

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2012**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioners F. Lee Grose, Bill Schulte, and Ron Averill** were in attendance. **Chairman Grose** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Schulte** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, September 10, 2012. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Grose asked for public comment and there was no comment.

NOTICE

Commissioner Averill moved to approve Notice Agenda item one. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom, Administrative Assistant, read the item into the record.

- 1. Notice of Hearing: Regarding the adoption of the Lewis County Preliminary Budget for 2013. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 am on Monday, October 1, 2012. Resolution No. 12-293**

Dawna Truman, Budget Director, stated this is a notice of a public hearing on the preliminary budget for 2013. The Notice of Hearing will be published in The East County Journal on September 19th & 26th and will be published in The Chronicle on September 20th & 27th. Copies of the 2013 Preliminary Budget will be available after September 26th at the East County Campus of the Centralia College in Morton, Centralia College in Centralia, Packwood, Salkum, and Chehalis Timberland Libraries, and in the Historical Courthouse Budget Office. The BOCC will meet on October 1, 2012 on or after 10:00 am for the purpose of taking public comment on and adopting the Preliminary Budget for 2013.

Commissioner Averill stated this is a preliminary budget and is the starting point. This allows the public an opportunity to comment on the budget as we work through the process of establishing what will be the final budget.

Motion Carried 3-0

CONSENT

Commissioner Schulte moved to approve Consent Agenda items two through six. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom, Administrative Assistant, read the items into the record.

- 2. Resolution No. 12-294 Approval of warrants for payment.**

Commissioner Averill stated this Resolution approves 11 Special Purpose warrants (Vader Water System) for \$12,960.69 and 207 warrants issued by the Auditor's Office for \$1,155,320.21, totaling \$1,168,280.90.

3. Resolution No. 12-295 Consenting to the termination of the Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP).

Commissioner Schulte stated this Resolution comes after a year where claims greatly exceeded premiums and reserves. In discussion with the State Director of Insurance, the determination and decision was made to terminate the pool. This program was voted to discontinue at the end of last year but there were still funds out that exceeded assets so those funds had to be paid off. That process will be completed by December. If 75% of the members of the pool concur and vote to terminate the pool then it will be officially dissolved.

4. Resolution No. 12-296 Approving an easement to the Qwest Corporation for telecommunication facilities.

Tim Elsea, Director of Public Works, stated the County's current Koontz Road reconstruction project requires Qwest Corporation to move their existing telecommunications facilities along the road to make room for the widened roadway. The County owns a small triangular shaped parcel at the corner of Koontz Road and Woodard Road. Qwest is requesting that the County grant them a 5 foot wide easement on this parcel along Koontz Road for relocation of their telecommunications facilities. The County would retain the right to use the property for uses that do not interfere with the telecommunications facilities. Qwest has offered to pay \$380.00 for the easement. The County recently granted an easement to Lewis County PUD over this same area for the same price.

5. Resolution No. 12-297 Approving an inter-agency agreement with the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Tim Elsea, Director of Public Works, stated RCW 39.34 and RCW 47.28.140 permits governmental entities to contract between each other for bridge inspection duties. Lewis County has an occasional need of inspection services of various bridge sites throughout Lewis County for the purpose of safety and maintenance. Seattle Department of Transportation (Seattle DOT) has the capability of providing the staff and equipment for these inspection services. Seattle DOT will provide one Under Bridge Inspection Truck (UBIT), one qualified driver, one qualified operator for the UBIT and a Sr. Civil Engineer for fracture critical inspection. Lewis County will provide the bridge co-inspector, as well as provide for traffic control flagging or allow the temporary closing to traffic if necessary. The bridge inspections are expected to begin in October, 2012 and be completed by November, 2012. Lewis County has identified bridge #93 Ferrier Bridge MP 3.49 and bridge #117 Thompson Bridge MP 0.55 to be inspected and estimates the inspections to cost approximately \$5,952.00. It appears to be in the best public interest to authorize the execution of the Interagency Agreement in order to allow Lewis County to request Seattle DOT personnel to inspect bridges on Lewis County roads for the purpose of safety and maintenance. Seattle DOT shall be reimbursed for all actual costs incurred for this project, including all engineering, clerical, administrative, inspection services, materials, and annual administrative overhead costs.

6. Resolution No. 12-298 Approving and inter-agency agreement with the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Tim Elsea, Director of Public Works, stated the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) has funding available through the Jobs Now Program for regionally significant projects that offer broad based community benefits. The Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority (Flood Authority), of which Lewis County is a founding member, unanimously supported the Chehalis-Centralia Airport Levee Improvement Project (Airport Levee) for this OFM funding opportunity at their special teleconference meeting on July 13, 2012. The OFM approved this request and obligated \$1,239,829.00 with 0% match for the Chehalis-Centralia Airport Levee Improvement Project. Lewis County proposes to be the Lead Agency for the Airport Levee Project. The proposed Resolution will allow Lewis County and the Washington State Office of Financial Management to enter into an Interagency Agreement. This Agreement will become effective upon OFM Deputy Director signature and will expire on June 30, 2013. The County shall provide services and staff, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, described as expanding the inside width of the existing levee without increasing levee elevation or causing any measurable adverse impact or effect.

Motion Carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:15 am on September 17, 2012. The next public meeting will be held Monday, September 17, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

F. Lee Grose, Chairman

Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

P.W. Schulte, Commissioner

Ron Averill, Commissioner