

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**January 18, 2022**

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**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve minutes from the January 11, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-012. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 22-012: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.**

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 850,371 through 850,710 and direct disbursements numbered 4387 through 4392 were issued in January for payments against the county totaling \$1,861,086.60. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants 795,881 through 795,882 and Automatic Deposits numbered 35,046 through 35,623 also were approved for payments against the county totaling \$1,143,609.11. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 850,353 through 850,370, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

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

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-013 through 22-016. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 22-013:** Cancellation of delinquent personal property and mineral rights taxes from the tax collection system.

**Treasurer Army Davis** discussed the resolution. He said the resolution reflects write-offs for 35 personal property parcels and 146 mineral rights parcels.

**Resolution 22-014: Authorizing cash-flow loan from Current Expense Fund No. 0010 to Cowlitz River Basin Subzone Fund 1260.**

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. He said he is asking that the county provide upfront funding of up to \$650,000.

**Resolution 22-015: Acceptance of agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Military Department for the 2021 - 22 Emergency Management Performance Grant, American Rescue Plan Act (EMPG-ARPA).**

**Department of Emergency Management Planner Erika Katt** discussed the resolution. She said the \$14,901 grant covers emergency radio equipment.

**Resolution 22-016: Approving Erika Katt, DEM Planner, as the Lewis County Community Emergency Coordinator and William Teitzel as the Alternate Community Emergency Coordinator for 2022-2024 hazardous material incidents.**

**Department of Emergency Management Planner Erika Katt** discussed the resolution. She said the designations are required as per state law.

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

## **COVID-19**

**JP Anderson** said the Toledo School District has switched to remote learning due to bus driver shortages linked to the pandemic. He discussed the release of new school guidelines for COVID-19 cases.

**Chris Panush** presented an updated decision tree regarding the COVID-19 "decision tree." He also discussed proposed changes to the emergency leave pool.

**Commissioner Swope** recommended giving Erik Martin authority to implement changes to CDC guidelines.

The commissioners said they would like to adopt CDC guidelines verbatim as they change.

**Commissioner Swope** said he would like to have Erik adopt changes that ease restrictions but would like the commissioners to make decisions on changes that increase restrictions.

**Commissioner Swope** made a motion to approve the decision tree as presented. **Commissioner Grose** seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The commissioners said they authorize Erik to adopt changes that ease restrictions, as outlined in his contract. They said they would like to continue having a say regarding increased restrictions.

The commissioners said they would further discuss the leave pool at the following day's ESC / Directors' Update.

Erik asked the board to also consider the use of ARPA funding to cover COVID-19 leave, which has been covered by donations in the past. Erik said employees donated roughly \$85,000 in donated time and that a balance of roughly \$40,000 remains.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swope thanked everyone involved in the Jan. 15 cleanup day in Centralia.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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