

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

November 2, 2020

Present: Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Stamper

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record.

Motion passed 2-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-380 through 20-384. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-380: Lewis County preliminary budget for 2021, and notice of public meeting thereon. The informational meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12, and the public hearings will take place at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 7 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

County Manager Erik Martin spoke to the resolution. He said an informational meeting will take place Nov. 12 and the county's two hearing will take place Dec. 7. Becky Butler said the commissioners will

make budgetary decisions over the coming weeks so the final amounts likely will differ from the amounts listed in the preliminary budget.

Resolution 20-381: Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2021 Annual Construction Program (ACP) and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2021-2026. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 16.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the proposed plan already has been presented to the commissioners.

Resolution 20-382: Accepting a bid on tax title property located off Cedar Court, Winlock.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said the county tried to sell the property at an auction after it became tax delinquent. He said it did not sell and therefore was deeded to Lewis County. He said the county has received an offer for the property.

Resolution 20-383: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to PUD No. 1 of Thurston County 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. Nov. 30.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said a hearing will take place at the end of the month regarding the five-year renewal of Thurston County PUD No. 1's franchise.

Resolution 20-384: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Boistfort Valley Water 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. Nov. 30.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said a hearing will take place at the end of the month regarding the five-year renewal of Boistfort Valley Water's franchise.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve minutes from the October 26, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-385. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-385: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 834,286 through 834,294 and 834,323 through 834,611 as well as direct disbursements numbered 2480, 2578, 2579, 2594, 2604, 2616 through 2618, 2625, 2646, 2648, 2652 through 2658, 2661, 2690 through 2692, 2706, 2707, 2724, 2731 and 2735 were issued in October for payments against the county totaling \$3,084,070.52. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 795,799 through 795,801 and Automatic Deposits 17,930 through 18,515 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,678,354.23.

She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 834,295 through 834,322, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-386 through 20-391. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-386: Announcing the successful applicant in the Superior Court's Request for Proposals for substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment for the Lewis County Drug Court & Family Recovery Court programs.

Superior Court Judge Andrew Toynbee spoke to the resolution. He said Superior Court received four RFPs for its substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment and has selected CORE Health.

Resolution 20-387: Rescind Resolution 02-494 and establishing a new small and attractive items policy.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith spoke to the resolution. She said the threshold for small and attractive items will be changed from \$300 to \$2,500. She noted the policy includes exceptions for several items, including weapons, laptops, smartphones, cameras, telescopes, binoculars, GPS devices.

Resolution 20-388: Authorize the Director of Information Technology Services to execute a purchase order with CDW-Government.

IT Services Director Matt Jaeger spoke to the resolution. Matt said the agreement will allow county conference rooms to be outfitted with technology to allow for virtual meeting.

Resolution 20-389: Approve an Amendment to the Agreement between Lewis County and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Berwick Creek Barrier Removal and Realignment (Logan Hill Rd MP 0.103, CMP 1805).

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said Public Works has received grant funding through the RCO for the Berwick Creek Barrier Removal and Realignment project.

Resolution 20-390: Approve an Amendment to the Agreement between Lewis County and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for Scammon Creek Barrier Removals (Blanchard Rd MP 0.698, CMP 1903).

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said an extension was needed to increase the total amount for the project agreement.

Resolution 20-391: Approval of the 2020-2025 Lewis County Strategic Plan.

County Manager Erik Martin spoke to the resolution. He discussed work that went into the Strategic Plan. He said measuring tools can be built into the implementation process.

Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) member Joe Clark applauded the participants' and county staff members' efforts and urged the county to implement metrics. SPAC member Peggy Hammer echoed Joe's sentiments.

Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Centralia and Chehalis school districts welcomed some students back earlier in the day. He said the superintendents / pediatricians work group is drafting a document detailing how many students have returned to face-to-face instruction.

JP said the county's COVID-19 rate is 90 positives per every 100,000 people.

Commissioner Jackson left at 10:37 a.m., eliminating the quorum and therefore ending the meeting.

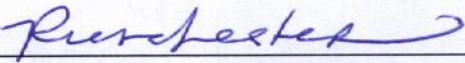
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, November 9, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

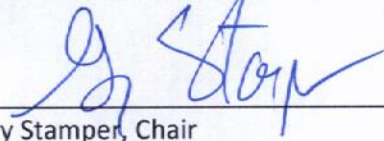
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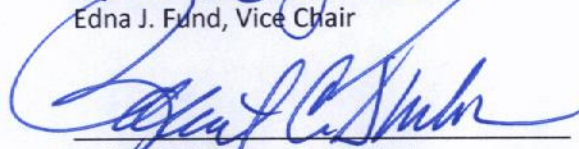
ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Gary Stamper, Chair


Edna J. Fund, Vice Chair


Robert C. Jackson, Commissioner

Following the conclusion of the meeting, Ron Averill of Centralia noted that the Lewis County Seniors have learned of a positive COVID-19 case. He said the Farm Bureau will meet Nov. 4.