Approve a contract for Public Defender Indigent Defense Services between Lewis County and Rachael Tiller, Defender of the Day.

**Budget/Risk Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said Rachel Tiller will be defender of the day and take on oversight of public defense.

**Resolution 24-199:** Amend Resolution #02-207 adding \$20,000 to the Workers Compensation Imprest Account.

**Budget/Risk Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said this is due to the increase of wages to pay time lost payments.

**Resolution 24-200:** Approve land-use agreement with White Pass Country Historical Society regarding property at 12990 U.S. Highway 12 in Packwood.

**Parks & Recreation Administrator BJ Kuykendall** discussed the resolution. BJ said this is 25-year term to construct pickleball courts and upgrade the WPCHS museum. Commissioner Brummer noted this agreement is only in effect if RCO approves additional funding.

**Resolution 24-201:** Appoint Donald Clevinger to the Civil Service Commission.

**Administrative Assistant Sr. Tammy Martin** discussed the resolution. Tammy said Bill Cavinder has stepped down and Donald Clevinger will serve out the remainder of the unexpired term.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brummer reminded the group the Historic Courthouse would be closed Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Juneteenth.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

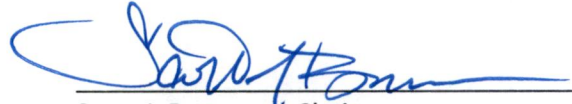
Mitchell Roland from the Chronicle asked for clarifying questions about the 2/10s sales tax increase. Mithcell asked about the timeline to add the ballot and if there was an estimate of funds that could potentially be collected. Jenn Libby-Jones said based on 2022 revenue, it is estimated at \$4.6 million.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

*Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.*

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Scott J. Brummer, Chair

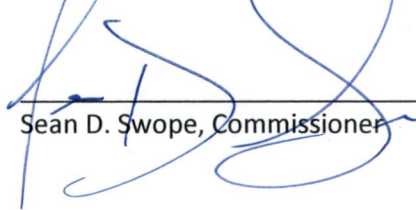
ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

