

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**February 22, 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**

Gretchen Fritsch discussed concerns regarding county code Chapter 17 regarding housing, specifically short-term rentals. She said short-term rentals are a booming business in Packwood. She said she feels short-term rentals should be defined and addressed within county code.

Packwood resident Amy Besunder said she has concerns regarding the large number in short-term rentals in the Packwood area. She said short-term rentals are creating garbage, noise and housing pricing problems. She asked that the county limit the number of short-term rentals and to act quickly.

Packwood resident Cathy Lilienthal discussed a recent meeting regarding short-term rentals. She said she too has concerns regarding the disconnect – and subsequent problems – created by the large number of short-term rentals in Packwood.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 22-044. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 22-044:** Notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Paradise Estates Community Club, to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County rights of way. The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. March 15, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Martin said Paradise Estates Community Club has submitted a franchise to install, construct, operate, and maintain water facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Business Administration (SBA) Public Information Officer Barbara Nitis discussed SBA loans available in response to the recent floods. She said the deadline for economic injury loans is Nov. 15, and the deadline for physical damage loans is April 18.

Ericka Katt discussed the FEMA process.

Commissioner Swope said he would work remotely the rest of the week.

Peter Lahmann said a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rotary Club's 100th anniversary will take place at noon Feb. 22.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

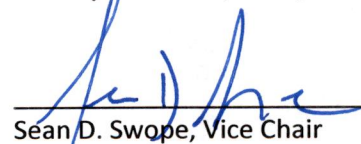
## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board