

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

December 3, 2024

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Debbie Aust shared concerns regarding the Lewis County budget and increased taxes.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester included written comment from Kyle Wheeler in the record.

HONORING A LOCAL HERO

The commissioners honored Toledo 11-year-old Elijah Feigenbaum, who organizes an annual toy drive for Mary Bridge children's hospital, where he was treated for a ruptured appendix years ago.

FLOOD AUTHORITY

Scott Boettcher and Edna Fund provided a presentation on the Flood Authority's flood mitigation work.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 24-439. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-439: Lewis County 2024 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, a notice of hearing thereon.

Budget Services Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky outlined the changes represented in the amendment for the hearing, which will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 17, 2024.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the November 26, 2024, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 24-440. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-440: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 893,012 through 893,542 and direct disbursements 13891 and 13927 through 13932 were issued in November for payments against the county totaling \$2,479,683.69. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants 796,238 through 796,239 and automatic deposits 76,000 through 76,575 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,309,126.52. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 892,980 through 893,011 and 893,543 through 893,580, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 24-441 through 24-446. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 24-441: Accept an extension to an agreement between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and Naphcare (Everhealth LLC).

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. Chief Sweet said the resolution approves a two-year extension for medical services.

Resolution 24-442: Approve interlocal agreements between Lewis County and area emergency response agencies regarding technology services.

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said the agreement covers support for area agencies' emergency response technology.

Resolution 24-443: Ratify signature for the Twin Cities Senior Center Roof replacement contract.

Capital Facilities Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the county received five bids for the project and that Safecover Roofing provided the lowest bid.

Resolution 24-444: The proposed vacation of an undeveloped right of way, being a continuation of Roppert Road, in Winlock.

Right of Way Agent II Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said surrounding property owners have requested the county vacate the property.

Resolution 24-445: Approve Josh Metcalf, Public Works Director, as Applicant Agent and Robin Saline, Public Works Contract Administrator, as the Alternate Applicant Agent/Contact for open, federally declared disasters and any future disasters that may occur between December 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the state's Emergency Management Division requires the county to identify a designee for its Applicant Agent as well as an alternate.

Resolution 24-446: Approval to acquire additional real estate and easements for construction of the Packwood Sewer System project.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution instructs staff to acquire the needed properties for the Packwood Sewer System project.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Scott J. Brummer, Chair

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner