

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

March 29, 2022

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-079 and 22-080. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 22-079: Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Radio Equipment Maintenance and Radio System Support Services for Lewis County. Proposals are due to the County Manager by 5 p.m. April 12, 2022.

Office Manager Lara McRea discussed the resolution. She said the county has two vacant seats that the contracted provider will provide maintenance and support for the county's emergency radio equipment.

Resolution 22-080: Lewis County 2022 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds. The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. April 12 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Budget Services Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said individuals can provide public comment in person or in writing. She said the amendment reflects increased expenditures totaling \$3,247,257, increased revenue totaling \$2,356,677 with an estimated ending fund balance totaling \$890,580.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve minutes from the March 22, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-081. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 22-081: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants numbered 853,074 through 853,245 and direct disbursements numbered 4402, 4466, 4560 through 4561, 4606, 4608, 4736 through 4738, and 4740 were issued in March for payments against the county totaling \$1,722,033.64. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 853,036 through 853,073, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 22-082 as well as Resolutions 22-084 through 22-087. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Commissioner Swope noted that Resolution 22-083 (Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Lewis County and Teamsters 252, representing the Sheriff's Operations Sergeants Group, for calendar years 2022-2025) was being held.

Resolution 22-082: Authorize the Director of Information Technology Services to execute a purchase order with Dell Inc.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. He said the resolution will approve a purchase order with Dell for a bulk computer replacement purchase.

Resolution 22-084: Adopt the 2022 Lewis County Communication Plan.

Public Information Specialist Austin Majors discussed the resolution. He said the Communication Plan outlines the major communication goals, objectives and strategies for 2022.

Resolution 22-085: Transfer oversight of the Lewis County Public Health & Social Services (PHSS) Advisory Board to the Board of Health.

Public Health and Social Services Director JP Anderson discussed the resolution. He said recent legislation requires that the advisory board be housed under the Board of Health.

Resolution 22-086: Reappoint three individuals to the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) Board of Directors.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. She said the resolution reappoints F. Lee Grose, Fred Morton and Blake Griffith to the ELCPDA Board of Directors for terms of three years.

Resolution 22-087: Approve an addendum to a .09 (Distressed Counties) grant awarded to UW under Resolution 19-237.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. She said the addendum expands the scope and timeline of the biorefinery project at the Industrial Park.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 22-088: Approve an open space land designation and assessed value reduction for Parcel No. 032800000000.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Assessor Dianne Dorey gave the staff report. Dianne said the landowners applied for the Open Space Land designation. She said the County Public Benefits Rating System Committee recommends approval and that the Lewis County Planning Commission (PC) held a hearing in February and voted to support the committee's recommendations.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions.

Ron Averill asked if the proposed 80 percent reduction is the maximum benefit allowed. Dianne said it is.

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

Dianne asked that her 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 Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 22-088. Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Averill said he'd like information about the UW biorefinery resolution.

Commissioner Swope said a forum will be held at 5 p.m. March 31 to discuss the creation of a night-by-night shelter.

PRESS CONFERENCE

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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