

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 13, 2020

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Cushman of 400 Union Avenue SE of Olympia, representing Sterling Breen, said Sterling Breen is protesting the award of the Mickelsen project (Resolution 20-238).

Commissioner Fund made a motion to add to the agenda the following resolutions:

Resolution 20-234: Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance 1319, which would lift a moratorium upon certain building permits within the boundaries of Middle Fork Water-Sewer System (formally known as Water-Sewer District #5).

Resolution 20-236: Approve the refunding of bonds for Lewis County.

Resolution 20-242: Approve awarding Chemical Dependency-Mental Health-Therapeutic Courts (CD-MH-TC) .1 of 1% Sales and Use Tax Funds to Cascade Community Partners.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-233 and 20-234. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-233: Pertaining to competitive bidding: dispensing with advertisement and formal sealed bidding with respect to purchases and leases under twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars and notice of Lewis County vendor list and solicitation.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, spoke to the resolution. She outlined the steps interested parties can take to be included on the vendor list.

Resolution 20-234: Notice of Public Hearing for Ordinance 1319, which would lift a moratorium upon certain building permits within the boundaries of Middle Fork Water-Sewer System (formally known as Water-Sewer District #5). The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on July 27, 2020.

Community Development Office Manager Graham Gowing spoke to the resolution.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the July 6, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-235. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-235: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 830,430 through 830,689 and direct disbursements numbered 0000, 2175, 2208, 2251-2256, 2259, 2260, 2267, 2270, 2272, 2274, 2275 through 2278, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2284-2287, 2308, 2311, 2312, 2353 and 2354 were issued in July for payments against the county totaling \$1,095,981.92.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-236 through 20-243. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-236: Approve the refunding of bonds for Lewis County.

Treasurer Army Davis spoke to the resolution. He said refunding the 2009 bonds will realize savings of up to \$80,000.

Resolution 20-237: Terminate the franchise as approved by Resolution 06-018 for Water-Sewer District No. 5 as no agreement is necessary for County facilities.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He noted that the water-sewer district is now under the county's control.

Resolution 20-238: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Mickelsen Parkway Project, CRP 2121.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. Josh said Midway Underground of Toledo was the apparent low bidder. Josh said the engineer's estimate was \$3.3 million. Josh said the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has reviewed Sterling Breen's protest of the bid award and had approved moving forward with awarding the bid to Midway Underground.

Resolution 20-239: Appoint Frank Corbin as a regular member to the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) through June 30, 2021.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said Frank has been working with the Veterans' Advisory Board for a few months.

Resolution 20-240: Approve a contract amendment between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), to add funds and extend the timeline.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He discussed the details of the contract.

Resolution 20-241: Approve a grant agreement with the Providence Health Care Foundation/Centralia for COVID-19 testing capabilities using Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the partnership will help provide rapid testing for the coronavirus. He said Lewis County is allocating \$40,000 for the project.

Resolution 20-242: Approve awarding Chemical Dependency-Mental Health-Therapeutic Courts (CD-MH-TC) .1 of 1% Sales and Use Tax Funds to Cascade Community Partners.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler spoke to the resolution. She noted that the resolution should state, "Approve awarding Chemical Dependency-Mental Health-Therapeutic Courts (CD-MH-TC) .1 of 1% Sales and Use Tax Funds to Cascade Community Healthcare," not Partners.

Resolution 20-243: Approve the selection of DELTAWRX for the 911 Consolidation Feasibility Study.

County Manager Erik Martin spoke to the resolution. He said the amount to be divided between the parties will be \$96,922.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 20-244: Approve a boundary line adjustment between Lewis County property and an adjacent property on Center Street in Chehalis.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy gave the staff report. He noted that the county purchased the property in November 2006 and inherited an encroachment that clouded the title. He said the boundary line agreement addressed in Resolution 20-244 will clear the long-standing encroachment.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions. There were questions.

Commissioner Stamper then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Martin Roy asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Stamper asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

Richard Graham, who owns the adjoining property, thanked the county for its efforts to complete the boundary line agreement.

County Manager Erik Martin thanked the Grahams for their patience.

Commissioner Stamper closed the hearing.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolution 20-244. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Martin Roy reminded the commissioners that he needs the commissioners to sign the map and the quit claim deed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill of Centralia thanked the commissioners for providing telehealth funding. He provided an update on the PFD's mezzanine project.

Josh Metcalf said he is working on a temporary agreement with Water-Sewer District 2 in an effort to lift the moratorium in the Middle Fork Water-Sewer System.

COVID-19

Erik said work continues to create a policy regarding requiring the public to wear masks on county property.

Commissioner Stamper read aloud a letter in support of a historic grant. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter.

The commissioners agreed to sign a letter of support to the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission regarding the Toledo airport. Public Works Director Josh Metcalf said the letter indicates that the county is interested in being considered as a potential site.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board