LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 21, 2020

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund (by phone), 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

No comment.

County Engineer Tim Fife discussed the county's recently received Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board (CRABoard). The commissioners and County Manager Erik Martin thanked Public Works for its efforts.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing Sept. 21-24, 2020, as Barn Week. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record. Barn owner Mike Peroni discussed his barn, which is located on the state's Historic Barn Register.

Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-333 through 20-335. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-333: Notice of hearing to codify Ordinance 1321, to establish statutory authority for the Lewis County Manager. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 5, 2020.

County Manager Erik Martin spoke to the resolution. He said the draft ordinance is available online and in the commissioners' office.

Resolution 20-334: Notice of hearing regarding adopting Ordinance 1322 creating Rules and Regulations for the Users of the Lewis County Airports. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 12, 2020.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the county is looking to adopt new rules and regulations for the Lewis County Airports.

Resolution 20-335: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Skate Creek Terrace Community Club Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County rights of way. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 12, 2020.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said the non-exclusive, five-year franchise is a renewal.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the September 14, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-336. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-336: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 832,713 through 832,975 and direct disbursements numbered 2470, 2471, 2560, 2561 and 2589 were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$1,850,474.59. She said miscellaneous payroll/tax deposit warrant numbered 795,793 and Automatic Deposit 16,720 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,055.02. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 832,698 through 832,712, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-337 through 20-342. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-337: Accept a grant amendment from the Washington State Department of Commerce Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Administrator Tamara Hayes spoke to the resolution. She said the agreement adds \$1,589,600 to the existing \$4,371,400 – pushing the total to \$5,961,000 – and extends to reimbursement deadline to November 30, 2020.

Resolution 20-338: Approve a memorandum of understanding between Infection Prevention & Antimicrobial Consultants and Lewis County to provide COVID-19 school based consultation services.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the group will provide consulting to help school reopen safely. He said the group will complete walk-throughs of all Lewis County schools by Sept. 28.

Resolution 20-339: List the bid(s) received and contractor(s) selected for the purchase of five pickup trucks and one truck chassis.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the county received four responsive bids and that the lowest were as follows:

I-5 Dodge: \$23,477.50 each (2-wheel drive pickup)

I-5 Dodge: \$26,760.71 each (4x4 pickup)

I-5 Dodge: \$35,846.50 (flatbed truck chassis)

Resolution 20-340: Approve an amendment to the Schedule of Fees - Category D - for the Public Works Department 2020 Road Atlas and Airport Fees for the Lewis County Airports.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the change increases fees for the Road Atlas from \$20 to \$25 and also and fees for the tie-downs at the county's airports.

Resolution 20-341: Approve Amendment 14 between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, as well as, authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution. She said the amendment adds \$37.344.40 to cover for the relocation of six river gauges.

Resolution 20-342: Approve of the Twentieth Supplement Agreement between West Consultants, Inc. and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and

authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution. She said the amendment increases the contract with West Consultants by \$\$37.344.40 to cover the relocation of the six gauges.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

Broadband update

Joe Clark, Phil Crocker and Debbie Campbell provided an update on the Lewis County High-Speed Education Network.

Phil said Harium Martin-Morris has been reaching out to services providers.

Phil said the group is three weeks into its nine-week process and that the county's funds already have connected 557 students who did not have broadband beforehand.

Debbie Campbell said Toledo and Adna school districts have completed their contracts. Phil said four others are working to complete their paperwork.

Phil and Harium Martin-Morris discussed efforts to protect schoolkids from "Zoom-bombing."

Joe said the group has heard of 2,500 to 3,000 children in need of broadband services.

Commissioner Stamper said T-Mobile also has joined the effort to provide broadband coverage for students. Phil said Verizon and AT&T also are helping.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said the physician-superintendents' group has a great update earlier in the day. He said the group is working to outline a roll-out and long-term plans for in-person learning, including projected timelines. JP said the group is open to adding parents' voices to the group – voices representing both the push to open quickly as well as the push to open safely.

Becky said she has a draft for a van agreement with the Lewis County Seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Col. Ron Averill discussed air quality and Farm Bureau work to help farmers.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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