

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

February 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 February 5, 2024, minutes were approved as presented.

CLAIMS Claims were examined and ordered paid in the total amount of \$230,369.59.

CLAIM	WARRANT	WARRANT	TOTAL
Current Expense	1383288	1383362	83,639.96
Current Expense/Small Funds	1383213	1383214	874.41
Current Expense/Small Funds	1383220	1383222	8,529.03
LC Noxious Weed Board	1383283	1383287	2,390.14
County Road	1383224	1383224	7,712.99
County Road	1383225	1383282	29,432.20
Solid Waste Management	1383225	1383282	28,896.24
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1383225	1383282	44,160.00
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1383363	1383363	23,100.00
Pits & Quarries	1383225	1383282	1,634.62
		TOTAL:	230,369.59

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

FUND	TOTAL	FUND	TOTAL
Current Expense	58,018.85	Emergency Communication	11,611.66
LC Noxious Weed Board	2,390.14	Self-Funded Insurance Fund	75.00
County Road	37,145.19	Law Library	2,480.43
Solid Waste Mgmt	28,896.24	Lincoln County Broadband	600.00
Eq Rental & Rev	67,260.00	Public Health	9,097.62
Pits & Quarries	1,634.62	Public Safety	3,918.24
Auditor's M&O	178.21	Sex Offender Registration	2,000.00
County Fair	1,654.34	Trial Court Improvement	111.95
Election	3,297.10	TOTAL:	230,369.59

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COMMISSIONER’S ORDER 24-04 The Commissioners, by Order 24-04, established the Salary Ranges for Appointed Positions within the Department of Public Works effective January 1, 2024.

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RESOLUTION 24-02 The Commissioners, by Resolution 24-02, declared as surplus multiple inventory items from multiple offices.

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AGREEMENT Contract #4465749 between Lincoln County Health Department and Lamar Advertising for the placement of 4 billboards for a 12-month period for public health messaging in Lincoln County focusing on topic specific outreach.

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

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AGREEMENT Commercial Sales Agreement between Johnson Controls Security Solutions LLC and Lincoln County adding prevailing wage language to the Panic Button installation contract was presented as signed by the Chair.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the contract.

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REVOKE APPOINTMENT Revocation of Commission was received for Lyle Hendrickson, as Jail Superintendent, effective January 31, 2024.

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REVOKE APPOINTMENT Revocation of Commission was received for Scott Blomgren, as Corrections/Dispatch Deputy, effective January 31, 2024.

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APPOINTMENT & OATH OF OFFICE Appointment and Oath of Office was received for Scott Blomgren, as Jail Superintendent, effective January 31, 2024.

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MEMO Ed Dzedzy, Director, Public Health, submitted a request for authorization to allow Carey Guhlke-Falk to attend the SDoH and Health Equity Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Director’s request.

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LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST A special occasion liquor license request was received from the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board for Odessa Chamber of Commerce on April 4-6, 2024.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the Chair to sign the special occasion license.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Master Optical Fiber and Facilities Lease Agreement between Lincoln County and WiFiber was presented as signed by the Chair.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the contract.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Contract LC2024-WSBO1 between Lincoln County and Northwest Line Builders for the FTTx in Wilbur and Davenport and Mid-Mile from Harrington to Sprague Project, was presented as signed by the Chair.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the contract.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Notice to Proceed to Northwest Line Builders, LLC in accordance with Agreement LC2024-WSBO1, with signed acceptance, was presented as signed by the Chair.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the Notice.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Construction Change Order for Contract LC2023-CERB1 with Zero dB Communications, LLC for connecting NoaNet fiber backbone to colocation facilities in Creston.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the Change Order.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Construction Change Order for Contract LC2023-CERB1 with Zero dB Communications, LLC for connecting NoaNet fiber backbone to colocation facilities in Harrington.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the Change Order.

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AGREEMENT A copy of the Construction Change Order for Contract LC2023-CERB1 with Zero dB Communications, LLC for connecting NoaNet fiber backbone to colocation facilities in Creston, Harrington & Wilbur.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Chairman’s signature on the Change Order.

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MARIJUANA LICENSE RENEWAL A marijuana license renewal notification was received from the Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board for Buddy Boy Farms and Buddy Boy Farms II.

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RESOLUTION The Clerk of the Board submitted a draft of a resolution from Stevens County regarding confirming certain document recording fee revenue deposits and allocations as directed by Substitute Senate Bill 5386, passed May 4, 2023, The Board referred the resolution to the Auditor and Prosecutor for their recommendations to draft a resolution for Lincoln County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioners Coffman presented his various committee reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT A citizen in attendance inquired about the Wind Turbines and asked if the Board would be discussing this during the board meeting. Commissioner Coffman informed the citizen that it was not on the agenda and let him know that he would be happy to discuss his concerns if he would like to reach out after the meeting.

MEETING Jon Larsel, Targeted Management LLC, presented a proposal to the Board requesting affordable housing funds to assist the Harrington apartments with a plumbing upgrade costing \$38,000.00.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved awarding the Harrington Apartments the total for the Kysar Mechanical Bids, from fund 114 – Affordable Housing, and requested the full itemized bid to accompany the voucher for the funding.

MEETING Margie Hall, Broadband Office Director, met to provide an update on the Broadband office.

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MEETING Adam Walser, Prosecuting Attorney and Ty Albertson, Deputy Prosecutor, met to discuss an MOU drafted by Taj Wilkerson, Teamsters Local Union No. 690 Business Agent. Due to inconsistencies throughout the agreement and little to no clarity of contributions being pre- or post- tax, the prosecutor did not recommend approval of the Policy, and cited RCW 41-04-030, stating that such benefits are optional for less than 25 employees. The Commissioner directed the Prosecutor to inform the Teamsters Agent of the County’s concerns.

TELECONFERENCE Zak Kennedy, Legislative Lobbyist, met with the Commissioners via Zoom to give an update on current Legislative activity.

MEETING Dave Orvis, Public Works Director, met to present a departmental update, which included a maintenance update on the blading of Southern County roads; in personnel, the Director requested permission to hire for the accounting clerk position who resigned her position; project updates included the current negotiations with Hoffman for consulting services for the Blenz, Gerald Zellmer and Geib bridges, and an update on the right of way paperwork for the Miles Creston Projects.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Director’s request to hire an accounting clerk.

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MEETING Gabe Gants, Sheriff, met to inform the Board of the resignation of John McMullen and to request permission to hire a patrol deputy to fill Deputy McMullen’s vacancy. The Sheriff also presented a Payroll Change Notice for the Board to approve, as Deputy McMullen’s last day was Friday, February 16th, and would affect the February payroll.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the Sheriff’s request to hire, and approved the payroll change notice.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS Commissioners Gilchrist presented her various committee reports.

PRESENTATION The Reardan FFA presented their Ag Issues 2024 Presentation “Will the North American Model of Wildlife continue to Work in Washington Despite, or in Spite of the WDFW Commission?” and allowed for discussion on the topic following the presentation.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for further business.

Meeting Reconvened The meeting reconvened on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

MEETING A joint public meeting was conducted with Adams County Commissioners Dan Blankenship, Jay Weiss and Mike Garza. Also in attendance was Ty Albertson, Lincoln County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Randy Flyckt, Adams County Prosecuting Attorney, and the editor of the Lincoln County Record-Times. The joint public meeting was held to discuss the requirements for Counties to either elect or appoint a Coroner to serve effective January 1, 2025. The Adams and Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorneys will work together to draft an Ordinance and schedule a Public Hearing. Commissioner Blankenship and Commissioner Coffman will work together with the Prosecuting Attorneys to implement a job description and appoint or contract with the other County for a Coroner.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for further business.

Meeting Reconvened The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

MEETING Paul Jewell, Washington State Association of Counties met with the board to discuss Thursday’s Legislative Steering Committee meeting, and the voting systems that will be presented.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet again in Regular Session on March 4, 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, 26th and 27th day of February 2024.

CLERK OF THE BOARD – TARA HOLDEN

CHAIRMAN – SCOTT M. HUTSELL
