

**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**August 10, 2020**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NOTICE ITEMS**

*Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-266 through 20-268. Commissioner Fund seconded.*

**Resolution 20-266:** Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Lightspeed Networks Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunication facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said the hearing will be held Aug. 31, 2020. He noted that the franchise agreement will be a renewal of an existing agreement.

**Resolution 20-267:** Accept a bid on tax title property located off Cline Road in Randle.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said a bid of \$785 has been received by Lewis County for surplus property.

**Resolution 20-268:** Accept a bid on tax title property located off Wildwood Road in Vader.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said a bid of \$840 has been received by Lewis County for surplus property.

*Motion passed 3-0.*



## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the August 3, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-269. Commissioner Jackson seconded.*

**Resolution 20-269:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 831,425 through 831,606 were issued in July and August for payments against the county totaling \$1,603,064.71.

She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 831,404 through 831,424, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-270 through 20-274. Commissioner Fund seconded.*

**Resolution 20-270:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Seniors and Lewis County to provide meals to persons in non-congregate isolation / quarantine facilities.

County Manager Erik Martin spoke to the resolution. He said the contract is for up to \$72,000 and that it is retroactive to July 16 and runs through Sept. 30. Community Health Services & Contracts Coordinator Meja Handlen also spoke to the resolution. She noted that the contract had been delayed due to negotiations. Erik said the funding comes from FEMA. Budget Manager Becky Butler said the county will provide funding as reimbursements.

**Resolution 20-271:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County and the Lewis County Economic Development Council to provide grant awards to nonprofits serving Lewis County using the CARES ACT Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler spoke to the resolution. She said the county will provide funding totaling \$200,000 to help nonprofits. Matt Matayoshi said the committee that reviewed applications for Lewis County Works business grants will review the grants for nonprofits. Matt said the EDC has learned from Commerce that it will receive additional funding.

**Resolution 20-272:** Resolution approving and entering into an interlocal agreement with the City of Chehalis for the purpose of cost sharing in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System.



Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution. She said the city has agreed to pay a share of costs associated with the warning system.

**Resolution 20-273:** Approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Centralia for the purpose of cost-sharing in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Warning System.

Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution. She said the city has agreed to pay a share of costs associated with the warning system.

**Resolution 20-274:** Ratification of the award of contract for the Lewis County Centralia Transfer Station Tipping Floor Approach Repair.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the county received one bid and plans to award the contract to the lone bidder, Lakeside Industries, which submitted a bid for \$17,853.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## HEARING

**Resolution 20-275:** Approving a franchise to PUD No. 1 of Cowlitz County to install, construct, operate and maintain electrical facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy gave the staff report.

Martin said the Cowlitz County PUD has existing electrical facilities in Lewis County but that there was no franchise agreement. He discussed the area included in the nonexclusive franchise.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions. There were no 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.

No one spoke.

Commissioner Stamper closed the hearing.

*Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolution 20-275. Commissioner Jackson seconded.*

*Motion passed 3-0.*



## COVID-19

County Manager Erik Martin said Lewis County now has 236 confirmed cases. He said 91 of the patients have recovered. Commissioner Stamper said he'd like to talk to the Sheriff's Office about whether the pandemic has caused an increase in domestic abuse cases, etc.

The group discussed an upcoming update with the PUD as well as broadband interviews planned for Aug. 11.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill said the Lewis County Seniors met the previous week and that he is concerned about the lack of money the group has available because the bulk of the group's funding is coming via reimbursements. Ron said the PFD has selected a bidder for a project at the sports complex.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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