

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**November 16, 2020**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment.

**NOTICE ITEMS**

*Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-404 through 20-407. Commissioner Fund seconded.*

**Resolution 20-404:** Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide design and engineering for Fish Passable Structures. RFPs are due to the Public Works office by 1 p.m. Dec. 11.

County Engineer Tim Fife spoke to the resolution. He said he anticipates a lot of funding for future fish culverts. He said the county's current contract expires at the end of the year and that the new contract would be for two years.

**Resolution 20-405:** Notice of hearing for a franchise to Lewis County PUD #1 for telecommunication line facilities in county rights of way. The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 14 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said the nonexclusive franchise will be for five years.

**Resolution 20-406:** Notice of hearing for a franchise to City of Winlock for sewer line facilities in county rights of way. The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 14 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.



Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. Martin said the proposal is a new five-year franchise to allow the city to expand services.

**Resolution 20-407:** Lewis County budget for 2021, and Notice of Hearings thereon. The hearings will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 7.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler spoke to the resolution. She said one hearing is for the budget while the second is for property taxes.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the November 9, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-408. Commissioner Jackson seconded.*

**Resolution 20-408:** Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 834,883 through 835,094 were issued in November for payments against the county totaling \$648,754.13. She said payroll/tax deposit warrant numbered 795,802 and Automatic Deposits 18,516 through 19,106 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,667,949.16. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 834,854 through 834,882, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-409 through 20-414. Commissioner Fund seconded.*

**Resolution 20-409:** Accept an interlocal agreement for use of the jail facilities between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the City of Tenino.

Chief Chris Sweet spoke to the resolution. Chief Sweet said the agreement with the city of Tenino is new and provides the city a third option for coverage.

**Resolution 20-410:** Appoint Lee Grose to the Lewis County Planning Commission.



Community Development Director Lee Napier spoke to the resolution. She said Lee Grose had completed an unfilled term on the Planning Commission and will now serve a full four-year term.

**Resolution 20-411:** The proposed sale of surplus property located off Independence Road near Rochester, Wash.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy spoke to the resolution. He said the county will use an appraisal process to identify the values. Martin said the two parcels are located in Thurston County. He said it appears the properties were used by Lewis County during a county project.

**Resolution 20-412:** Approve a professional services contract for CJTA-funded treatment and Recovery Support Services between Cascade Mental Health and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the funding would be used to provide substance-abuse treatment to individuals incarcerated in the Lewis County Jail.

**Resolution 20-413:** Approve Amendment #5 to an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties regarding the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB).

County Engineer Tim Fife spoke to the resolution. He said the agreement extends the date for the agreement.

**Resolution 20-414:** Appoint Trent Richardson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Fund spoke to the resolution. She said Trent works with Lake Mayfield Resort & Marina and will represent a "provider" entity on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to correct a typographical error in Resolution 20-409, changing the name "Tumwater" to "Tenino" in the final paragraph. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## HEARING

**Resolution 20-415:** Adopt the 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2021 Annual Construction Program (ACP).



Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

County Engineer Tim Fife gave the staff report. Tim noted that a presentation was made to the Lewis County Citizens Budget Committee, the Lewis County Planning Commission and the Lewis County Mayors. He said the projects include maintenance projects, scour projects, etc.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions.

Tim said big 2022 projects include a slide rebuild on Centralia Alpha, three or four fish passage structures and a handful of bridge projects. Tim said the Cousin Roads culvert replacement project will cost \$600,000 to \$700,000.

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

Tim 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 20-415. Commissioner Jackson seconded.***

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## **COVID-19**

County Manager Erik Martin said the county's understanding is that the governor's new statewide restrictions do not affect Lewis County's governmental operations.

JP Anderson discussed plans to update the process for reporting COVID-19 cases.

JP said the county's numbers are not as high as the state's but that the county is a week or so behind the state's increase.

JP said the county has 90 "backlogged" COVID-19 cases that will be added to Lewis County's count by the end of the day.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

In response to a question from Chronicle reporter Claudia Yaw, JP Anderson provided clarification about the number of COVID-19 cases locally.



## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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