

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 5, 2019

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Jasmer of Randle thanked the commissioners and the county for their work on the proposed moratorium, Ordinance 1306.

Don Welever of Randle thanked the commissioners for their work on the pending moratorium.

Darlie Bullock of Randle thanked the county for being proactive.

Patty Kinswa thanked the county for its efforts related to the moratorium and noted that Crystal Geyser wants to build on the Cowlitz Tribe's ancestral land.

Tom Crowson of Fire District 5 said Fire District 5 supports HR 1629, which considers 911 dispatchers as first responders. He encouraged the commissioners to sign a letter of support as well.

Susan Moser of Morton said East Lewis County has a lot to offer: hay, carbon sequestration, electricity, recreation and fish, all of which rely on water. She said Crystal Geyser should explore becoming a leader in the desalinization field.

Lois Lopez said she listed her home on Air B and B and had several hits within days. She promoted vacation home rentals and ecotourism. She urged the county to implement its proposed moratorium.

Sami Jo Vertz did not speak, noting she had merely inadvertently signed the public comment sign-in sheet.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-222. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Resolution 19-222: Notice of Hearing for Ordinance No. 1306, which will impose a moratorium upon certain permits within the rural and resource lands of Lewis County. The hearing will begin at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 26, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

DPA Eric Eisenberg spoke to the resolution. He noted that the commissioners would be voting on setting the hearing date as well as voting on the ordinance itself. Eric noted there had been a typo in the notice. The Board directed Rieva Lester to send a corrected version of the notice to The Chronicle and The East County Journal.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve minutes from the July 29, 2019, meeting as well as Resolution 19-223. Commissioner Fund seconded.

Resolution 19-223: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 817,150 through 817,633 were issued the week of July 26 for payments against the county totaling \$1,453,713.62. She noted a skip in sequence for warrants 817,124 through 817,149, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-224 through 19-227 as well as Ordinance 1306. Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Resolution 19-224: Approve an employment agreement between Lewis County and Jeffrey Schreck for building inspection services.

Lee Napier, Director of Community Development, spoke to the resolution. She said Community Development is hiring Jeffrey Schreck as an on-call, as needed Building Inspector as a casual employee at a rate of \$55 per hour.

Resolution 19-225: Extend the end date for the Lewis County Water District 1 (LCWD1) Water System Comprehensive Plan review.

Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works, spoke to the resolution.

Resolution 19-226: List the bids received and contractors selected for the purchase of various equipment.

Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works, spoke to the resolution. He said Pape Machinery submitted the lowest responsive bids for a tilt trailer and a sweeper and that Washington Tractor submitted the lowest responsive bids for a tractor mower and a mini excavator. Josh noted that Washington Tractor's mini excavator bid was the lowest among the three bids the county received.

Resolution 19-227: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Interstate Avenue Paving Project, CRP 2187D, F.A. Project No. STPUS-HIPUS-5686(001).

Josh Metcalf, Director of Public Works, spoke to the resolution. He said the county received two bids for the Interstate Paving Project and that Lakeside Industries was the apparent low bidder.

Ordinance 1306: Impose a moratorium upon certain permits within the rural and resource lands of Lewis County.

DPA Eric Eisenberg spoke to the ordinance. He said the Planning Commission received a request from the Lewis County Water Alliance (LCWA) related to its concerns regarding the use of rural lands. He said the county had amended its rural zoning in September 2018 to allow for "standalone food or beverage manufacturing" via a special use permit. He said the LCWA has indicated that it believes the change to the code is inconsistent with the Growth Management Act, state law and the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. He said the LCWA contends the county may have erred, allowing activities beyond the scope of what the amendment was intended to allow. He said the moratorium puts on hold special use permits related to the extraction of water for sale as well as applications for standalone food or beverage manufacturing that exceed the permit-exempt limits of RCW 90.44.050.

Eric noted that the moratorium can be changed or lifted at any time. He said the public hearing for the ordinance is set for Aug. 26 and that the moratorium applies evenly to all members of the county.

Commissioner Stamper thanked the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for its work on the project and the LCWA for its vigilance.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Fund discussed the recent Blueberry Festival in Mossyrock.

Commissioner Stamper said he and Dena Horton of Sen. Cantwell's office toured the east end of the county the previous week. He stressed the need for timber dollars.

Commissioner Jackson discussed his work on the state 911 group related to studies regarding consolidated 911 services. He also discussed upcoming interviews for a county strategic planning consultant.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

Commissioner Fund said the Morton Loggers Jubilee is planned for Aug. 10 and that the Southwest Washington Fair kicks off Aug. 13.

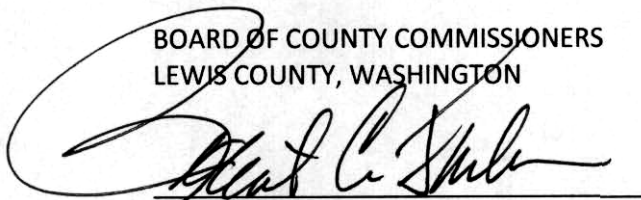
Commissioner Jackson thanked the community for its involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, August 12, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert C. Jackson, Chair

absent
Gary Stamper, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Cady Hallam
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



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Edna J. Fund, Commissioner