

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

June 3, 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 May 6, 2024 and May 20, 2024, minutes were approved as presented.

CLAIMS Claims were examined and ordered paid in the total amount of \$1,352,666.42.

CLAIM	WARRANT	WARRANT	TOTAL
Current Expense/Small Funds	1384916	1384983	76,664.44
Current Expense/Small Funds	1384985	1384985	21,693.44
Current Expense/Small Funds	1384986	1384990	11,039.73
LC Noxious Weed Board	1384847	1384861	21,315.54
County Road	1384862	1384915	201,111.80
County Road	1384984	1384984	2,173.09
Solid Waste Management	1384862	1384915	3,642.69
Solid Waste Management	1384984	1384984	573.20
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1384862	1384915	99,555.43
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1384984	1384984	628.95
Pits & Quarries	1384862	1384915	6,069.20
Payroll 5/31/2024	2405310001A	240531156A	908,198.91
		TOTAL:	1,352,666.42

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

FUND	TOTAL	FUND	TOTAL
Current Expense	70,401.27	LC Broadband Office	2,540.45
LC Noxious Weed Board	21,315.54	Lincoln County tourism	4,873.20
County Road	203,284.89	Public Defense Services	506.30
Solid Waste Mgmt	4,215.89	Public Health	6,439.16
Eq Rental & Rev	100,184.38	Public Safety	626.05
Pits & Quarries	6,069.20	Sex Offender Registration	161.85
Auditor's M&O	1,062.85	Treasurer's M&O	303.59
Auditor's Trust	446.24	Trial Court Improvement	2,227.13
County Fair	13,351.43	Veterans Assistance	270.00
Educ & Grant Funded Projects	332.64	Youth Program Coop	1,394.09
Election	1,919.38	Payroll 5/31/2024	908,198.91
Emergency Communications	2,541.98	TOTAL:	1,352,666.42

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AGREEMENT The FY2023 SHSP Grant Agreement between Spokane county Emergency Management and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office allowing for \$11,365.00 in grant funding used to implement a Body Worn Camera Program within the jail, which includes 4 cameras, storage, maintenance and redaction software.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement.

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CONTRACT A contract between Lincoln County and Free Press Publishing, Inc. was presented for Chair signature to allow the Lincoln County Record Times, published by Free Press Publishing, Inc. to serve as the legal newspaper for Lincoln County for the term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

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

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MEMO Emily Hansen, Treasurer, submitted a request to hire a part-time Deputy Treasurer to fill the position vacated by an employee who was discharged prior to the end of their probationary period.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Treasurer's request to hire.

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LETTER Gabe Gants, Sheriff, submitted a letter requesting approval for Chief Criminal Deputy Becker to travel out of state for the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta, GA in June.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the out of state travel for the Chief Criminal Deputy to Atlanta, Georgia.

LETTER A copy of a letter to Fort Spokane Store giving notification of license number 351914 being discontinued was received by the board.

LIQUOR LICENSE ASSUMPTION APPLICATION A liquor license assumption application was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for Fort Spokane Store & Restaurant. Applicants Chuck Brock and Rosemarie Brock, will assume the license. Notification of the assumption application was provided to the Sheriff's Office.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the chair to sign the application.

LETTER A copy of a letter from Gabe Gants, Sheriff to the Lincoln County Civil Service Board was received regarding the hiring of Thomas Plumb as a Communications/Corrections Deputy, effective June 1, 2024. Mr. Plumb fills the position vacated by Scott Blomgren.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioners Gilchrist and Coffman presented their various committee reports. Commissioner Gilchrist requested the board approve signing a petition opposing CR102 that requests that WDFW revisit the topic of cougar hunting seasons and a previous rule that was adopted in 2020.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved signing a petition once received, out of session. Note: petition was never received prior to the next regular meeting of the board.

MEETING Courtney Thompson, Planner, met to present an update on the Planning Commission. Four (4) applications for the Planning commission at-large position were presented for consideration. The Board discussed the applicants.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved appointing Mark Sheffels to the Planning Commission for the at-large position.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 24-13 The Commissioners, by Order 24-13, appointed Mark Sheffels to the at-large Planning Commission position with a term to expire December 31, 2024.

MEETING Margie Hall, Broadband Office Director, met to provide an update on the Broadband office. The director requested approval for a special issue for Northwest Line Builders in the amount of \$48,873.41. The director requested approval for a special issue to Zero dB Communications, LLC in the amount of \$21,208.19.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the special issue warrant for Northwest Line Builders.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the special issue warrant for Zero dB Communications, LLC.

MEETING Ed Dzedzy, Public Health Director, met to present a request for a budget extension for DNR Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Funding in the amount of \$35,000, and a purchase quotation request for the landscaping of the Public Health offices. The director recommended the board approve the quote from Dee's Landscaping and presented an attachment for the quotation request form for chair signature.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the budget adjustment, and the necessary preparation of a resolution.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Chair to sign the Purchase Quotation Request Form attachment.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION Verification of the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing on the re-application of the pasture lease for Greg Semprimoznik was provided by The Lincoln County Record-Times.

PUBLIC HEARING This being the day and the time having arrived, Chairman Hutsell opened the hearings to consider the matter of a re-application for pasture lease for Greg Semprimoznik. No public testimony was heard. The public hearings were closed.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the 10-year re-application for a pasture lease for Greg Semprimoznik.

MEETING Dave Orvis, Public Works Director and Dave Sanford, Road Operations Manager, met to present a departmental update, which included a request to fill the Davenport Supervisor position, the Davenport equipment operator position, the Sprague Road Supervisor position, and two Sprague equipment operator positions. The director requested the board review and sign Road Resolution 2698, rescinding Road Resolution 2694 and changing the terms of the resolution.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the request to fill the Davenport Supervisor position, hire the Davenport equipment operator position, the Sprague Road Supervisor position, and two Sprague equipment operator positions.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the signing of Resolution 2698 out of session once modified and reviewed for accuracy. Note: Resolution was not received prior to the next regular meeting of the board.

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MEETING Melanie Rose, Regional Business Manager and Nick Harmon, Davenport Operations Manager for Avista Corp., met to present an update on the wildfire resiliency plan for 2024 and gave operational updates for Lincoln County.

DISCUSSION The Commissioners discussed the County engineering Contract.

Meeting Recessed for the lunch hour, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all members present.

MEETING James Wege met with the Board to discuss his interest and the contract terms for employment as the County Engineer.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved hiring James Wege as the County Engineer, effective June 10, 2024.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized Commissioner Coffman to work with the Prosecuting Attorney to finalize the Engineer's Contract and draft a Resolution to be signed out of session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet again in Regular Session on June 17, 2024.

The preceding pages AA. XX – AA. XX are a correct summary of all business transacted by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners this 3rd day of June 2024.

CLERK OF THE BOARD – TARA HOLDEN

CHAIRMAN – SCOTT M. HUTSELL
