

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 24, 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

Bob Russell discussed the Coal Creek Rewilding Project, a local effort to provide community-supported salmon recovery on 60-plus acres along Coal Creek while also holding back floodwaters and creating public trails.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the September 17, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-368. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-368: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 890,233 through 890,480 were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$2,503,184.66. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 890,180 through 890,232, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-369 through 24-372. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-369: List the proposals received and vendor selected for the Electronic Employee Relations Case Management System for Human Resources and Risk Management.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. Matt said the team that evaluated the proposals felt HR Acuity, which specializes in HR software instead of legal software, would be the best fit for Lewis County at \$91,710 for a three-year term.

Resolution 24-370: Rescind Resolution 02-177 and reduce the balance of the Lewis County Auditor Revolving Fund.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace said the resolution decreases the revolving fund by \$700 and closes the Revolving Fund Checkbook account.

Resolution 24-371: Modify restrictions on outdoor burning to allow permitted burning throughout lands regulated by Lewis County.

Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford discussed the resolution. Doyle said moisture and humidity levels have increased to levels safe to allow permitted outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of Lewis County.

Resolution 24-372: Adopt Lewis County's 2025 State Legislative Agenda.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution establishes the county's legislative priorities for 2025 and identifies the following five items as its key focus:

- Transportation
- Southwest Washington Fair Equestrian Upgrades
- Packwood Sewer Project
- Elevator Modernization
- Lewis County Historical Museum Roof Replacement

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The commissioner directed staff to cancel the upcoming meeting with the group formerly known as the Lewis County Seniors.

Commissioner Pollock said she will testify during the Sept. 25 hearing about caseload standards for indigent defense.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

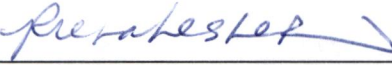
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Scott J. Brummer, Chair


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair


Sean D. Swope, Commissioner