LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 2, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer, 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 said he is concerned about a lack of compassion and the lack of accountability at the the commissioners to show compassion to

Debbie Aust invited the public to a meeting planned for later in the day at Fire District 5 regarding a proposed sales tax to provide funds for

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 24-208. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-208: Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for an electronic employee relations case management system for Lewis County Human Resources and Risk Management.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said proposals are due electronically through OpenGov (https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa/) by 4:30 p.m. July 19.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the June 25, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-209. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-209: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 886,557 through 886,734 and direct disbursements 13275 through 13279 were issued in June for payments against the county totaling \$1,748,270.08. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 796,154 through 796,157 and automatic deposits numbered 69,989 through 70,592 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,283,057.34. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 886,514 through 886,556, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-210 through 24-214. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 24-210: Designate Lewis County representatives on the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Budget Services Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said upcoming staff changes necessitate updates to the county's Risk Pool designees.

Resolution 24-211: Accept the Washington State Department of Agriculture Fairs Program Capital Project Grant for \$237,500 for improvements to the 4H Barn.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution and agreement provide funding for improvements to the 4H barn.

Resolution 24-212: Approve an additional \$400,000 in .09 / Distressed Counties funding for the City of Napavine's "Jefferson Sewer Station" project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution and agreement provide additional Distressed Counties funding toward the City of Napavine's Jefferson Sewer Station project.

Resolution 24-213: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Shorey Road Bank Stabilization Project, CRP-2159O, F.A. ER-2101(001).

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution awards the contract to the county's lone bidder, Midway Underground, which submitted a bid of \$1,736,035. Josh noted that the Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$1,538,837.

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Resolution 24-214: Ratify a Grant Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Lewis County for the Allen Creek at Newaukum Valley Road MP 2.366 Fish Passage Design project, CMP 2334, in the amount of \$211,563.70.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution ratifies a \$211,563.70 agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, providing funding for a county fish passage project.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted that the courthouse will be closed July 4 and that the Commissioners' Office also will be closed July 5.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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