

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2013**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington, met in regular session on Monday, September 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioners Bill Schulte, Edna J. Fund, and F. Lee Grose** were in attendance. **Chairman Schulte** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Fund** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2013. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0

Public Comment

Sheriff Mansfield updated the BOCC on the weather and what is going on outside. The rivers on in good shape and non will reach flood stage except for the Newaukum. This is a good opportunity to start discussing what we will do when we activate the EOC. We set record rainfall this weekend with heavy wind. No reported damage on private property.

PROCLAMATION

Commission Grose made a motion to approve Proclamation Agenda item one. **Commissioner Fund** seconded. **Commissioner Fund** read the Proclamation into the record.

1. Proclamation: Proclaiming October 6-12, 2013 as "Public Power Week" in Lewis County.

Bob Geddes, PUD Manager, thanked the BOCC for recognizing the PUD and the long history of public power in this community. Public Power is a very important part of the development and the maintaining of what we have in our local communities. We have an elected board of three Commissioners who have full autonomy to set the rates for the people in Lewis County. We have some events coming up this next for our customers.

Motion Carried 3-0

NOTICE

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Notice Agenda item two. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

2. Notice of Hearing: Regarding a proposed vacation of a portion of 3rd Street, Dryad, WA. Hearing will be held on or after October 28, 2013 on or after 10:00 am. Resolution No. 13-481

Rod Lakey, Public Works, stated Resolution 13-458, passed by the BOCC on August 26, 2013, declared its intent to vacate a portion of 3rd Street, Dryad, and instructed the County Engineer to examine the road and report his opinion on the vacation, as required by RCW 36.87.010. The property owners adjoining that portion of the 3rd Street have requested the vacation. Utility companies known to service the general area have been notified and there are no known utilities within the area to be vacated. The County Engineer has prepared his report on the matter, which is hereby submitted. Public Works recommends the Board to accept the report and set a date of October 28, 2013 for the hearing.

Motion carried 3-0

CONSENT

Commissioner Grose made a motion approve Consent Agenda items three and four. **Commissioner Fund** seconded the motion.

3. Resolution No. 13-482 Approval of warrants for payment.

Commissioner Grose stated this Resolution approved **308** regular warrants for a total payment against the County in the amount of **\$1,649,561.08**.

4. Resolution No.13-483 Approving a funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior, U. S. Geological Survey for the operation and maintenance of stream gaging stations in the Chehalis and Cowlitz River Basins.

Rod Lakey, Public Works, stated Approval is needed for maintenance and operation of the upcoming water year 2014 of stream gaging stations in the Chehalis and Cowlitz River basins. This agreement is for eight stations in the Chehalis River basin and three in the Cowlitz River basin for a total cost of \$100,410. The USGS share is \$38,894 which is 39%, and the County share is \$61,516 which is 61%. Lewis County's share of the program cost of \$61,516 reflects a 2% increase from the 2013 program cost of \$60,310 which is the increase due to inflation. The other question brought up was could the Flood Authority assume maintenance of these gaging stations. With the 39% contribution it would be very hard for a consultant to compete at 60% of the cost.

Ron Averill, Centralia, commented when the Flood Authority discussed sharing the cost of the gages, it wasn't just the USGS share. If we ever take this over it would be after a consultation and an insurance of what we do won't harm the certification.

Motion carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on September 30, 2013. The next public meeting will be held Monday, October 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

P.W. Schulte, Chairman

Karri Muir, CMC, Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

F. Lee Grose, Commissioner

Edna J. Fund, Commissioner