

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 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, December 06, 2010. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Iddings, Vader, stated there was a water break on Saturday in Vader. He had three residents call him to find out how to report that they did not have water. He stated there was one City employee, one County employee, and two volunteers repairing the problem. They did repair it about three times faster than it has been done in the past. He would like to see something come out to the community so they know who to contact in this situation.

Commissioner Averill stated normally the contact information would be in the phone book but the transition of the water system was put in place after it could be included in the phone book. He asked Tim Elsea who the people of Vader should contact if they have this situation again.

Tim Elsea stated the Mayor called him and he was able to get a crew out on Saturday to repair the problem. He said they are working on getting a 1-800 number so the people do not have to call long distance.

NOTICE

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Notice Agenda items one and two. **Commissioner Averill** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom read the items into the record.

- 1. Notice of Hearing: Regarding a non-exclusive franchise to Claquato Cemetery Association. Hearing will be held on or after 10:00 am, on Monday, January 10, 2011. Resolution No. 10-316**

Larry Unzelman, Public Works, stated the Claquato Cemetery Association has requested a non-exclusive franchise for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water pipeline on various Lewis County Roads. This franchise will replace an existing franchise which has expired. The pipeline is used to convey

irrigation water from the Chehalis River to the cemetery grounds. The franchise will authorize the continued use of portions of Stearns Road, Elm View Drive, Claquato Drive, and Highway 603 rights of way for five years for this purpose. The applicant has reviewed and agreed to franchise terms. This resolution will set January 10, 2011 as the date for hearing on the franchise and call for required postings and publications by RCW 36.55.040

2. Notice: Pertaining to competitive bidding, dispensing with advertisement and formal sealed bidding with respect to purchases and leases under \$25,000 and soliciting the Lewis County Vendor List. Resolution No. 10-317

Commissioner Averill stated this resolution provides notice that Lewis County maintains a vendor list pertaining to competitive bidding, dispensing with advertisement and formal sealed bidding with respect to leases or purchases valued between \$2,500.00 and \$25,000.00 allowing for expedited processing of bids and contracts for lease or purchase. This resolution publishes the existence of the list and the availability of packets for application of potential vendors. This notice will be published in Lewis County's Official Newspaper. The vendor list is available for public inspection, and prospective vendors may request information packets, which must be completed in order to apply to be included on the available vendor list from the Lewis County Auditor's Office, Financial Services Department.

Motion carried 3-0

CONSENT

Commissioner Averill made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items three through seven. **Commissioner Grose** seconded the motion. Candace Hallom read the items into the record.

3. Resolution No. 10-318 Approval of warrants for payment.

Commissioner Averill stated this approves 165 warrants issued by the Auditor's Office for a total of \$504,051.49.

4. Resolution No. 10-319 Cancellation of a warrant.

Commissioner Averill stated this approves the cancellation of a warrant for \$249.19 from the Auditor's Office that was paid to the wrong vendor and approves reissue of the warrant to the proper vendor.

5. Resolution No. 10-320 Appointment to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board.

Bill Wamsley, Extension, stated this is a reappointment of Robert Taylor (Chehalis) to District 1 on the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board. Robert Taylor has

served one term and with that expiration of term a vacancy was open. There were no new applicants for the position and Mr. Taylor expressed interest in continuing his service on the board. The Weed Board recommends the reappointment of Robert Taylor to district 1 for a four year term, expiring on July 24, 2014. There are four districts throughout Lewis County; district one is the Chehalis-PeEll area.

6. Resolution No. 10-321 Approving an inter-local agreement with Stevens County for the purchase of equipment.

Tim Elsea, Public Works, stated RCW 39.34 provides an inter-local cooperation act that allows for local communities to piggyback off of each others bids. Stevens County has a bid award with John Deere dated January 25, 2010. We would like to piggyback off of that bid to purchase a John Deere grader. We have two graders that we will be surplusing and they will be part of this bid as well.

7. Resolution No. 10-322 Adopting the categorized schedule of fees for 2011 for the Departments of Community Development, Public Works, Health and Social Services.

Robert Johnson, Community Development, stated he is here speaking on behalf of Community Development, Public Works, and Health and Social Services. The resolution is in regard to an itemized schedule of fees for 2011 for the Departments of Community Development, Public Works, and Health and Social Services. Title 18 of Lewis County Code authorizes and establishes the Schedule of Fees for services. These fees reflect the costs of administering, reviewing, and approving the various services. This fee schedule was last updated in 2008.

Commissioner Averill asked where people can go look at the Fee Schedule.

Robert Johnson, Community Development, stated the Fee Schedules are available in Community Development, Public Works, Health and Social Services, and online on the Lewis County Website.

Commissioner Averill stated there are also changes in other chapters of the Lewis County Code other than Chapter 18 which include Chapters 8, 12, 15, 16, and 17. In hard economic times the issue of taxes going up is always problematic. While fees are not exactly taxes, to most people there is no difference. The difference is the fees are for those who benefit specifically from the activity rather than an across the board taxation. Costs are going up and we have not changed our fees since 2008. When we run fee based activities we want those activities to fund themselves.

Commissioner Schulte stated not all of the fees went up but would like to thank Danette and the Health Department for the work they did with some of the food handler issues. They went through and created new categories for volunteers, churches, schools, non-profit groups, and small agricultural vendors so the fee dropped for some of the small single item sales.

Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Averill stated we were going to hold a hearing today on the Comprehensive Plan however we needed to go out and provide additional information to the public before we hold that hearing. The hearing has been rescheduled for December 27, 2010.

There being no further business, the Commissioners' public meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on December 13, 2010. The next public meeting will be held Monday, December 20, 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