

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 9, 2019

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Absent: Commissioner Fund

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodger Cool said the animal shelter's advisory committee is reviewing possible solutions to the failing animal shelter building. He said the group already has secured \$900,000 in private funding for a new shelter. Roger said a rough design is complete and needs to be reviewed an engineered. He said he hopes the county will consider matching funds and that the advisory group will be asking the county to release \$50,000 from the group's coffers to move forward with design work. JP Anderson, Public Health and Social Services Director, said he would present a formal request to the commissioners later in the week.

Jack Tipping echoed the need for a new animal shelter.

Elisha Voetberg invited the public to a 911 Thank You to First Responders event planned for 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Coldwell Banker. He said the event will include displays of emergency vehicles, live music from the Voetberg family and prize giveaways. He said the event will be used to help raise funds for K-9 units.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve two proclamations: one recognizing September 11, 2019, as a day of Remembrance and Commemoration and the other recognizing September 2019 as Senior Center Month. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Proclamation recognizing September 11, 2019, as a day of Remembrance and Commemoration.

Commissioner Jackson read the proclamation into the record. Steve Mansfield, Director of Emergency Services, discussed the country's response to the tragedy.

The commissioners discussed their memories of the 9-11 tragedy.

Proclamation recognizing September 2019 as Senior Center Month.

Former Commissioner Ron Averill of Centralia read the proclamation into the record. Ron thanked the county for the opportunity to recognize Lewis County's senior citizens. He noted that as president of the Lewis County Seniors, he sees the needs the sites throughout the county serve. He said the sites give seniors the opportunity to get out and socialize. The commissioners thanked Ron and the senior center support staff members for their commitment to the community.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve minutes from the August 26, 2019, meeting as well as Resolution 19-247. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 19-247: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Suzette Smith, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 818,467-818,627 and 818,655-818,847 were issued between Aug. 23 and Sept. 5 for payments against the county totaling \$1,456,489.29. She said payroll/tax deposit warrants numbered 795,672-795,693 and Automatic Deposits 1235-1885 also were approved for payments totaling \$1,416,778.88. Suzette noted a skip in sequence for warrants 818,435-818,466 and 818,628-818,654, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Stamper made a motion to approve Resolutions 19-248 through 19-251. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Resolution 19-248: Approve an extension to the Communications Site Agreement between Weyerhaeuser NR Company and Lewis County for use of a radio repeater site for emergency communication on Baw Faw Peak and authorizing signatures thereon.

Steve Mansfield, Director of Emergency Services, spoke to the resolution. He said the agreement allows for a five-year extension regarding the use of an emergency radio repeater site.

Resolution 19-249: Approve the SWMLSWFA Agreement between Washington Department of Ecology and Lewis County.

JP Anderson, Director of Public Health and Social Services, spoke to the resolution. He said the agreement provides \$67,337.50 and requires a 25 percent match from the county for a project total of \$89,783.33. JP said the funds will be used to reimburse Lewis County for Solid Waste enforcement and permitting activities.

Resolution 19-250: Approve an agreement between Lewis County and Darris McDaniel regarding the proposed purchase of properties located in the 100 block of NW Chehalis Ave., and the 400 block of NW North St., Chehalis.

Steve Walton, Director of Central Services, spoke to the resolution. He said the property owner has offered to sell a handful of properties to the county. He said the properties will suit the county's future office and parking needs. Steve said the purchase is covered by capital funds and will not affect the general fund. Steve said the county eventually plans to build a new juvenile detention facility adjacent to the existing jail, creating the need for additional parking. He said the county also would like to move Community Development to the main campus in the future, creating the need for more space. Steve said the purchase will provide cost-savings in the long run.

Resolution 19-251: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County 2019 Snow Sand Proposal.

Don Carney, Senior Engineer in the Public Works Department, spoke to the resolution. He said Good Crushing was the apparent low bidder (\$341,713.50) and that Public Works recommends awarding the snow sand bid to Good Crushing.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Stamper thanked the public for their participation in county government.

Commissioner Jackson discussed his family's Labor Day weekend campout, noting that Candy Hallom was the group's corn hole champion. He discussed recent groundbreaking ceremonies he attended and noted that the Penny Playground would soon hold its own groundbreaking ceremony.

Ron Averill said the Rotary club has raised \$47,000 to support the Penny Playground renovation project. He noted that the Lewis County Seniors will host their Night of Magic event at the Twin Cities Senior Center in October.

Peter Lahmann of Centralia invited the public to an event planned for noon Sept. 14 to rename a Schaefer Park bridge in honor of the late Regina Clark.

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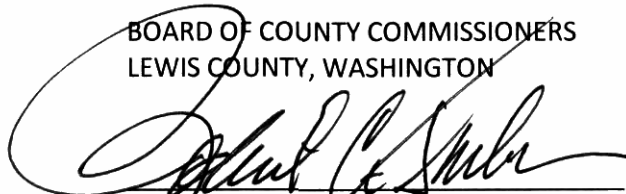
No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, September 16, 2019, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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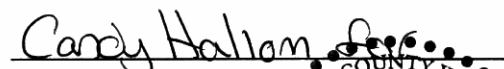
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