

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

November 30, 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

Bob Guenther reviewed comment he has submitted to Ecology regarding Fire Mountain Farms' biosolids application. Bob expressed his concerns about pollution.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve minutes from the November 23, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-426. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-426: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 835,485 through 835,815 were issued in November for payments against the county totaling \$1,425,271.78. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 795,803 through 795,808 and Automatic Deposits 19,107 through 19,701 also were issued in November for payments against the county totaling \$1,687,706.79. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 835,447 through 835,484, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-247 through 20-434. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-427: Salary adjustment for non-represented employees beginning January 1, 2021.

Director Chris Panush spoke to the resolution. He said the salary adjustment represents a **** percent increase over 2020 rates, the same increase being provided to represented employees.

Resolution 20-428: Ratify contract amendments with Good Crushing Inc. over \$40,000 for an active Public Works project.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He said the amendment reflects three change orders for complete package total of \$389,525.07.

Resolution 20-429: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Townsend Bridge No. 223 Replacement Project, Federal Aid Project No. BROS-2021(056), F.A. Agreement No. TA-6340, County Road Project No. 2186.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He noted that two bids were deemed nonresponsive. Josh said SB Structures of Seattle submitted the winning bid of \$843,781.30.

Resolution 20-430: Approve Josh Metcalf, Public Works Director, as Applicant Agent and Robin Saline, Public Works Administrative Assistant/Grants Administrator, as the Alternate Applicant Agent/Contact for open, federally declared disasters and any future disasters that may occur between December 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf spoke to the resolution. He the determination is needed for current and future disasters.

Resolution 20-431: Reappoint Matt Patten, Becky Rieger and Nancy Keaton to the Public Health & Social Services Advisory Board through December 31, 2023.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the appointments are for three-year terms.

Resolution 20-432: Approve a memorandum of understanding between Lewis County and Gather Church to provide funds for persons utilizing homeless shelter services in the amount of \$243,700.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said Gather Church is overseeing, administering and providing case management and support services for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless. Cole Meckle of Gather Church discussed the "wrap-around" services being offered to those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. He said the group's recent efforts helped find permanent housing for 22 individuals served during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resolution 20-433: Approve an agreement between Lewis County and Housing Resource Center to provide funds for emergency shelter services in the amount of \$199,000.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said the services are part of PHSS's five-year strategic plan.

Resolution 20-434: Approve an agreement between Lewis County and Reliable Enterprises to provide funds for case management services in the amount of \$66,000.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson spoke to the resolution. He said Reliable Enterprises is providing case management services for individuals residing in Reliable Enterprises' properties. Brett Mitchell of Reliable Enterprises said the group has 124 low-income housing units.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 20-435: Approve a franchise to PUD No. 1 of Thurston County to install, construct, operate and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy gave the staff report. He noted that the non-exclusive franchises are for eight existing systems Thurston County PUD operates within Lewis County's borders.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions. Martin Roy read aloud a letter submitted by Frank Dipola. Martin addressed questions included in the letter.

Martin noted that the Thurston County PUD franchise is a non-exclusive franchise. He said the local housing areas did not take an active role in the water systems, leading Thurston County PUD to take them over. Martin said the systems already were built and that Thurston County PUD would reimburse – via permit fees – Lewis County for any costs incurred. Erik Martin noted that the county is updating an agreement that states Thurston County PUD can be in those areas.

Martin said he does not believe the franchise will affect Mr. Dipola.

Ron Averill said Thurston County PUD took over the water systems during his time as a commissioner.

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

Martin Roy asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Josh Metcalf said Public Works would reach out to Mr. Dipola.

Commissioner Stamper asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

No one spoke.

Commissioner Stamper closed the hearing.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-435. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 20-436: Approve a franchise to Boistfort Valley Water to install, construct, operate and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Martin Roy gave the staff report. He noted that the non-exclusive franchisee is a renewal of an existing franchise. Martin said the new franchise would be for five years. Martin noted that Boistfort Valley Water has multiple footprints and that it may be beneficial to consolidate them into one agreement in the future.

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

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

Martin Roy 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 Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-436. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

Erik Martin said the Dec. 3 COVID-19 update will be canceled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, December 7, 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

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1907.

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