

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

November 9, 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.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing November 11, 2020, as Veterans Day. Commissioner Fund seconded.

The commissioners honored county employees who have served and those currently serving. **Commissioner Jackson** read the proclamation into the record. Commissioner Fund invited the public to events taking place on Veterans Day as well as recordings of interviews with local World War II veterans available at area libraries.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the November 2, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-392. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-392: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 834,630 through 834,853 and direct disbursements numbered 2508, 2588, 2645, 2668, 2725, 2733, 2734, 2745 through 2747, 2749 and 2766 through 2768 were issued in October and November for payments against the

county totaling \$923,299.19. She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 834,612 through 834,629, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-393 through 20-403. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-393: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Division of Emergency Management and the Lewis County Search and Rescue (SAR) Council in order to file for fuel reimbursement on behalf of SAR's members.

Fionna Velazquez spoke to the resolution. She said the resolution allows for members of the Search and Rescue Council to receive fuel reimbursement.

Resolution 20-394: Declaration of surplus personal property.

Facilities Administrator Matt Patana spoke to the resolution. He said computer equipment, law books and other personal property items are being listed as surplus.

Resolution 20-395: Authorize a contract between Lewis County and Ouellette Construction to replace the eyebrow roof support structure at the Fairgrounds.

Facilities Administrator Matt Patana spoke to the resolution. He said there is imminent risk at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds due to the failure of supports that brace the "eyebrow roof" at the grandstands. He said Ouellette Construction of Toledo has been awarded the \$81,776.18 contract.

Resolution 20-396: The proposed vacation of a portion of the Loren LaBree Road No. 328.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said an adjacent property owner contacted the county with a request that the county vacate a portion of Loren LaBree Road No. 328.

Resolution 20-397: Approve the Solid Waste Management Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Agreement No. SWMWRRED-2021-LeCSWU-00053 with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Solid Waste Manager Greg Gachowsky spoke to the resolution. He said the county has received a grant for recycling and organics programs and to develop a food waste prevention program in Lewis County. He said the total agreement includes \$60,000 from the state with a \$20,000 match from Lewis County.

Resolution 20-398: Appoint Jason Adams to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Solid Waste Manager Greg Gachowsky spoke to the resolution. He WSU Extension Outreach member Jason Adams will represent the agricultural component of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Resolution 20-399: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Northwest Pediatric Center and Lewis County to provide COVID-19 testing.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said Northwest Pediatric will offer COVID-19 testing for those who are under-insured or uninsured. He noted that Northwest Pediatric will offer rapid testing as well as "strike team" coverage for broad testing if needed.

Resolution 20-400: Approve a commitment of funds to Reliable Enterprises for their Phase II Project.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the county will provide funding if Reliable receives the Housing Trust Fund grant for which it applied. JP said the county would contribute funding toward the creation of an emergency shelter and housing support system.

Resolution 20-401: Approve a Criminal Justice Treatment Account Work Plan between Lewis County and Health Care Authority.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said funding will help provide services for individuals whose treatment costs are not covered by Medicaid.

Resolution 20-402: Approving an Agreement with Lewis County Department of Emergency Management in partnership with Fire Districts within Lewis County.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler spoke to the resolution. She said the county will provide up to \$250,000 – plus tax – to provide automated CPR equipment to protect first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Becky said the county will pay the vendors on behalf of the fire districts.

Resolution 20-403: Appoint Jill Van Hulle as an alternate on the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Fund spoke to the resolution. She noted that the board works closely with Ecology.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

PHSS Director JP Anderson said the county is seeing an uptick in cases. He reminded the public to adhere to social distancing measures, to wash their hands and to wear their masks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill thanked the commissioners for the Veterans Day proclamation, and he discussed the importance of the Water Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Fund discussed a bequest from Bill Gannon to the American Legion.

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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