

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**September 6, 2022**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Absent: Commissioner Grose

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Bernard said he is not in support of Winlock annexing its urban growth area (UGA). Eric said he reached out to Winlock officials and learned that Winlock is reneging on its agreement to provide water hookups.

Retired architect and former Winlock planning commissioner Jeff Skutley said he is concerned about the lack of planning in Winlock.

Kathy Chastain said she and 130 other residents received a survey May 3, 2022, asking whether landowners would like to annex. She said the developers in the area voted in favor – as did a handful of residents – but that 95 percent of the residents opposed the proposal. She said she and others want to ensure their voices are heard before the project's fate is decided. Kathy urged the commissioners to review the city of Winlock's plan to expand.

Lynnette Hoffman said Winlock resident Jeremy Cloud had asked her to read aloud a letter. She read the letter to the commissioners.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the August 30, 2022, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 22-280. Commissioner Pollock seconded.***

**Resolution 22-280: Approval of warrants/claims against the various county departments.**

Chief accountant Grace Jimenez, representing the Auditor's Office, said warrants 859,262 through 859,526 were issued in August and September for payments against the county totaling \$525,769.52.



Grace noted a skip in sequence for warrants 859,225 through 859,261, which were issued on behalf of Special Purpose Districts.

**Motion passed 2-0.**

#### **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

**Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-281 through 22-287. Commissioner Pollock seconded.**

**Resolution 22-281: Appoint Robert Spahr to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.**

Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes discussed the resolution. Shawn said Robert is a city councilman for the City of Chehalis.

**Resolution 22-282: Approve consolidated contract #CLH31017 Amendment 6 between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Health (DOH).**

Interim Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement increases funding by \$1,401,000.

**Resolution 22-283: Approve Contract #YAC-CC-22-23 between the Community Action Council and Lewis County Public Health and Social Services.**

Interim Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract will help create wrap-around services for child-abuse victims and their families.

**Resolution 22-284: Authorize initial placement of casual code compliance specialist to be placed on the current Lewis County Salary Grid (13 Step M Grid) for non-union extra help.**

Interim HR / Risk Director Daleyn Coleman discussed the resolution. Daleyn said the resolution places a six-month code compliance specialist project position on the county's salary grid.

**Resolution 22-285: Approve defense and indemnity for Jennifer Teitzel and her marital community, and for JP Anderson and his marital community, if any.**

Interim HR / Risk Director Daleyn Coleman discussed the resolution. Daleyn said the resolution approves providing legal defense for the former county employees.



**Resolution 22-286:** Elect to receive Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Funding and Allocation of Title II and Title III Funds for the Federal fiscal year 2022 for 2023 payments.

Budget Services Manager discussed the resolution. Becky said Lewis County is choosing to allocate 85 percent of its Secure Rural Schools funding to Title I, 15 percent to Title II and 0 percent to Title III.

**Resolution 22-287:** Ratify a contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs for Lewis County lobbying services.

County Manager Erik Martin discussed the resolution. Erik said the contract is effective Sept. 1, 2022.

*Motion passed 2-0.*

## HEARINGS

**Resolution 22-288:** Approve a Franchise Renewal to the City of Chehalis for the the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of water and sewer facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report. Shawn said the non-exclusive, five-year franchise agreement would consolidate seven active franchises the city of Chehalis has with the county.

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

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

Shawn asked that his 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 22-288. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

*Motion passed 2-0.*

**Resolution 22-289:** Approve a Franchise Renewal to Fatbeam LLC for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of telecommunications facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.



Real Estate Services Manager Shawn Kyes gave the staff report. Shawn said the non-exclusive, five-year franchise agreement would approve and expand Fatbeam's telecommunications service areas in county rights of way.

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

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

Shawn asked that his 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 22-289. Commissioner Pollock seconded.***

***Motion passed 2-0.***

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

#### PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

*Rieva Lester*

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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