

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 20, 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

Robert Johnson shared concerns about the custody of his granddaughter being awarded to the girl's father. He shared concerns about county staff with whom he has interacted.

Elizabeth Cameron provided updates regarding a 911 sales-and-use tax being proposed on the November ballot.

Ray Chapman-Wilson discussed the closure of KUL TUR, a Centralia business.

Mitchell Townsend condemned the use of divisive rhetoric to pit those with opposing views against one another.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the August 6, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-350. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-350: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 888,203 through 888,622 and 888,629 through 888,784 and direct disbursements numbered 13205, 13322, 13324 through 13329, 13339, 13350, 13351, 13353, 13357 through 13362, 13366, 13374, 13376 through 13378, 13380, 13383, 13384, 13386, 13388, 13400 through 13404, 13425, 13448, 13452, 13461 and 13478 through 13485 were issued in August for payments against the county totaling \$4,350,982.15. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants 796,166 through 796,172 and automatic deposits numbered 71,792 through 72,399 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,315,632.61. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 888,173 through 888,202 and 888,623 through 866,628, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-351 through 24-353. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-351: Authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the Community Certification Verification to maintain participation in the Community Rating System.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said Lewis County has participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) voluntary Community Rating System (CRS) since 1998. She said the resolution approves continued participation, which in turn reduces the flood insurance rate for property owners in the area.

Resolution 24-352: Accept agreement for reentry demonstration initiative project.

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. Chief Sweet said the agreement provides Medicaid Reentry Services to support the reimbursement of medical expenses -- 90 days prior to release -- for incarcerated individuals who qualify for Apple Care/Medicaid.

Resolution 24-353: Approve Agreement #2363-48919 Amendment #2 between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment increases funding by \$1,040,461 and extends the contract deadline to June 2025.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

In response to a question from Chronicle reporter Mitchell Roland, Ryan Barrett said the recent fair was the best-attended fair in the county's recorded history with upwards of 88,000 attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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