

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2014**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington, met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2014; at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioners F. Lee Grose, Edna J. Fund** and **Commissioner P.W. “Bill” Schulte** were in attendance. **Chairman Grose** 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, August 11, 2014. **Chairman Schulte** seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hal Washburn, Cinebar, WA discussed what he feels is an illegal immigration problem in our country. Immigration laws are being disregarded and ignored. He does not want to see illegal immigrants coming to Lewis County.

Robin Roy, Cinebar, WA-stated she is a US citizen and a retired nurse. She opposes the plan the Government has to house illegal immigrants. She is concerned with the diseases they might bring into our country and into our schools. She expects the BOCC to represent the Lewis County citizens regarding illegal immigrants.

Ronald Weber, Onalaska, WA-stated he has no dislike for illegal immigrants, but he can see no reason for them to be brought to Lewis County. He drives 150 miles one way to work and bringing illegal immigrants will make more traffic on the roads.

Judy Cooper, Onalaska, WA- stated she has seen a lot of changes over the years and she agrees with the others, she does not want to see illegal immigrants affect our lives.

Bernie Rogers, Toledo, WA-stated he was a middle school principle in another state. He has seen firsthand some of the problems illegal immigrants bring to an area. At his school there were a large number of Cambodia students that showed up on the first day of school. The school had to provide services to those students. He feels fortunate to live in Lewis County and he has a great deal of respect for the Sherriff’s Office.

Sheriff Mansfield thanked everyone for their concerns. His position is to protect everyone in Lewis County.

Commissioner Schulte asked if he has heard of any refugee centers being opened in Lewis County.

Sheriff Mansfield stated he has not, but if anyone has, to please let him know.

Nick Acquire stated he is in the United States legally. He also opposes our Government wanting to bring illegal immigrants to Lewis County

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Commissioners recognized the following employees on their accomplishments:
Steve Wohld for receiving his Certified Public Official certification.
Kelly Albert for receiving her Real Estate Appraisal License.
Becky Sisson for being the employee “Above and Beyond” recipient.
Michael Dahle for being “Employee of the Quarter”.

CONSENT

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve the Notice Agenda item one through five. **Commissioner Schulte** seconded the motion.

1. Resolution No. 14-234 Approval of warrants for payment.

Commissioner Grose stated there are 416 regular warrants to be approved for a total of \$1, 774,675.57.

2. Resolution No. 14-235 Appointing a member to the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.

Commissioner Grose stated that resolution will appoint Dr. Robert Frost, Centralia College President the Workforce Development Council Advisory Board for a three year term.

3. Resolution No. 14-236 Appointing members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

Commissioner Fund stated this resolution will appoint six members to the Lodging Tax Advisory Board (LTAC) for a two year term. There are three providers and three users of the funding as follows:

Providers:

Ellen Berdan, Salkum, WA
Patti Dills, Moxee, WA
Dan Kay, Chehalis, WA

Users:

Maree Lerchen, Packwood, WA
Glenn Aldrich, Mossyrock, WA
Carolyn J. Neer, Packwood, WA

4. Resolution No. 14-237 Amending the Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for the Centralia Alpha Road improvements.

Tim Elsea, Public Works Director stated The BOCC previously approved the RAP Project Agreement for Construction Proposal for CRP-2084, Centralia Alpha Road Improvements (Res. 10-112) between Lewis County and CRAB. Amendment No. 3 will add language to Section 9 of the existing Project Agreement that revises the project limits from mileposts 10.15-11.85 to mileposts 10.60-12.30, per CRAB approval dated 7-31-14 and as authorized under WAC 136-165-030. Amendment No. 3 moves the project limits to allow for avoidance of known wetlands and associated permitting delay and the associated costs of mitigating those wetlands, avoidance of project delays anticipated by right-of-way challenges from adjacent property owners, and it will also allow for improving an additional intersection (Oppelt Road) to current design standards. The project is #9 on the 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and scheduled for 2016 construction. TIP project funding consists of: \$957,000 RAP funds, \$1,634,000 Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, and \$561,000 local funds, totaling \$3,152,000. Approval of Amendment No. 3 does not change the adopted funding for this project. Approval of this resolution will authorize the Chair of the BOCC to sign Amendment No.3 to the RAP Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal for this project.

Commissioner Grose asked when this project was anticipated to start.

Mr. Elsea stated it should start next summer.

5. Resolution No. 14-238 Approving a modification to Participating Agreement, NFS 12-PA-11060300-017, with the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region-Gifford.

Bill Wamsley, Weed Department this resolution to approve Modification (Two), Participating Agreement (NFS 12-PA-11060300-017) between Lewis County and the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region –Gifford Pinchot National Forest for noxious weed treatments. The total amount of funding is \$47,045.00 to Lewis County. The project funding extends the cooperation and agreement for noxious weed management that is taking place on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District. Treatment of weeds will occur along roadsides and Forest Administrative Sites (Campground, Trailhead, Roadsides, and Gravel Pits) and forest harvest units. The funding amount and plan of work was negotiated with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest & Cowlitz Valley Ranger District invasive species program. The RAC Committee (Secure Rural Schools Funding) approved \$17,362.00 for noxious weed management in June of 2014. The additional \$26,083.00 was authorized by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest for work specific to forest harvest units (KV) and wildlife areas.

Motion Carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. on August 18, 2014. The next public meeting will be held Monday, August 25, 2014.

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ATTEST:

F. Lee Grose, Chair

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

Edna J. Fund, Vice-Chair

P.W. Schulte, Commissioner