

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**July 29, 2019**

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Russell praised the commissioners – specifically Commissioner Fund, the county, the EDC and the .09 committee for their work regarding the Benaroya project.

Steve Jasmer of Randle discussed Craig Jasmer's request for a moratorium on special-use permits related to bottling water. The commissioners said they will meet with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in open session later in the day to discuss the moratorium request.

Bob Russell discussed a .09 request related to a biorefinery. Bob said he recently visited a plant in Starbuck, Wash., that is being built to turn wheat straw into pulp. He said it is being created using research provided by the University of Washington.

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve two proclamations. Commissioner Stamper seconded.***

**Proclamation recognizing August 2, 2019, as Lewis County Reunification Day.**

Commissioner Fund read the proclamation into the record. She invited the public to a picnic planned for 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Alexander Park.

**Proclamation recognizing August 4-10, 2019, as Farmers' Markets of Lewis County Appreciation Week.**

Commissioner Jackson read the proclamation into the record. Farmers' Market representative Marie Shankle and Buckleberry Farms owner Deborah Collins discussed the importance of farmers' markets.

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

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

***Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve minutes from the July 22, 2019, meeting as well as Resolution 19-214. Commissioner Fund seconded.***

**Resolution 19-214: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.**

**Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office,** said warrants numbered 817,063-817,123 were issued the week of July 19 for payments against the county totaling \$137,694.83. She said payroll/tax deposit numbered 795,652-795,665 and Automatic Deposits 1-613 are were issued for payments against the county totaling \$1,441,203.24.

She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 816,996-817,062, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

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

## **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

***Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-215 through 19-219. Commissioner Stamper seconded.***

**Resolution 19-215: Approve Cowlitz River Basin Sub-zone Fund 1260 authorizing cash flow loan from Current Expense Fund No. 0010 for costs associated with the FEMA floodplain study of the Upper Cowlitz Basin.**

**Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works,** spoke to the resolution. He said the money will cover the cost of the FEMA floodplain study on the Cowlitz River Basin. He said the grant loan will be repaid and that the project will take roughly six to nine months to complete.

**Resolution 19-216: Approve a contract between the Washington State Military Department and Lewis County for E911 Professional Development funding assistance.**

**Scott Smitherman, Interim Manager of 911 Communications,** spoke to the resolution. He said the contract allows up to \$47,610 for expenses associated with the operation of the Enhanced 911 System.

**Resolution 19-217: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding work by county crews and authorize a signature thereon.**

**Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works**, spoke to the resolution. He said the county will chip-seal roughly two miles of Highway 12 for WSDOT.

**Resolution 19-218: Ratification of (CLCP) Agreement SWMCLCP-1921-LeCSWU-00012 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for litter pickup, refuse disposal, illegal dumpsite cleanup and prevention education.**

**Steve Skinner, Director of Solid Waste**, spoke to the resolution. He said the Department of Ecology awarded Solid Waste \$89,300 for litter pickup, refuse disposal, the cleanup of illegal dump sites and prevention education.

**Resolution 19-219: Accepting a bid and award the contract for one new vehicle to be purchased by Community Development.**

**Lee Napier, Director of Community Development**, spoke to the resolution. She said I-5 Dodge submitted the lowest responsive bid of \$27,460.26 for a new SUV.

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

## **HEARINGS**

**Resolution 19-220: Approve a franchise to the Industrial Park at Transalta to construct, operate and maintain water and sewer facilities in Lewis County rights-of-way on Big Hanaford Road.**

Commissioner Jackson introduced the hearing.

Martin Roy, Real Estate Services Manager gave the staff report. Martin said the non-exclusive franchise for sewer and water facilities replaces an expiring franchise. Martin said a notice of hearing was given July 8 and that the notice was published in The Chronicle on July 9 and 16.

Commissioner Jackson asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Commissioner Jackson closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Martin Roy asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Jackson asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke.

Commissioner Jackson closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve Resolution 19-220. Commissioner Fund seconded.***

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



**Resolution 19-221: Hearing for the 2nd 2019 Budget Amendment for Current Expense and Other Funds.**

Commissioner Jackson introduced the hearing.

**Becky Butler, Budget Services Manager**, gave the staff report. Becky said notice of the hearing was published in The Chronicle on July 16 and 23. Becky said the budget amendment reflects a \$5,434,376 increase in expenditures and a \$3,667,215 increase in revenue, resulting in a \$1,767,161 decrease in ending fund balance. Becky then gave an overview of the various changes reflected in the budget amendment.

Becky noted that Risk premiums continue to increase.

Commissioner Jackson asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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

Becky asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Jackson asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

No one spoke.

Commissioner Jackson closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve Resolution 19-221. Commissioner Fund seconded.***

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Fund discussed the recent Employee Picnic. Commissioner Stamper also praised the efforts of those involved with the Packwood Fly-In, including Josh Metcalf for Public Works' efforts to clean up the area.

Commissioner Fund discussed the blueberry pancake feed at the museum and the kids-fly-free event at the Chehalis airport. She also discussed a car show that took place over the weekend. Commissioner Fund said she attended the Timberland Regional Library event over the weekend.

Commissioner Jackson said he provided the pulled pork for the recent Employee Picnic. He also discussed a recent Chehalis Basin Partnership meeting.

Commissioner Stamper said he would look into Ordinance 1292. He invited the audience to the upcoming Blueberry Festival.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

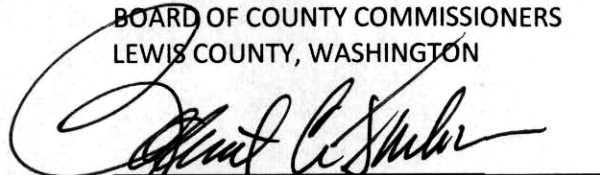
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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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