

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

December 14, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the December 7, 2020, meeting as well as Resolution 20-449. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 20-449: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 835,954 through 836,202 were issued in December for payments against the county totaling \$680,605.69. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants 795,809 through 795,810 and Automatic Deposits 19,702 through 20,288 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,055,555.02. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 835,931 through 835,953, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve Resolutions 20-450 through 20-456. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 20-450: Establish the Lewis County Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Advisory Commission.

Southwest Washington Fair Manager Tamara Hayes spoke to the resolution. She said the resolution creates the advisory commission.

Resolution 20-451: Appoint individuals to the Lewis County Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Advisory Commission.

Southwest Washington Fair Manager Tamara Hayes spoke to the resolution. She said the resolution appoints seven members and a commissioner to the advisory commission.

Resolution 20-453: Approve contract #K4651 between Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director spoke to the resolution. He said the contract captures "moment-in-time" Medicaid services provided at specific but randomly selected time.

Resolution 20-452: Authorize the sale, issuance and delivery of not to exceed \$14,000,000 of the county's limited tax general obligation and refunding bonds, Series 2021.

Treasurer Army Davis spoke to the resolution and provided a timeline for the refunding.

Resolution 20-454: Approve contract to install a new roof on the "Rainier Building" at 185 NW Chehalis Ave.

Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey spoke to the resolution. He said Scholten Roofing of Lyndon, Wash., was the lowest responsive bidder with a winning bid of \$143,931.19.

Resolution 20-455: Reappoint Heidi Buswell to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) Advisory Council.

Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Fund spoke to the resolution. They noted that Heidi had been appointed to fill an expiring term the previous week and that Resolution 20-455 appointed her to a new term following the end of the expiring term.

Resolution 20-456: Elect the 2021 Chair and Vice Chair for the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Stamper spoke to the resolution.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 20-457: Approve a franchise to the Lewis County PUD #1 to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunication 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 said the PUD owns and operates telecommunication lines in county rights of way. He said the nonexclusive franchise is a five-year renewal of an existing franchise.

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 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 20-457. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 20-458: Approve a franchise to the City of Winlock to install, construct, operate and maintain sewer 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 said the nonexclusive franchise to the city of Winlock would enlarge the area covered in a pre-existing franchise. He said the franchise would be for five years.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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 Fund made a motion to approve Resolution 20-458. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available. He said the county's infection rate is in the upper 400s per 100,000 individuals.

Erik Martin said the county's year-to-date case total is 1,654.

Erik said the county's final reimbursement request will be submitted to the state Department of Commerce.

JP said the county's hospital partners will attend the COVID-19 update planned for Dec. 16.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Susan DeLaire asked if the Lewis County Seniors had provided any referrals regarding individuals to appoint to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Fund and Rieva Lester said they did not believe that the Lewis County Seniors group had made any referrals.

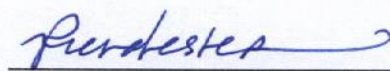
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, December 21, 2020, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

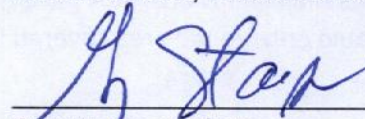
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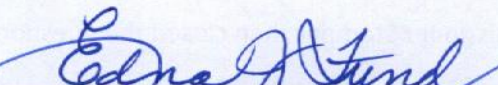


ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Gary Stamper, Chair


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