

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 12, 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

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written comment to be included in the record.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-108 and 22-109. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 22-108: Request for proposals (RFP) for Grant Administration, Grant Management Services and Application Development, regarding but not limited to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Proposals are due to Budget Administrator Becky Butler by 4:30 p.m. April 29, 2022.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. She said the county is looking to contract out its grant work, similar to what other governmental entities have done.

Resolution 22-109: Notice of a public hearing for Ordinance 1333, which would amend Chapters 17.10 (Definitions), 17.15 (Urban Growth Areas – Cities), 17.30 (Resource Lands), 17.42 (Land Use Summary) and 17.142 (Land Use standards) of the Lewis County Code. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. May 3, 2022.

Senior Long Range Planner Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. She said the proposed ordinance will change four aspects of county code. Mindy said staff would give a presentation on the changes April 27 and then hold a hearing May 3.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve minutes from the April 5, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-110. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 22-110: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 853,540 through 853,814 were issued in April for payments against the county totaling \$610,379.64. Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 853,529 through 853,539, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-111 through 22-113. Commissioner Grose seconded.

Resolution 22-111: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Director Matt Jaeger discussed the resolution. He said the end-of-life computers, printers and monitors are of little to no value and that the county generally has a recycler take such items.

Resolution 22-112: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Culvert Material Purchase – Crumb Road MP 0.17 Culvert Replacement Project, SM 20F630050017.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the county received bids from two companies: Jensen Precast and Columbia Precast Products. Josh said the apparent low bidder, Jensen Precast submitting a bid totaling \$294,735.98, came in lower than the engineer's estimate, which was \$296,450.00.

Resolution 22-113: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Culvert Material Purchase – Centralia Alpha Road MP 15.79 Culvert Replacement Project, CMP 15-1810.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. He said the county received two bids, with Jensen Precast of submitting a bid totaling \$382,194.12 and Columbia Precast Products of Woodland submitting a bid totaling \$287,826.00. Josh said the apparent low bidder came in higher than the engineer's estimate, which was \$237,160.00.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 22-114: Lewis County 2022 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler gave the staff report. Becky said the amendment reflects a \$3,696,002 increase in expenditures, a \$4,045,607 increase in revenues and a \$349,605 increase of fund balance.

Becky thanked the Auditor's Office for its help establishing new funds.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

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

Becky 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 Grose made a motion to approve Resolution 22-114. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Commissioner Grose discussed interactions from the previous day's meeting.

BIOSOLIDS

Dr. Richard Honour discussed his work with The Precautionary Group. He discussed the dangers of toxic sludge. He said the world is now producing more toxins than ever before. Dr. Honour said toxic sewage sludge includes industrial waste, domestic waste, medical waste, stormwater runoff, nano-plastics,

industrial chemicals, etc. Dr. Honour said that no matter how well it's treated, toxic sludge is not a fertilizer substitute, soil amendment or valued resource. Dr. Honour discussed the dangers of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances. He discussed the wastewater plants' failure to remove inert material, such as plastics. He said animals exposed to sewage sludge die. He discussed pathogens present in the sludge.

The commissioners thanked Dr. Honour for his presentation.

Dr. Honour said the amount of sludge landowners spread on their property is not monitored.

John Abplanalp said Public Health reviewed Tribeca's application to Ecology, not the contract between the distributor and the landowner.

The group discussed the process by which a company applies for a permit through Ecology and contracts with a distributor.

Dr. Honour said he has not tested the plants grown on land that has been treated with biosolids. He discussed the use of chicken, horse and cow manure vs. the use of biosolids.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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