

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 9, 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 said he feels Commissioner Swope is discriminating against the area's transient population.

NEW DIRECTIONS COUNSELING

Service provider Tricia Rodman and New Directions Counseling owner Scott Dickinson shared details about the drug and alcohol treatment services New Directions provides at its Kresky Avenue location.

Located at 1956 N.E. Kresky in Chehalis, the state-approved chemical dependency treatment agency offers comprehensive help for individuals battling addiction, including on-site counseling, drug and alcohol evaluations, group therapy, individual therapy and informational classes.

New Directions can be reached at 360-740-4380. The center, which also provides services in Shelton, also can be found online at <http://www.newdirectionswa.com/>.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-215 and 24-216. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-215: Lewis County 2024 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, a notice of hearing thereon. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. July 23, 2024.

Budget Services Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution and the upcoming hearing for the budget amendment.

Resolution 24-216: Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1356, which would add Courthouse Facilitator Program (Chapter 9.40) to Lewis County Code to codify the establishment of the program and the collection of surcharges, license fees and user fees to defray the cost of the program. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 6, 2024.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution and the upcoming hearing.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 2, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-217. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-217: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing said warrants 886,763 through 887,106 and 887,108 through 887,112 were issued in June and July for payments against the county totaling \$1,354,703.55. Graham noted a skip in sequence for warrants 886,735 through 886,762 and 887,107, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-218 through 24-227. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-218: Amend Resolution 24-169 to include applicable sales tax.

Chief Deputy Assessor Lynn Richard discussed the resolution. Lynn said the resolution adds applicable sales tax to the approved amount for a contract with Tyler Technologies for the county's new assessment and tax system.

Resolution 24-219: Approve a reimbursement agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts for extraordinary costs in responding to State v. Blake on the state's behalf.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the contract provides the county with \$977,363 for a performance period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Resolution 24-220: Ratify a contract with Chef Units for the sale and delivery of a kitchen trailer.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution approves the purchase of a portable commercial kitchen trailer to provide the flexibility to serve not only those in the shelter but also homeless populations offsite and, upon occasion, people rendered temporarily homeless through emergencies or natural disasters.

Resolution 24-221: Ratify a contract with Niu Toilet for the sale and delivery of restroom / shower trailers.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution approves the purchase of portable shower/restroom trailers provides the flexibility to serve not only those in the shelter but also homeless populations offsite and, upon occasion, people rendered temporarily homeless through emergencies or natural disasters.

Resolution 24-222: List the bids received and contractor selected for the South Lewis County Airport - Phase 2 Improvements-Site Preparation project.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received two responsive bids, with Rognlin's Inc. providing the lowest responsive bid at \$494,135.80. Josh said the engineer's estimate for the project was \$437,198.

Resolution 24-223: Approve a Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and the Recreation and Conservation Office through the Lewis County Public Works for the Berwick Creek at Labree Fish Passage construction project, CMP 2001.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution approves the receipt of funding totaling \$257,955 from the state Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Berwick Creek at Labree Fish Passage project.

Resolution 24-224: Ratify a Ramp Litter Cleanup Program Agreement between the Washington State Department of Ecology and Lewis County Solid Waste Utility.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the resolution approves accepting state funding totaling \$60,000 for ramp cleanup efforts.

Resolution 24-225: Approve SECO Coordinator Professional Development (CPD) Contract No. E25-021.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the resolution approves accepting state funding totaling up to \$43,820 toward operation of the 911 System.

Resolution 24-226: Submit an authorizing proposition to the voters of Lewis County to fix and impose a Sales and Use tax of two-tenths of 1 percent pursuant to RCW 82.14.420 to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with the operations of 911 emergency communications systems and facilities.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the county has been asked to place a sales and use tax on the November ballot.

Resolution 24-227: Award a contract to Ceragon Networks, Inc. for the Public Safety Microwave Network Project.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the resolution approves a contract with Ceragon to upgrade and / or replace outdated equipment to support the functions of law enforcement and first responder communication.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Chronicle reporter Mitchell Roland asked if the county would amend its plans for the night-by-night shelter in response to the Supreme Court's recent Grants Pass decision, in which the court ruled that laws regulating camping on public property do not violate the U.S. Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Commissioner Brummer said the county has no plans to change. County Manager Ryan Barrett said he anticipates the shelter will open before the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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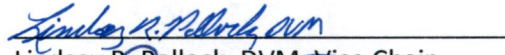


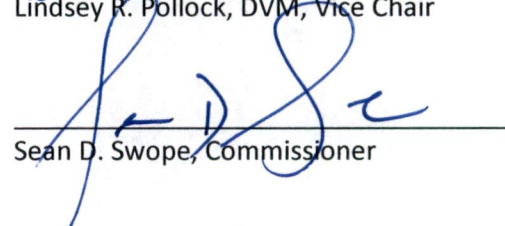
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