

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 5, 2021

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STATE-OF-THE-LIBRARY ADDRESS

Timberland Regional Library Executive Director Cheryl Heywood said TRL has expanded, opening a 28th facility. She said all libraries have received infrastructure improvements. Cheryl said TRL has signed a three-year agreement for a kiosk in Toledo. She said TRL is hosting pop-up libraries in Morton and Mineral twice a month. She said TRL also is working to purchase land for a site in Randle.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve three proclamations: one proclaiming Oct. 3-9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week; one recognizing the first week of October as Public Power Week; and the last declaring October 2021 as Disability Employment Awareness Month. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Proclaim Oct. 3-9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week.

Lewis County Fire District 13 Chief Gregg Peterson read the proclamation into the record. Gregg talked about the evolution of smoke detectors.

Recognize the first week of October as Public Power Week.

Lewis County Public Utility District (PUD) Public Affairs Manager Willie Painter read the proclamation into the record.

Declare October 2021 as Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Commissioner Sean Swope read the proclamation into the record. Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the importance of employers supporting all employees, including those with disabilities.

Motion passed 2-0.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 21-355. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-355: Notice of Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 1330, an ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 17.12, Public Participation Program, and amend Chapter 17.05 General Provisions, of the Lewis County Code.

Community Development Sr. Long Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the September 28, 2021, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 21-356. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-356: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 846,922 through 847,139 and direct disbursements numbered 3951 through 3953 were issued in September for payments against the county totaling \$3,483,524.57. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 795,859 and Automatic Deposits numbered 30,937 through 31,531 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,136,413.81. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 846,876 through 846,921, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-357 through 21-359. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-357: Approve purchase of R-Zero ARC UV-C Light touchless disinfections units for the Lewis County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility.

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. He said the UV-C technology, which is used in operating rooms across the county, will be beneficial to the county's congregate sites by killing airborne and surface pathogens to mitigate COVID-19 and other diseases.

Resolution 21-358: Approve a reimbursement agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for extraordinary costs in responding to State v. Blake on the state's behalf.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. He said the agreement will help reimburse the county for costs associated with the 50 years' worth of vacated convictions as a result of State v. Blake.

Resolution 21-359: Modify restrictions on outdoor burning to allow permitted burning throughout lands regulated by Lewis County.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. She said the county's burn restrictions were eased effective at 8 a.m. Sept. 30, 2021. She noted that outdoor burning is limited to natural vegetation, not paper products and garbage.

Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Bird's Eye is looking to expand from two days of COVID-19 testing for area school children to four days of testing at the fairgrounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill said the Republican Central Committee has begun its effort to identify three potential successors for Commissioner Stamper. He said the group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 26, to hold its interviews. He outlined the steps the Republican Party will take. Ron said interested District 3 residents can contact Republican Central Committee Chair Brandon Svenson at 360-827-0503 or bsvenny@gmail.com for information about applying for the seat.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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