

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

May 20, 2024

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met this day in Regular Session in their office with the following present: SCOTT M. HUTSELL, Chairman, JO M. GILCHRIST and ROB COFFMAN, Commissioners, Tara Holden, Clerk of the Board and interested members of the public.

MINUTES

CLAIMS Claims were examined and ordered paid in the total amount of \$876,097.22

CLAIM	WARRANT	WARRANT	TOTAL
Current Expense	1384730	1384730	35.11
Current Expense	1384631	1384729	724,190.81
Current Expense- Special Issue	1384578	1384578	4,681.12
LC Noxious Weed Board	1384579	1384585	6,190.52
County Road	1384586	1384630	49,529.72
Solid Waste Management	1384586	1384630	36,858.18
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1384586	1384630	48,499.72
Pits & Quarries	1384586	1384630	6,112.04
		TOTAL:	876,097.22

The claims listed above were distributed to the various funds indicated below:

FUND	TOTAL	FUND	TOTAL
Current Expense	516,517.95	Self-funded Insurance Fund	84.25
Enhanced 911	8,027.86	Law Library	2,804.76
LC Noxious Weed Board	6,190.52	LC Tourism - Special	7,151.64
County Road	49,529.72	Lincoln County Broadband	4,681.12
Solid Waste Mgmt	36,858.18	Public Health	35,825.51
Eq Rental & Rev	48,499.72	Public Safety	1,292.17
Pits & Quarries	6,112.04	REET & Property Admin	166.66
Auditor's M&O	178.21	Sex Offender Registration	1,080.00
County Fair	145,764.39	Trial Court Improvement	125.29
Election	449.15	Youth Program-Coop	1,450.00
Emergency Communication	3,308.08	TOTAL:	876,097.22

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COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 24-12 The Commissioners, by Order 24-12, appointed the members of the Lincoln County Disability Board to expire on June 1, 2026.

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STATEMENT OF WORK The Statement of Work for Civic Plus Website Hosting Proposal was submitted for Chair signature. Keith Nelson, IS Director met with the board to discuss the proposals received and the recommendation to contract with Civic Plus.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Chair to sign the proposal.

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT The 20th Amendment to the Consolidated Contract #CLH31018 between Lincoln County Health Department and the Washington State Department of Health providing \$173 in funding to support distribution of Farmers Market Checks to WIC clients and an additional \$3,000 in funding to support training regarding public drinking water systems was presented for electronic signature by the Chairman.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Chair to sign the amendment electronically.

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MARIJUANA LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION A marijuana license renewal application was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Northwest Industrees, SR 23 E. the notice was also forwarded to the Sheriff's office and the Planning Department for review of the applicant and their address.

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LETTER A letter from Jeff Schibel to the Lincoln County Commissioners and the Water Conservancy Board, resigning his position as of May 13, 2024 was received.

AWARD A Memo from Jane Wall, Executive Director of the County Road Administration Board was received, and a Certificate of Good Practice was later presented by Commissioner Coffman to Dave Orvis, Public Works Director and Dave Sanford, Road Operations Manager, from the County Road Administration Board.

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LETTER A copy of a letter from Gabe Gants, Sheriff to the Lincoln County Civil Service Board was received regarding the hiring of Blake A. Martin as a Sheriff's Deputy, effective June 1, 2024. Mr. Martin replaces the position vacated by Justin Gump.

MEETING Chandra Schumacher, Auditor met to discuss the chiller at the Public Safety Building and the need for a new roof. Funding in the Capital Improvements budget is not sufficient to repair both. Also discussed was policies of other department heads and elected officials.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION Verification of the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing regarding an open space timber reclassification application for Janet Barnhart was provided by the Lincoln County Record-Times.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved to dispense of the reading of the Affidavit of Publication.

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PUBLIC HEARING This being the day and the time having arrived, Chairman Hutsell opened the hearing to consider an Open Space Timber reclassification application submitted by Janet Barnhart. No public testimony was heard. Public hearing closed.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Open Space Timber application as presented and previously recommended by Courtney Thompson, Lincoln County Land Services.

MEETING Margie Hall, Broadband Office Director, met to provide an update on the Broadband office. Ziplly Fiber acquired LocalTel Communications. The director requested the board allow the chairman to sign a change order, and provided an update on the WSBO grant which will be increased by an amendment to cover unforeseen permitting costs.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the chairman to sign the contract out of session after approval to form by the prosecuting attorney.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT The Notice of Assignment of the Master Optical Fiber and Facilities Lease Agreement, dated November 17, 2023 between Computer 5 Inc., d/b/a LocalTel and Lincoln County, assignment to Ziplly Fiber acknowledgment letter was signed by the Chair our of session.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION Verification of the publication of a notice of public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance allowing for the appointment of a county coroner pursuant to RCW 36.16.030 was provided by the Lincoln County Record-Times.

PUBLIC HEARING This being the day and the time having arrived, Chairman Hutsell opened the hearing to consider the matter of an ordinance allowing for the appointment of a county coroner. No public testimony was heard. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 24-01 allowing for the appointment of a County Coroner.

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ORDINANCE 24-01 The Commissioners, by ordinance 24-01, in accordance with RCW 36.16.030, determined that no coroner shall be elected in Lincoln County, and that the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners shall appoint a coroner and/or enter an interlocal agreement under RCW 39.34 with an adjoining county for the provision of coroner or medical examiner services.

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MEETING Courtney Thompson, Planner, provided an update on Land Services that included notification of an ad for the vacant planning commission position will be published in the paper this week. Interested parties will be directed to the website for more information and the application to submit to the Clerk of the Board. The planner also submitted the hearing examiner's recommendation for preliminary approval of LP-02-24, The View at Deer Meadows.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the long plat, and the preparation and signing of a resolution out of session.

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RESOLUTION 24-10 The Commissioners, by Resolution 24-10, authorized the preliminary plat approval of "The View at Deer Meadows LP-02-24".

MEETING Dave Orvis, Public Works Director and Dave Sanford, Road Operations Manager, met to present a departmental update, which included a request to fill two equipment operator positions in Wilbur as well as permission to start the process of hiring an equipment operator in Sprague. In project updates, the Miles Creston G1034 and G1035 project has received construction authorization and notice to bid will begin running in the legal paper on May 23rd. The director presented the public works board construction funding contract which was approved to form by the prosecuting attorney and signed by the director in February. The director asked the board to approve his signature so that the Auditor and Treasurer could move forward with the loan. The director requested the commissioners sign resolutions for the following projects: G-1046, Duck Lake; G-1047 Mohler DS; G-1048 Mountview. Two contract amendments for increased RATA funding on

Duck Lake and Mountview Rd. were presented with a request that the board sign the three copies to send to CRABoard. The director informed the board of a June 3rd public hearing to be held at 9:45 a.m. regarding an application to lease county property due to the expiration of a 10-year lease held by Greg Semprimoznik. A request for the commissioners to review and approve road resolution #2694 regarding lowering the speed limit on Wagner Lake Rd. 1500 feet South of the Wilbur city limits to enable safer travel and protect pedestrian traffic was presented. Finally, operations at the pit were running normally and will be moving to the Wilbur Airport pit most likely within the month.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Director's request to hire 2 new equipment operator positions in Wilbur and 1 equipment operator in Sprague.

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CONTRACT The Public Works Board Construction Funding Contract No. PC24-96103-017 between Lincoln County and Public Works Board for \$270,000.00 was presented for approval of the Public Works Director's signature.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Public Works Director's signature on the Contract.

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RESOLUTION 2695R The Commissioners, by Road Resolution 2695R, initiated County Road project CRP No. G-1046, the Duck Lake Rd., county road no. 93210, from Milepost 18.71 to Milepost 20.30 for improvement.

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RESOLUTION 2696R The Commissioners, by Road Resolution 2696R, initiated a County Road project designated as CRP No. G-1048, the Mountview Rd., County Road No. 48950, from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 2.50 to be improved.

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RESOLUTION 2697R The Commissioners, by Road Resolution 2697R, initiated a County Road project designated as CRP No. G-1047, for the existing Mohler Drainage Structure to be removed and replaced on County Rd. No. 34560 from Milepost 1.20 to Milepost 1.24.

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT The contract amendment for increased RATA funding for the Duck Lake Project 2223-02, and the Mountview Project 2224-01, approved by the CRABoard was signed by the board.

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RESOLUTION 2694R The Commissioners, by Road Resolution 2694R, approved a speed restriction on Wagner Lake Road, County Road No. 45230.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioners Gilchrist and Coffman presented their various committee reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Hutsell called for an Executive Session until 11:45 a.m., to discuss potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Prosecuting Attorney and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney were in attendance. Executive Session was extended until 11:55 a.m. No action was taken.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Prosecuting Attorney to negotiate a proposed settlement, up to \$25,000 in pending litigation.

DISCUSSION A discussion was held with the Prosecuting Attorney and the Deputy Prosecutor on County leased property.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioner Hutsell presented his various committee reports.

Meeting Recessed for the lunch hour, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet again in Regular Session on June 3, 2024.

The preceding pages AA. XX – AA. XX are a correct summary of all business transacted by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners this 20th day of May 2024.

CLERK OF THE BOARD – TARA HOLDEN

CHAIRMAN – SCOTT M. HUTSELL
