

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 13, 2021

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Svenson said he is disappointed in the way the commissioners have handled the COVID-19 pandemic, especially since some individuals attending the Business Meeting were being required to wear masks. He said he also is disappointed in how long it took Lewis County to pass a proclamation supporting citizens' rights

Marie Shankle discussed her concerns regarding recent changes in the county's policy for food trucks.

Carol Berch, who represents the Toledo Farmers Market, echoed Marie's concerns regarding the Lewis County Health Department's new requirements for vendors.

Frank Corbin voiced his support for the commissioners' proclamation supporting second amendment rights.

Lisa Striedinger voiced her disapproval of mask mandates and any potential segregation linked to those wearing masks.

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contracts Coordinator Sara Bumgardner discussed the Centralia Prevention Coalition's Prevention Kickoff event planned for July 28.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing affirming Lewis County's commitment to uphold citizens' rights. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Commissioner Pollock read the proclamation into the record.

Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 21-249. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-249: Lewis County is requesting a statement of qualifications for consultant services to complete a Combined Water and Sewer Infrastructure Needs Assessment for Lewis County in its entirety. Responses are due to the Public Works Director by 4 p.m. July 29, 2021.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the work will take place over the next six months or so and will involve efforts from the Lewis Economic Development Council (EDC).

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 6, 2021, meeting as well as Resolution 21-250. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 21-250: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 843,814 through 844,054 were issued in July for payments totaling \$212,025.89. She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 843,801 through 843,813, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-251 through 21-258. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-251: Approve Agreement No. WQAIP-2022-LeCoNW-00037 with the state Department of Ecology for the control of noxious weeds at Mineral Lake.

Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Charles Edmonson discussed the resolution. Charles said the agreement is for two years.

Resolution 21-252: Approve Amendment #3 between Health Care Authority (HCA) Contract K3962 and Lewis County to provide treatment and recovery support services to individuals in the CJTA.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He said the agreement increases the contract by \$253,738 and covers a two-year period.

Resolution 21-253: Approval of a Tenth Supplement Agreement between SBGH Partners LLC and Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. She said the county is the fiscal agent for the Flood Authority. She said the agreement extends the contract date.

Resolution 21-254: Authorize a contract between Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) and Lewis County for costs of transportation planning work performed.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the two-year agreement provides funding totaling \$50,000 for Lewis County's participation in CWCOG.

Resolution 21-255: Modify Lewis County burn restrictions to a total ban throughout unincorporated Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. She said the resolution ratifies increased restrictions on outdoor burning in unincorporated Lewis County.

Resolution 21-256: Approve a contract for water bank consulting services with Aspect Consulting LLC.

BOCC Office Manager Lara McRea discussed the resolution. She said the consultants will help Lewis County create a water profile that can help position the county for future funding opportunities and future water availability.

Resolution 21-257: Authorize initial placement of Health Service Workers on the current Lewis County Salary Grid for Non-Union Extra Help.

HR Director Chris Panush discussed the resolution. He said the requirements for the WIC position put it at a grade 115.

Resolution 21-258: Sunset the local declaration of a state of emergency in Lewis County and remain under the state's declaration of emergency.

Commissioner Stamper discussed the resolution. Becky Butler said work is still being done to process invoices before the declaration sunsets.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Lewis County's vaccination rate lags behind the state's rates. He said that could affect hospitalization rates. Commissioner Stamper asked if the state Health Department has provided updates regarding its Lakeview quarantine site. JP said the state has been providing capacity updates. Commissioner Swope said the PA's office has reviewed the state's contract with the hotel and that the contract runs through April 2022, not December 2021, as the state had contended. Commissioner Swope said the state is paying the hotel \$125,000 per month for use of the facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Stamper discussed the upcoming Funtime Festival in Napavine.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Reporter Claudia Yaw noted the proclamation passed earlier in the meeting did not identify Lewis County as a sanctuary county. She asked if the commissioners consider the county a sanctuary county or if they plan to pass another proclamation identifying itself as such.

Commissioner Stamper said he feels the proclamation speaks for itself.

Commissioner Swope said the commissioners have taken an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and the State of Washington Constitution. He said infringement on those rights will not be tolerated and that the verbiage is simply semantics.

Commissioner Pollock echoed her seatmates' comments.

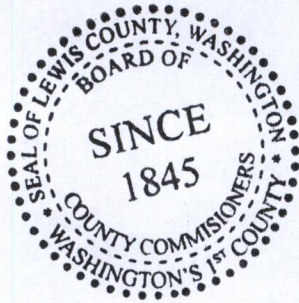
Commissioner Pollock said the Fair board will hold its final pre-fair meeting later in the day.

ADJOURNMENT

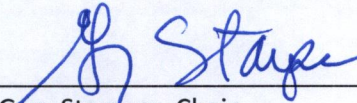
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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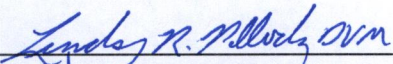
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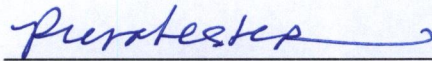


Gary Stamper, Chair

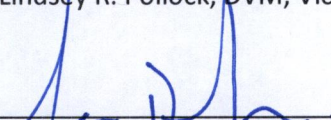


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Sean Swope, Commissioner