

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 12, 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.

PRESENTATION

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve two proclamations: one recognizing October as Domestic Violence Action Month and the other recognizing October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Proclamation: Proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Action Month.

Commissioner Pollock read the proclamation into the record.

Proclamation: Proclaiming October 2021 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

BOCC Office Manager Lara McRea read the proclamation into the record.

Motion passed 2-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-360 through 21-363. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-360: Approve a Request for Proposals for a Seasonal Emergency Shelter running November 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, funded through document and recording fees. Proposals are due via email by 4 p.m. Oct. 21, 2021.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He said there is a short turn-around for the RFP.

Resolution 21-361: Lewis County 2021 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, notice of hearing thereon. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 26, 2021.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. She said comments can be sent by mail or via email. Becky said amendment reflects a \$4.57 million expenditure increase and a \$2.35 million revenue increase.

Resolution 21-362: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Larson Dairy LLC to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County rights of way. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 2, 2021.

Real Estate Services Director Martin Roy discussed the resolution. Martin said the owners of Larson Dairy would like to extend an existing franchise.

Resolution 21-363: Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Boistfort Valley Water to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County rights of way. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 2, 2021.

Real Estate Services Director Martin Roy discussed the resolution. Martin said the county and Boistfort Valley Water are looking to consolidate all five of Boistfort Valley Water's franchises into one unit.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the October 5, 2021, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 21-364. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-364: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 847,148 through 847,329 were issued in October for payments against the county totaling \$446,266.57. Grace noted a

skip in sequence for warrants 847,140 through 847,147, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-365 through 21-368. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 21-365: Authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the Community Rating System Annual Recertification Document.

Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the resolution. Lee said the county must certify annually that it is continuing to implement the activities noted in the annual recertification document as credited under the CRS Program and as described in the original application and subsequent modifications.

Resolution 21-366: Approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Lewis County and the United States Geological Service.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the agreement extends the county's contract through Sept. 30, 2022.

Resolution 21-367: Change the per diem rate for members of the Lewis County Board of Equalization.

Board of Equalization Clerk Tammy Martin discussed the resolution. She said members of the Board of Equalization (BOE) had last received a per diem increase, to \$75, in 1997. She said the resolution would increase the per diem to \$100.

Resolution 21-368: Establish the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners for the remainder of 2021.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. She said the commissioners would need to establish the chair and vice chair for the remainder of the year in response to Commissioner Stamper's untimely demise.

Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said the testing site at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds has expanded to several days per week. He said the county is working to reconcile the Lewis County deaths that have been counted by the state Department of Health. He explained that the county double checks to ensure that the individuals whose deaths were attributed to Lewis County by the state were, indeed, from Lewis County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lara McRea welcomed new employee Tiffanie Morgan.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 19, 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/>. The BOCC's weekly Business Meeting is streamed live on Facebook and YouTube. (Search for "Lewis County Commissioners" on Facebook or go to <https://www.facebook.com/LewisCountyCommissioners/>. For YouTube footage, search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>.)



ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

Sean Swope, Commissioner