

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2011**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioners Ron Averill, P.W. “Bill” Schulte, and F. Lee Grose** were in attendance. **Chairman Averill** 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, July 18, 2011. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

NOTICE

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Notice Agenda item one and two. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board read the items into the record.

1. **Request for Qualifications: For a hydraulic modeling service in support of the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority. RFQ will be opened on or after 10:00 am, on August 8, 2011. Resolution No. 11-234**

Bob Johnson, Community Development, stated Lewis County acts as the fiscal agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority. This item is a notice for Request for Qualifications for a qualified individual or team to complete hydraulic modeling from Grand Mound to the mouth of the Chehalis River. The existing model has data gaps and was done primarily for the upper portion of the river. Funding for the selected qualified applicant comes from the Flood Authority. Statements of qualifications are to be opened on August 8, 2011 and will need to be submitted by 9:00 am to the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Averill stated the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority is a loose inter-local agreement between the ten government jurisdictions. Hydraulic modeling is a very important process for Lewis County as we look at flood mitigation in the basin. The Twin Cities Project, under the Corp of Engineers, would have built some levees and improved the water retention at the Skookumchuck dam. At the Flood Authority meeting on Thursday the Corp announced that they have subjected that project to a new risk based model of cost verses benefits and it no long pencils out therefore they are recommending termination of the project. We have always said that that particular project had huge holes in it and would not do the things we needed within the basin to protect people in the upper and lower basin. Before we can do a project that will provide that protection we need to know what the hydrology is down the river. We have very good hydrology in the upper basin for Lewis County that was part of the original design of the twin cities project. In a parallel process, Grays Harbor County has been working with the Corp of Engineers to do some hydraulic modeling from Porter to the mouth within Grays Harbor County but not from Porter to Grand Mound.

If we did not have this particular hydraulic model for which we are asking for we would have a huge gap even if the Grays Harbor project goes.

2. Notice: Closure of Garrard Creek Road to all through traffic. Resolution No. 11-235

Larry Unzelman, Public Works, stated the replacement of a failing culvert located at mile post 2.4 on Garrard Creek Road will necessitate closing the road between Independence Road and the Lewis County line to through traffic during the period of work. The closure will be from August 22, 2011 through October 7, 2011, starting at 7:00 A.M. on the first day of closure and ending 5:00 P.M. on the last day of the closure. The road will be open from either side up to the point of closure and there are alternate routes around the area of closure. The Public Works Department will post the required advisory signs on both sides of the closure, and will notify 911 Communications and the local fire department of the closure. Additionally, the department will coordinate with adjoining Grays Harbor County since Garrard Creek Road does run north into that County.

Motion Carried 3-0

CONSENT

Commissioner Schulte made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items three through six. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board, read the items into the record.

3. Resolution No. 11-236 Approval of warrants and payroll for payment.

Chairman Averill stated this approves 263 warrants issued by the Auditor's Office for a total of \$678,406.91. In addition approves 262 Payroll Benefits warrants for draws on pay totaling \$350,542.00.

4. Resolution No. 11-237 Appointing a member to the Lewis County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Grose stated Rachel Jennings was on the Planning Commission and resigned to move to Louisiana. We solicited for a new member on the Lewis County Planning Commission and got no response. Commissioner Grose mentioned to Russell Prior one day that he thought he would make a good candidate. Russ is a hydro geologist who has lived in Seattle but has ties to Lewis County. After talking with friends and neighbors Russell agreed to come on board to the Planning Commission.

5. Resolution No. 11-238 Appointing a member to the Distressed Counties Fund/Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Grose stated as many know we have several commissions and boards that we ask residents to sit on. The Lewis County Distressed Counties Fund/Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee has representatives from Centralia and Chehalis cities and ports and the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA). Over the course of the years a member on that board Dave Linder has chosen to step down and The ELCPDA has asked us to replace him with Beth Thames of Morton. This term will end on December 31, 2011 as appointments to this advisory committee are for one year terms.

6. Resolution No. 11-239 Approving an inter-local agreement with Cowlitz-Lewis County Fire District #20 (Ryderwood-Vader).

Michael Strozyk, Central Services, stated Fire District #20 is the newest fire district in Lewis County and was formed by a merger of the Lewis County Fire District #7 in Vader and Cowlitz County Fire District #4 in Ryderwood. This agreement will allow for our Radio Services Division to provide radio repair and maintenance services to Lewis County Fire District #20 on an "as needed" basis. In exchange for this service, Lewis County Fire District #20 agrees to pay an hourly fee of \$50.00 billed in half hour increments for service provided during normal business hours. Nonbusiness hour rate of \$75.00 billed in half hour increments shall apply for all hours worked outside of normal business hours. In addition, .50 cents per mile will be billed for all mileage outside normal business hours.

Ross McDowell, Fire Chief, stated he is a very big supporter of this and knows the work the Radio Service division does is very good. It is a good idea to have one group working on the radios instead of having several organizations trying to do the same thing. He stated he appreciates Lewis County giving the Fire District this opportunity.

Motion Carried 3-0

Chairman Averill stated there was a possibility of one more item being added to the agenda this morning. During the last session of the Legislature, there was a large bill that came up on medical marijuana. It provided for dispensaries, local collective marijuana gardens, and other things. Most of that bill failed to make it through the legislature but in the extended session they took a look at the bill again and the collective marijuana gardens made it through. That bill became effective last Friday. It is a concern to the Commissioners, and respectively the Law and Justice System about the possibility of establishing such gardens in Lewis County. For that reason we are looking at establishing a moratorium at least long enough for us to run this issue through our Planning Commission to determine whether we need to have some restriction on this in Lewis County.

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:27 am on July 25, 2011. The next public meeting will be held Monday, August 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Ron Averill, Chairman

Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

P.W. Schulte, Commissioner

F. Lee Grose, Commissioner