

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 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 Averill** moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 a.m. meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2010. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

<b>Notice</b>
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**Commissioner Grose** made a motion to approve Notice Item one. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Averill** read the Proclamation into the record.

**1. Proclamation: Proclaiming April as “Public Health Month”.**

**Danette York, Health Department**, thanked the Board for the proclamation. This recognition provides Lewis County Public Health the ability to recognize the contributions of Public Health staff and community partners that focus on improving the health of the community.

**Commissioner Averill** pointed out that normally this proclamation would have been done at a Board of Health meeting. The Board of Health meeting for April has been cancelled. We wanted this proclamation to be done before the May, Board of Health meeting, so we are passing it this morning.

**Commissioner Grose** made a motion to approve Notice Item two. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board read item number two into the record.

**2. Notice of Hearing: Applications for classification of various land parcels under RCW 84.34. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 a.m., on April 26, 2010.**

**Dianne Dorey, Lewis County Assessor**, stated these programs are current use programs that allow people to get a tax exemption based on criteria of growing commercially harvestable timber. The minimum amount of land to be in this program is five acres. These lands are the Board’s to designate for the applicable programs.

**Commissioner Averill** asked if these are just the timber program lands.

**Ms. Dorey** stated that was correct, but later in the year the Board will also approve the lands brought to them by the Public Benefits Rating Board.

**Commissioner Averill** noted when going through the properties they highlighted the fact that we have growth management zoning in the County and we have open space programs and sometimes it is difficult to understand the difference between the two. He noticed the number of properties that are not in a current Open Space Program that are moving out of different zonings into an Open Space Program.

**Ms. Dorey** noted that they are not changing their zoning, the property owners get a tax break for growing commercial timber, and it does not matter what their zoning is.

**Commissioner Grose** asked how we determine that these property owners are growing timber commercially.

**Ms. Dorey** stated her office goes out and physically inspects each parcel that is in the program. They have a person in the office that is educated in the appraisal portion of this process.

Motion carried 3-0

<b>Consent</b>
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**Commissioner Averill** made a motion to approve Consent Item three. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion. Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board read the item into the record.

**3. Resolution No. 10-097 Agreement with University of Washington School of Nursing.**

**Maria Tucker, Health Department,** stated we have had contracts for nurses from the UW in the past, but there has been a lapse in the contract. This Master Program requires that the tutor have a master's level education and we do have a few at the Health Department who could serve as tutors. This intern is interested in community health and there will be other interns with similar interests that want to know what public health does, even though they are trained more clinically as nursing students.

**Chairman Averill** asked how many interns this contract involves.

**Ms. Tucker** stated right now it is just one intern, and her internship is for 90 hours over the next ten weeks.

**Commissioner Averill** state that a lot of the nursing programs are done at the community colleges for the LPN's and RN's. If you want a bachelor in nursing, you either have to go to Seattle, PLU, or the cooperative school in Spokane. The two nursing programs work backwards from each other. At a community college they concentrate on the technical side of nursing and at the universities they go through the first year general bachelor programs before they start the nursing programs their junior and senior year. As a result, community college students do not normally get into Seattle's program, because they need to go back and pick up the general study courses. Bothell and Tacoma do take community college students and run them back through the general study courses. This is a good program and it does give the nurses in training a chance to gain some experience and it gives the County some experience. This program does not cost the County anything either.

Motion carried 3-0

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:15 am on April 12, 2010. The next public meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

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**ATTEST:**

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P.W. Schulte, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board  
Lewis County Commissioners

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Ron Averill, Commissioner

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F. Lee Grose, Commissioner