

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**July 20, 2021**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

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**

Stephen Healy of Toledo expressed his opposition to expanding the Lemmie Rockford mine in Toledo. Stephen said the mine is loud and operates at all hours. Stephen said the mine is disrupting and that the noise is unbearable, especially for his brother, another neighbor of the mine.

Scott Crossfield said the DNR told him July 16 that Lewis County has green-lighted the expansion of the pit. Scott played audio of the mining operations. Scott cited the dangers of noise pollution. Scott said the owner, Lemmie Rockford, has said the neighbors need to learn to deal with it. Scott said the county has approved a doubling of the mine's area of operation and has extended its approval for an additional 15 years. Scott said he would like to know whether the SM6 for the project had been completed and whether the project is held to different standards than other similar projects.

Frank Corbin discussed proposed Resolution 21-266 regarding appointments to the Veterans' Advisory Board. He thanked the county and expressed excitement for the future of the board.

Dan Dietz said he lives directly across from the mine. He said the mine operates at all hours, which is against the rules, and that he has witnessed illegal burns at the mine. Dan said he reported the illegal burn once but did not know if there was any response.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 21-259. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 21-259:** Call for bids for the Cowlitz River Public Access Point Project, CMP 15-1606. Bids are due to the Clerk of the Board by 12:15 p.m. Aug. 12, 2021.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the call for bids is being published in the Seattle Daily Journal and The Chronicle.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

#### CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting as well as Resolution 21-260. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 21-260: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.**

Commissioner Swope left at 10:13 a.m.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 844,093 through 844,393 and direct disbursements 3666 through 3668, 3678 through 3681, and 3683 were issued in July for payments against the county totaling \$3,455,519.06. Grace said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 795,837 through 795,840 and Automatic Deposits numbered 27,898 through 28,487 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,086,218.23.

Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 844,055 through 844,092, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

*Motion passed 2-0, with Commissioner Swope not voting because he was absent.*

Commissioner Swope returned at 10:15 a.m.

#### DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-261 through 21-272. Commissioner Stamper seconded.*

**Resolution 21-261: Approve SECO County Coordinator Professional Development contract SFY2022.**

**911 Administrator Scott Smitherman** discussed the resolution. He said the agreement approves funding of up to \$37,033.

**Resolution 21-262: Approve data-sharing agreements between Lewis County, the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and Office of Washington State Auditor (SAO) in response to Senate Bill 5432.**

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. He said the PA's Office indicated the data-sharing agreement would not add additional liability for the county.

**Resolution 21-263:** Approve a funds transfer to the Southwest Washington Fair Office Revolving Working Account.

Director of Parks and Recreation Connie Riker discussed the resolution. She said the funding will be returned after completion of the Fair and Garlic Fest.

**Resolution 21-264:** Approve CPWI Prevention Amendment 3 between Washington Health Care Authority, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) and Lewis County.

Public Health & Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He said the amendment adds \$300,000 in funding to an existing contract.

**Resolution 21-265:** Approve a program agreement between the Department of Social and Health Services and Lewis County for the WorkFirst Program.

Public Health & Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He said the agreement provides up to \$19,260 for the WorkFirst program.

**Resolution 21-266:** Reappoint Frank Corbin, Ricardo Barrientes and George Dodd and appoint Ken Norwood as regular members to the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) through June 30, 2023.

Public Health & Social Services Veterans Benefits Specialist Heidi Palmer discussed the resolution. She discussed the stellar work the returning members do and noted that she is excited to welcome Ken Norwood to the group.

**Resolution 21-267:** Approve an agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division and Lewis County to provide funds for homeless housing services.

Public Health & Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. JP said the two-year contract provides funding totaling \$2,506,970 to help nonprofits and others help those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

**Resolution 21-268:** Approve contract between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to oversee administration of funds.



**Public Health & Social Services Director JP Anderson** discussed the resolution. He said the \$936,293 contract covers the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

**Resolution 21-269:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Newaukum Valley Road MP 1.085-1.105 Bank Stabilization Project, SM 90-21F400280109, FEMA Project No. PA-10WA-4593.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$1,139,280.00 and that the resolution would award the contract to the apparent low bidder, Tunista Construction of Federal Way, which submitted a bid of \$595,217.00. Josh said he has spoken to the company owner, who confirmed the legitimacy of the bid, which was nearly half the amount of the engineer's estimate and the next-lowest competitor. Josh said Tunista's stabilization material prices were lower the other bidders' prices.

**Resolution 21-270:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lincoln Creek Rd. MP 13.7 Culvert Replacement Project, SM 20F100191370, FEMA Project No. 4539-DR-WA-166397.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received four bids for the project and that the engineer's estimate for the project was \$558,597.82. Josh said the resolution would award the contract to the apparent low bidder, Steele Trucking of Chehalis, which submitted a bid of \$372,783.87.

**Resolution 21-271:** Approve a \$20,000 "Distressed Counties" grant to the EDC for its project to update Vader's Urban Design Standards.

**Commissioner Stamper and Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva Lester noted that the EDC would work with Vader to complete the project.

Commissioner Stamper noted that Resolution 21-272 had been held.

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

## **COVID-19**

JP Anderson said work continues in response to the coronavirus. JP noted that Shad Hail and the Juvenile team have done a great job of reaching out to and providing assistance to students who may not be engaged with the area schools. Commissioner Swope said he'd like to see an update in the number of child abuse cases and the number of reported cases. Commissioner Swope said he is inviting Shad Hail and Rickie Anders to provide an update to the BOCC.

JP said the state tested roughly a quarter of its positive COVID tests the previous month and that it did not find any cases that included the Delta variant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Stamper said the Packwood Fly-In is scheduled for the weekend of July 24-25.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2021, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

*Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. Video footage can be viewed online at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.*



ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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