

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. **COMMISSIONERS P.W. SCHULTE, RON AVERILL and F. LEE GROSE** were in attendance. **Chairman Schulte** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order and proceeded with the flag salute. **Commissioner Grose** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, March 29, 2010. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

Notice

Commissioner Averill made a motion to approve Notice Item one. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

1. Proclamation: Proclaiming April as “Disaster Preparedness Month”.

Commissioner Averill read the Proclamation into the record.

Sheriff Steve Mansfield stated the last 15 years we have had 29 disasters, four presidential in the last five years, and over \$214,000,000.00 in residential and business damages and losses over the last five years. This is an important thing and it is not just about earthquakes, it is about all hazard preparedness. There will be a lot of public service announcements coming out this month. We have experienced a lot in the past five years and we will continue to experience it in the future. Being prepared, taking the time to listen and prepare you, your family, business, and County. He stated he appreciates the County’s support and your participation. He noted that Code Red will be doing some public service announcements, trying to get more people aware of what Code Red is. There will also be announcements regarding the NOAA weather radio systems; how we have layered things here so we can notify the public of what is happening, what we are doing about it, and what you should do in an emergency or disaster.

Commissioner Averill stated this is a very important area, one of emergency management, as many of us have become aware the work toward flood mitigation is a slow process and the chance that we will have another storm or other emergency situation before we have any mitigation measures in place is relatively large. We in Lewis County have gotten good at responding to emergencies, at least in the initial phase of the emergency. We are still working on recovery. One of the areas the Flood Authority, looking down the entire basin, has been concerned about is getting notice out as quickly as possible. Many of you know in the 2007 flood we did not have a lot of warning and it had been a long time before a previous flood, as a result the response to

that was under duress and stress. On the 2009 flood we had about five days notice and people were able to prepare for it. The difference in damage was, 166 million in 2007 compared to about three to four million in the 2009 flood. The Flood Authority has spent money on improving the warning system throughout the basin as the water comes down.

Sheriff Mansfield stated most of what we focus on is natural disasters. However, we face a huge threat in technological disasters and potential for technological disasters all around us. We need to be aware of it and realize that all hazard planning will work for this too.

Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Averill made a motion to approve Notice Items two and three. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom, Interim Clerk of the Board, read the items into the record.

2. Notice of Hearing: Reviewing the CDBG applications for Planning Funds. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m., on April 19, 2010.

Barb Kincaid, Community Development stated the purpose of this hearing is to inform Citizens of the available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and those eligible uses. At the time of the hearing, the Commissioners would consider any Community Development or housing need proposals that benefit a low to moderate income population. This hearing will also include a project proposal brought forward from Community Development to receive authority to make application to use those funds for the Packwood Sewer Project proposal.

Commissioner Averill stated we are seeing some of these things come up two or three times because the process of funding often times requires that we go for a grant. When we receive a grant we have to approve receipt of the grant and then we have to go out and get someone to do it. This is announcing the hearing for the CDBG application and it is a grant where the County can only approve one a year. It is a Grant that can be available for others and those may be presented at this hearing.

Commission Grose noted in addition the CDBG grants may be applied for individually in the different municipalities within the County. This is the county wide grant application that can only be applied for by unincorporated jurisdictions within the County.

3. Notice of Hearing: Regarding the 1st Budget Amendment for 2010. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m., on April 19, 2010. Resolution No. 10-088

Dawna Truman, Budget stated the first draft of the Budget Amendment is \$386,053.00 it will be noticed in the East County Journal on April the 7th and April 14th, and the hearing is set for April 19th.

Commissioner Averill noted that this is a 2010 budget amendment.

Motion carried 3-0

Consent

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Consent Items four through ten. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom, Interim Clerk of the Board read the items into the record.

4. Resolution No. 10-089 Bid award for the confiscated, forfeited and unclaimed firearms in the possession of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Belle William, Sheriff's Office, stated the bid was awarded to Cascade Armory of Arlington, WA. They bid eight glock sidearms for our deputies in exchange for 32 weapons that we had for trade.

Commissioner Averill noted the Sheriff's Office confiscates weapons during the year and once a year they are able to put these out to bid to qualified arms dealers. We had four applicants and this was the best bid that we got.

5. Resolution No. 10-090 Bid award for the 2010-2011 County Legal Printing.

Commissioner Averill stated this approves the bid of DeVaul Publishing, Inc (East County Journal), at a cost of \$6.30 per column inch, as the official county newspaper for legal notice publication. The contract runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The County is legally required to designate an official county newspaper for legal notices; however, notices are also published on the County website and notices impacting the greater Centralia-Chehalis area are published in The Chronicle.

6. Resolution No. 10-091 Appointment of a full time member to the Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Schulte stated we are appointing Kathy Watson of Chehalis, WA to fill a full time position on the Lewis County Board of Equalization. This is a three year term. The position on the Board of Equalization is a Board with Lewis County Residents who hear appeals on property valuation done by the Assessor's Office. Kathy is appointed for a term expiring June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Averill noted Kathy is replacing Lori Gartland who had been previously appointed. Lori has taken a job outside of the County and no longer can serve on the Board.

7. Resolution No. 10-092 approving the extension of the closure of a portion of Bunker Road to all through traffic.

Larry Unzelman, Public Works, stated The Department of Fish and Wildlife requested Lewis County on November 4, 2005, to close a portion of unmaintained Bunker Road due to water on, over and along the road. Vehicular traffic on the road is creating habitat degradation and loss of fish life. Additionally, protection is needed for vehicular traffic from the potential hazard caused by water over the road. The Public Works Department requested the road to be closed to all vehicles seasonally, from October 15 through April 15 of each year.

Resolution 06-014 passed by the BOCC on January 9, 2006 instructed Lewis County Public Works Department to gate the end of Bunker Road, and keep it closed to all vehicles during the seasonal closure. This seasonal closure was for a period of five years ending on April 15, 2010.

There has been no change in the condition of this portion of unmaintained Bunker Road and until the problem is cured, Public Works Department sees no alternative other than to seasonally close the road as was proposed back in 2006. Therefore, this extends the closure date for a period of five years ending on April 15, 2015.

Commissioner Averill state when Larry brought this up he asked him why we didn't just vacate the road. Unfortunately, the law says, if a road goes to a body of water or crosses a body of water you cannot close it. This is not one of our high traffic roads, it is basically unmaintained by the County and predominantly gravel. Putting a culvert in, under the current rules, is not in the best interest of the County.

8. Resolution No. 10-093 In the matter of the necessary acquisition of additional right of way on Chandler Road for the Chandler Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Larry Unzelman, Public Works, stated Resolution 10-069, passed by the Board of County Commissioners on March 15, 2010, instructed the Public Works Department to proceed with all necessary notifications and publications of final action required by RCW 8.25.290 to acquire the remaining parcel of right of way necessary for the Chandler Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Since that date all notifications and publications required by law have been met.

This resolution would direct the Prosecuting Attorney to initiate condemnation action to acquire the right of way. He stated we are still negotiating with the property owner and there are a couple people involved but at least one has verbally accepted the County's offer. The owners at times have been unresponsive and since time is of the essence it is Public Works recommendation that we continue with the process of condemnation, but at the same time the Public Works Department will continue negotiating with the property owners in the hope of bringing this acquisition together outside of the court room.

Commissioner Averill stated we the County Commissioners prefer not to use this route and we have instructed our staff to do everything they can to negotiate without having to go through this. This really serves notice to the property owners that we are serious and we need to get this piece of right away so we can serve the public good.

9. Resolution No. 10-094 ratifying a consultant contract for the Coughlin Bridge Deck Replacement Design.

Larry Unzelman, Public Works, stated Coughlin Bridge is a one lane bridge over the Newaukum River about three quarters of a mile east of Onalaska. The wood deck on the bridge shows sign of deterioration and the planned replacement is with a steel deck. Engineering will be needed to determine the load rating for the bridge with the steel deck and to furnish design specifications for that deck. Pursuant to the On-Call Roster Resolution 07-092 requirements, four consulting firms, Otak, Inc., David Evans, Nicholls Engineering, and Sargent Engineering, were selected for telephone interviews to determine who was best qualified for bridge deck replacement design for the Coughlin Bridge Deck Replacement Project. Telephone interviews were conducted and Otak, Inc. was determined best qualified to provide the needed services. A contract was negotiated and signed with Otak, Inc. on March 18, 2010. The requested action would be for the approval of the Resolution to ratify the executed contract between Otak, Inc. and Lewis County Public Works for design services needed for the Coughlin Bridge Deck Replacement project. He noted this is County Road Project #2130.

Commissioner Averill stated we will see this later because this is the design specs for the bridge and not the actual building of the bridge. The winning bid contract was for \$38,705.00.

10. Resolution No. 10-095 approving an amendment with the WA State Department of Commerce.

Michaëlle Sorlie, Social Services stated this is an amendment; this has been previously approved as a contract for the American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds. It is called Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing program (HPRP). This contract provides homeless prevention assistance to people who are affected by the economy, this group of people that this money serves is a group that had not been previously in the system of homelessness and this is to prevent them from becoming that or getting them rapidly re-housed. The only thing that changes are the categories. After the reports from the first quarter Commerce readjusted where the funds were distributed. More money is going to the relocation stabilization services and also more is going into prevention rather than rapid re-housing because that is what the need turned out to be.

Motion 3-0

Hearing

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-096
Amended STIP and Annual Construction Program

Chairman Schulte announced the hearing and asked for a staff report.

Larry Unzelman and Mike Kroll were in attendance for the hearing.

Larry Unzelman, Public Works stated Pursuant to RCW 36.81.121, all cities and counties are required to prepare, adopt and submit a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Lewis County 2010 STIP and Annual Construction Program were adopted by Resolution 09-376 on November 16, 2009. Since that time the Jobs Bill, Rural Arterial Program (RAP), and other updates make it necessary to amend our adopted 2010 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Construction Program. A hearing for the adoption of the Amended 2010 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and Annual Construction Program must be held prior to adoption. The notice of this hearing had been published in the Chronicle and the East County Journal on March 24th and March 31st.

Mike Kroll, Public works addressed the specific changes to the program.

In the County wide miscellaneous safety and guard rail program we moved \$5,000 out of the construction funds into right of way to accommodate any potential right of way purchases for this project.

In the Lewis County Low Cost to Run-Off Road Safely Improvement the funding was adjusted due to carry over from 2009.

In, the Chandler Road Bridge #55, we adjusted the funding to match FEMA Project Worksheet #111 and we adjusted the construction cost estimate due to a recent favorable bid submittal on the Newaukum Bridge.

Three projects were added due to the potential Jobs Bill Fund; Rehabilitation Project on Bishop Road, Jackson Hwy, and Salzer Valley Road.

Due to a delayed payout scheduled for RAP funding by the CRAB Board we have moved Koontz Road widening, King Road rehabilitation, and Hwy 603 stabilization. The funding has remained the same they just got moved out a little further as a delay by the CRAB Board.

Commissioner Averill asked what the difference between page one and two.

Mike Kroll stated page one is the schedule and page two are the funding and sources.

Chairman Schulte opened the question and answer period & asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Schulte closed the question and answer portion and opened the formal hearing.

Mr. Unzelman asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Chairman Schulte asked if there was anyone who would like to speak for or against this resolution. There were none. He closed the hearing and asked for a motion to approve Resolution 10-096.

Commissioner Averill moved to approve Resolution 10-096. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom, Interim Clerk of the Board, read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Averill thanked the Public Works Department and County Engineer. Putting together the 6 year Transportation and Improvement Program is a difficult process, particularly with funding changing rapidly. More than likely we will see another change because there may be some supplemental ARRA money coming in part of which we applied for. We do this quite often and appreciate the effort on the part of the staff to keep track of these things to keep us straight.

Motion carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:40 am on April 5, 2010. The next public meeting will be held Monday, April 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

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ATTEST:

P.W. Schulte, Chairman

Clerk of the Board
Lewis County Commissioners

Ron Averill, Commissioner

F. Lee Grose, Commissioner