# LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

### **Business Meeting minutes**

March 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**

Retired forest engineer Fred Norman discussed the state-owned Skate Creek park in Packwood and encouraged the county to take ownership of the park.

# **CONSENT ITEMS**

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve minutes from the March 15, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-073. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 22-073: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 852,735 through 852,782 and 852,790 through 853,035, as well as direct disbursements 4671, 4674 through 4675, 4677, 4679, 4682, 4683 and 4685 were issued in March for payments against the county totaling \$2,537,953.49. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 852,666 through 852,734 and 852,783 through 852,789, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

#### **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-074 through 22-078. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 22-074: Authorize the Director of IT Services to execute the renewal of an enterprise agreement with Insight, a Washington State-contracted reseller for Microsoft Corporation.

**IT Director Matt Jaeger** discussed the resolution. He said the agreement totals \$134,958.32 plus sales tax.

Resolution 22-075: Authorize the Director of Information Technology Services to execute a purchase order with Dell.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. He said two aging backup units need to be replaced.

Resolution 22-076: Rescind Resolution No. 21-216 and authorize the County Manager to make future decisions regarding mask policies.

**HR Director Chris Panush** discussed the resolution. He said the resolution sunsets a previous mask policy and delegates to the County Manager future decision-making authority regarding state-mandated mask rules.

Resolution 22-077: Appoint Ted McCarson to the Lewis County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (Salary Commission).

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. She said Ted McCarson was selected using a lottery draw of district voters.

Resolution 22-078: Authorize ELCPDA to change the use of Building #2 at the Packwood Business Park and to sublease Building #2 to Longmire Springs Brewing LLC.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. She said the ELCPDA requested the two approvals.

Motion passed 3-0.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Pollock said WSDOT is hosting a tow-plow naming contest.

Commissioner Pollock said Sen. Patty Murray is accepting submissions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023's Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) program.

Commissioner Grose discussed an upcoming meeting regarding timber management.

Peter Lahmann asked if there had been any progress regarding the creation of a veterans clinic. Commissioner Grose said he continues to explore the topic.

# **PRESS CONFERENCE**

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss opioid litigation.

Executive Session started at 10:14 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:19 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to vote on Lewis County's behalf in the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy in Ireland. Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured">https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured</a>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <a href="https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/">https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/</a>.



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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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