

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 22, 2019

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund

Absent: Commissioner Jackson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Welever of Randle discussed his concerns regarding the proposed Crystal Geyser water-bottling plant. Don said 51 percent of Lewis County's population lives in rural areas. He urged a change to Ordinance 1292 to prohibit special-use permits on lands zoned RDD 5, RDD 10 and RDD 20.

Dennis Jasmer, who lives on Peters Road, voiced his concerns about Crystal Geyser. He asked if the county has given Crystal Geyser any tax incentives. The commissioners said they have not. Dennis said he feels the special-use permit changes created by Ordinance 1292 is more than a coincidence.

Jim Merhaut said he has done a risk assessment and determined that it would cost \$46 per foot to drill a new well. He said drilling a new well would cost him at least \$8,900.

Steve Jasmer said his group is proposing a code change to the Planning Commission in an effort to help protect rural communities in response to Crystal Geyser's proposal to build a plant in Lewis County.

Renee Cannon of Cinebar discussed her concerns regarding harassment. She said she feels there are communication problems between the Sheriff's Office and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve a proclamation promoting awareness of and participation in the 2020 Census. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record.

Motion passed 2-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-205 through 19-207. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Resolution 19-205: Notice of Hearing for Ordinance 1303 regarding the proposed dissolution of Joint Diking and Drainage District No. 1 of Lewis and Thurston Counties (Hanaford Valley). The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 19, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amber Caulfield spoke to the resolution. She said she will contact the last known members of the diking district.

Resolution 19-206: Notice of Hearing for Ordinance 1304 regarding the proposed dissolution of Davis Lake Drainage District No. 1 (Davis Lake, Morton). The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 19, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amber Caulfield spoke to the resolution.

Resolution 19-207: Request for Proposals (RFP) for annual hydrologic, hydraulic and geomorphic professional services. Proposals are due to County Engineer Tim Fife by 1 p.m. Aug. 16, 2019.

Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works, spoke to the resolution. He said an engineering consultant is needed for annual hydrologic, hydraulic and geomorphic services.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve minutes from the July 15, 2019, meeting as well as Resolution 19-208. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Resolution 19-208: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 816,793-816,995 and direct disbursements 893, 895, 1048, 1055, 1056, 1062, 1063, 1091, 1106, 1107 and 1111 were issued the week of July 12 for payments against the county totaling \$1,676,185.31.

She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 816,717-816,792, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-209 through 19-213. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Resolution 19-209: Approve additional funds to the Southwest Washington Fair Office Revolving Working Account.

Steve Walton, Director of Central Services, spoke to the resolution. He said the additional \$1,000 will be used in the change drawers and the additional \$25,000 is needed for the revolving account. He said the funds will be returned to the Treasurer's Office by Sept. 30, 2019.

Resolution 19-210: Approve funds for the ATM machines at the Southwest Washington Fair.

Steve Walton, Director of Central Services, spoke to the resolution. He said the \$100,000 will be used for the ATM machines. Steve said the funds will be returned to the Treasurer's Office by Sept. 30, 2019.

Resolution 19-211: Approve Amendments #10 and #11 to an Interagency Agreement, RCO# 15-1475, between the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and Lewis County.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, spoke to the resolution. She noted that Lewis County is the fiscal agent for the Flood Authority.

Resolution 19-212: Approve an eighth supplemental agreement between SBGH-Partners LLC and Lewis County.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, spoke to the resolution.

Resolution 19-213: Approve Distressed Counties .09 Grant funding for Rural Economic Development and construction of Mickelsen Parkway.

Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works, spoke to the resolution. Matt Matayoshi noted that the applicant had been the City of Winlock, which later asked that Lewis County take over as the applicant. Matt said the project will connect Highway 505 to the industrial area in Winlock. He said he anticipates three to five jobs for each of Benaroya's 320 acres. Lisa Goodman of Benaroya also discussed the Winlock project.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1305, which would revise Lewis County Code 3.30 regarding surplus property.

Commissioner Stamper introduced the hearing.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Amber Caulfield gave the staff report. She said it adds another way in which the county can sell surplus property. She said a property measuring a half-acre or less can be offered to the owner of an adjacent property. She said if there were two or more interested neighboring property owners, the county would use a sealed bid process.

Commissioner Stamper asked if there were any questions.

Ron Averill of Centralia asked for clarification about surplus versus real property. Amber explained that it relates to surplus real property.

Jim Merhaut asked for a definition regarding surplus property. Amber clarified that it is property for which that the county no longer has use.

Treasurer Arny Davis asked why only the adjacent property owners would have the option to purchase the potential property. Amber said the change allows the county to work expressly with those who already neighbor the property. Amber said the change is designed to take care of slivers of land, ditches and the like. County Manager Erik Martin clarified that the change merely adds another option for off-loading surplus real property.

Treasurer Arny Davis said he applauds the effort.

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

Amber Caulfield and Erik Martin asked that their 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 Ordinance 1305. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Fund thanked the farm Bureau and the EDC for their work on the previous week's Farm tour. She also congratulated the Veterans' Museum for its recent Civil War re-enactment.

Commissioner Stamper discussed the previous weekend's Funtime Festival in Napavine.

Commissioner Stamper said he has reached out to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to get further information about the county's role in the Crystal Geyser permit process.

Bob Guenther discussed the need for good wages, hours and working conditions related to the proposed Benaroya project.

Peter Lahmann invited the audience to the 8:30 a.m. July 27 blueberry feed at the museum. He also discussed the recent Wooden Boat Festival in Des Moines, Wash.

Sean Bell of RES Americas said he met with Centralia College regarding internship possibilities related to the wind farm project. He said grading and clearing are taking place. He said the crossing agreement has not yet been completed. He said RES Americas is meeting with emergency responders regarding fire response. Sean said the haul route has changed. He said the group will use Longview instead of Tacoma. He said blade deliveries will begin in mid-August.

Commissioner Stamper said a fly-in is planned for July 27 in Packwood.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions from the press.

Commissioner Fund noted that the Skookumchuck bridge has been renamed in honor of Regina Clark. Commissioner Fund said Timberland Regional Library is holding strategic planning meetings, including one on July 25.

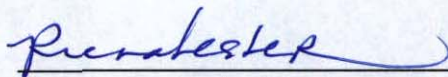
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

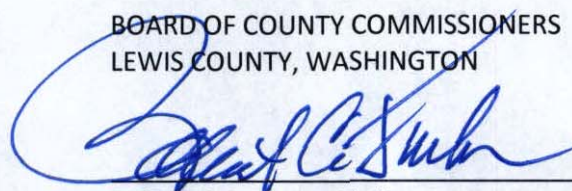
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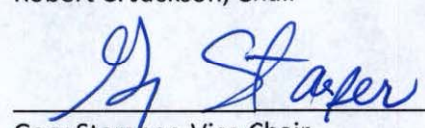



ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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