

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

November 30, 2021

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose

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

No comments.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-413 and 21-414. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 21-413: Lewis County 2021 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, a notice of hearing thereon. The public hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. She said the amendment reflects expenditure increases totaling \$3,013,600, offset by revenue increases totaling \$3,530,915 and an increase of fund balance totaling \$517,315.

Resolution 21-414: Notice of two public hearings regarding proposed changes to Lewis County commissioner district and precinct boundaries. The public hearings will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, and Tuesday Dec. 21, 2021.

County Manager Erik Martin discussed the resolution. He said the BOCC must prepare a redistricting plan for the commissioner district boundaries every 10 years based on new data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 21-415. Commissioner Swope seconded. Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the November 23, 2021, Business Meeting. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 21-415: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 848,834 through 849,001 were issued in November for payments against the county totaling \$605,598.95. She said payroll / tax deposit warrants numbered 795,873 through 795,876 and Automatic Deposits numbered 33,291 through 33,871 also were approved for a payments against the county totaling \$1,122,515.32. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 848,785 through 848,833, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

The motion to approve Resolution 21-415 passed 3-0. The motion to approve minutes from the November 23, 2021, Business Meeting passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-416 through 21-421. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 21-416: Appoint Roger Morningstar as a regular member of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) through June 30, 2022.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He noted that the group also is revamping its policies, procedures and mission statement. VAB member Bill Marshall voiced support for Roger Morningstar's appointment.

Resolution 21-417: Approve Amendment 16 between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority.

Community Development Office Manager Graham Gowing discussed the resolution. He said the amendment provides \$193,295 in funding.

Resolution 21-418: Approval of a Eleventh Supplement Agreement between SBGH Partners, LLC, and Lewis County.

Community Development Office Manager Graham Gowing discussed the resolution. He said the agreement uses funding outlined in Resolution 21-417 to cover expenses for the 2021-23 biennium.

Resolution 21-419: Approve the water system plan for Boistfort Valley Water.

Senior Long Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. She said county staff has reviewed Boistfort Valley Water's proposed water system and recommends approval.

Resolution 21-420: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County 2022 Rock Proposal.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received two bids for the project and that Good Crushing Inc. was the apparent low bidder. He said he recommends awarding the project to Good Crushing. Josh said the contractors were asked to bid on hauling the loads as well if needed. He said the plan is to use county resources to haul the rock but that the contractors are available if needed.

Resolution 21-421: Appoint Brian Ballton to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.

PFD member Ron Averill discussed the resolution. Brian Ballton thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to serve.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 21-422: Approve and adopt the 2021 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan (CFHMP).

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing. She noted that the hearing was taking place as a joint hearing for the Board of County Commissioners and the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (FCZD).

County Manager Erik Martin and Perteet consultant Christina Wollman gave the staff report. Erik said notice of the hearing was published in The Chronicle and the East County Journal.

Perteet consultant Christina Wollman discussed the CFHMP. Christina said the FCZD is required to have a plan. She noted the county has a plan that was last updated in 2009. She said the county can use the plan when it applies for grant funding and that the plan is eligible for Community Rating System (CRS) credit, which helps reduce flood insurance rates for area residents.

Christina reviewed components of the CFHMP planning process, risk assessment and action plan.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions.

Ron Averill discussed the joint plan work on by the cities and county in 2009. He said he assumed the plan did not address volcanic activity. He asked why the plan did not include Napavine, Pe Ell and Centralia.

Josh Metcalf said the All Hazards Plan, which is separate from the CFHMP, expired and that Public Works is hiring a consultant to help update the plan.

Christina said all surrounding cities were invited to participate in the CFHMP but that only Chehalis chose to participate. She said Perteet reached out to the cities.

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

Erik and Christina asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 21-422. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said he would have his weekly report available Dec. 1. JP said another entity is now providing PCR COVID-19 testing at the Chehalis mall. He said Public Health and Social Services is monitoring the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill said Heritage Restoration has finished cleaning the Lewis County Seniors' senior centers but has not finished cleaning the HVAC units, possibly delaying the centers' opening.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

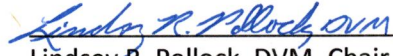
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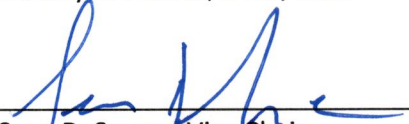
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