

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 28, 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

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve a two proclamations: one recognizing Oct. 4-10, 2020, as Public Power Week and the other declaring October 2020 as Disability Employment Awareness Month. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Proclamation recognizing Oct. 4-10, 2020, as Public Power Week.

Commissioner Stamper read the proclamation into the record. Lewis County PUD Public Affairs Manager Willie Painter thanked the commissioners for the proclamation. He said the PUD will hold events the following week in celebration of Public Power Week.

Proclamation declaring October 2020 as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record. JP Anderson and Sara Sons discussed the county's work with individuals with disabilities. Natalia Velazquez discussed the Oct. 14 Cultivating Inclusion Awards event.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the September 21, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-343. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-343: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 833,028 through 833,199 and direct disbursements numbered 2544, 2549 through 2554, 2556 through 2559, 2562, 2567, 2603 and 2605 were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$870,947.64. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 832,976 through 833,027, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-344 through 20-347. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-344: Extend the local declaration of a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 virus in Lewis County.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Andy Caldwell spoke to the resolution.

Resolution 20-345: Approve a grant agreement between Lewis County Seniors and Lewis County for the purchase of food transport vans for the delivery of meals to Lewis County seniors and other vulnerable populations to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler spoke to the resolution. She said the county will make a direct payment to the vendor on behalf of the Seniors group. She said the grant is for up to \$40,000.

Resolution 20-346: Modify Lewis County burn restrictions to allow recreational fires and solid fuel BBQ use in all lands regulated by Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution.

Resolution 20-347: Approve an agreement between The Washington State Military Department and Lewis County Communications for FFY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (20SHSP) funding assistance.

911 Administrator Scott Smitherman spoke to the resolution. He said the agreement is for 22,580.00, and will be used to improve radio infrastructure.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 20-348: Lewis County 2020 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

County Manager Erik Martin and Budget Services Manager Becky Butler gave the staff report.

Erik said a notice for the hearing was published in The Chronicle on Sept. 15 and 22. He outlined changes since the noticed amendment and noted that the updated amendment reflects increased expenditures totaling \$7,033,196 and increased revenue totaling \$7,664,711, resulting in an increase in estimated ending fund balance in the amount of \$631,515.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler highlighted some of the specific changes to the general fund and other funds. Erik Martin further reviewed some of the amended amounts.

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

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

Erik Martin and Becky Butler asked that their 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 20-348. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

Erik Martin said the county saw an increase of roughly 40 cases over the weekend. JP Anderson noted that many of the county's recent cases are related to outbreaks in three congregate sites.

Peter Crosby provided an update regarding Breeze's broadband efforts. He said the group has two radio sites augmented and five others to be completed by the end of November. Peter said the group has

made some technology purchases to make it more robust in the future. Peter said the two completed sites represent 100 hook-ups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Fund discussed an event in Tenino celebrating women's right to vote.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

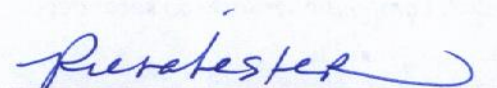
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, October 5, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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