

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**June 24, 2019**

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dennis Jasmer** of Randle said the Randle community doesn't know where to start in its effort to stop the creation of the Crystal Geyser water plant. Commissioner Stamper said he will contact the Department of Ecology to determine whether Crystal Geyser has water rights.

**Steve Jasmer** thanked the Commissioner Stamper and County Manager Erik Martin for their attendance at the Randle community's upcoming meeting regarding Crystal Geyser.

**Linda Wood** of Randle said she opposes the proposed Crystal Geyser plant. She said she also is appalled that the Lewis County Economic Development Council provided guidance to encourage Crystal Geyser's efforts. She asked why the group was not discouraged from further exploring Lewis County as a potential site.

**Don Welever** of Randle said his home and well are located near the proposed plant. He said his well would be at risk of drying up. He also discussed concerns with the traffic and noise the plant would create. He asked why the county cannot just say no to any possible permit requests.

**Leah Bagwell** of Randle discussed her concerns about the proposed plant. She said she would be able to see it from her home, and she said she also fears the proposed plant would dry up her well. She questioned why a traffic study was performed nearby.

**Public Works Transportation Planner Mike Kroll** said the county installs 11 traffic counters throughout the county every week. He said the selection of the road Leah Bagwell asked about was completely random and not connected to the proposed plant.

**Jim Merhaut** of Randle said he supports his community's efforts to block the creation of the proposed plant. Jim also discussed his concerns regarding a property that has code violations in that it several people living on the property without septic services regarding case No. CE1800297.

**Mary Kay Nelson** of Chehalis said the White Pass Scenic Byway is launching a new website. She said the group recently held its hospitality training courses, an effort that was support by lodging tax funds. She said the South Cascades Loop and outdoor recreation projects also are ongoing. Mary Kay said the

Chehalis-Centralia Railroad Association has logged more than 700 hours of service per month to restore the 103-year-old locomotive. Mary Kay also invited the commissioners and the public to the July 31 Build Up Steam event.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

***Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the June 17, 2019, meeting as well as Resolution 19-169. Commissioner Stamper seconded.***

**Resolution 19-169: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.**

**Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office,** said warrants 815639 through 815857 were issued the week of June 14 for payments against the county totaling \$619,537.13. She said warrants numbered 795345 through 795583 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$282,091. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 815565 through 815638, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

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

#### **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

***Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-170 through 19-172. Commissioner Fund seconded.***

**Resolution 19-170: Approve an amendment to an agreement between Lewis County and the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment.**

**JP Anderson, Interim Director of Public Health and Social Services,** spoke to the resolution. He said the amended agreement would fund training for community members and provide technical assistance for eligible persons with developmental disabilities who are experiencing barriers to employment. He said the resolution adds \$9,000, pushing the total to \$82,000. Community Health Services and Contract Coordinator Sara Sons said 92 people over the age of 21 receive the services from the county.

**Resolution 19-171: Approve a task assignment pursuant to Interlocal Agreement 05-200 between Lewis County and Tacoma Power regarding work by county crews and authorizing signatures thereon.**

**Mike Kroll, Transportation Planner for Public Works,** spoke to the resolution. He said the agreement would allow county services to provide chipseal work near Riffe Lake on the east end of the county.

**Resolution 19-172: Approve the eighteenth supplement to a Personal Services Agreement between Lewis County and West Consultants Inc.**

**Lee Napier, Director of Community Development**, spoke to the resolution. She said the new agreement relates to the early warning flood system. She said a gauge is being replaced.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Commissioner Fund** thanked County Manager Erik Martin for representing the county at the recent Borst Avenue ground-breaking ceremony.

**Commissioner Jackson** discussed work on Borst Avenue and said he's excited to see how the project turns out. He also discussed his weekend camping trip at Riffe Lake.

**Ron Averill** said the Borst Avenue work dates back to 2006. Commissioner Fund said it was discussed more than 40 years ago when the high school was constructed. Ron touched on the replacement of the river gauge.

**Peter Lahmann** invited the commissioners and the public to Armistice Day meeting later in the day, the opening of the Armistice Day exhibit on June 27 and Summerfest on July 4. He also discussed an upcoming Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (Pac Mtn.) meeting.

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

There were no questions from the press.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

*Rieva Lester*  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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