

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS

October 17, 2022

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met this day in Regular Session in their office with the following present: SCOTT M. HUTSELL, Chairman, ROB COFFMAN and MARK R. STEDMAN, Commissioners and Tara Holden, Clerk of the Board.

MINUTES

CLAIMS Claims were examined and ordered paid in the total amount of \$312,332.43.

CLAIM	WARRANT	WARRANT	TOTAL
Current Expense/Small Funds	1374934	1375021	125,640.92
Current Expense/Small Funds	1374697	1374906	6,136.00
Current Expense/Small Funds	1374695	1374696	8,095.64
Current Expense/Small Funds	1374682	1374685	3,129.47
Current Expense/Small Funds	1374686	1374687	9,293.80
LC Noxious Weed Board	1374923	1374933	6,545.10
County Road	1375022	1375098	64,481.59
Solid Waste Management	1375022	1375098	43,741.15
Equipment Rental/Revolving	1375022	1375098	32,842.80
Pits & Quarries	1375022	1375098	12,425.96
		TOTAL:	312,332.43

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

FUND	TOTAL	FUND	TOTAL
Current Expense	77,397.63	Drug Enforcement	4,972.39
Self-Funded Employee Benefits	17,758.87	Election	9,429.50
LC Noxious Weed Board	6,545.10	Emergency Communication	3,847.44
County Road	64,481.59	Law Library	2,057.94
Solid Waste Mgmt	43,747.27	LC Broadband Project	1,787.00
Eq Rental & Rev	32,842.80	Public Health	2,174.72
Pits & Quarries	12,425.96	Public Safety	3,772.84
Alcohol/Drug Services	345.02	Seized/Forfeited Property	4,972.38
Auditor's M&O	969.16	Sex Offender Reg	1,610.08
Capital Improvements	5,605.66	Trial Court Improvement	101.32
County Fair	15,487.76		
		TOTAL:	312,332.43

PAYROLL CHANGE NOTICES Payroll Change Notices were approved as presented.

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CONTRACT A Contract with Potts & Associates was signed to allow for Lobbying services from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$3,300.00 each year.

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REVOCATION OF COMMISSION A Revocation of Commission was presented for Ronald Wier as Patrol Deputy, effective October 10, 2022.

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GRANT APPLICATION The 2023 State v. Blake Grant Application allowing Lincoln County to enter into a grant agreement with WA State OPD and accepting grant funding for defense services pursuant to State v. Blake for calendar year 2023 was presented for chair signature.

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

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TRAVEL POLICY PROCEDURES The finalized Chapter 15, Work-Related Travel Policy Procedures were presented for board approval.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners adopted the Work-Related Travel Policy Procedures.

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EFT PROCEDURES The finalized EFT Procedures were presented for board approval.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners adopted the EFT Procedures.

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REQUEST Chandra Schumacher, Auditor, submitted a request for a transfer of funds for salaries and wages, insurance and office supplies, and the approval of a new position and position number for the Lincoln County Broadband Office.

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

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AUDIT REPORT The Financial Statements and Federal Single Auditor Report for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 from the Office of the Washington State Auditor was submitted.

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LETTER A certified letter from Lords Ranch, Inc. in Sprague was received in response to two letters sent from the noxious weed control board.

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LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL NOTIFICATION Liquor license renewal was received from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for North Ridge, Grill at Seven Bays, Seven Bays Marina and Keller Ferry Marina.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS The Commissioners presented their various committee reports.

MEETING Representative Taj Wilkerson of the Teamsters Local Union No. 690, with members of the bargaining units, met to discuss the Commissioned Deputies switching their medical insurance from the county provided medical plan to the Inland Empire Teamsters Trust medical plan. Mr. Wilkerson will present the plan and the bargaining proposal to the board on Monday, October 24th.

MEETING Courtney Thompson, Planning Department, met to present the hearing examiners findings for Conditional Use Permit application 03-2022 by Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, and requested the board adopt amendments to the Title 15 Code, to be compliant with the current FEMA Model Ordinance for Washington State, and having had a public hearing to request public input on September 12, 2022.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved the signing of a Commissioners Order out of session with the hearing examiners conditions amended, to approve the Conditional Use Permit application no. 03-2022.

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COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 22-29 The Commissioners, by Order 22-29, approved application 03-2022 for a Conditional Use Permit by Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC, for the construction of a 1,200 sq. ft. office building, 6,000 sq. ft. warehouse in phase one; then construction of ten 30,000 gallon tanks in a tank farm and dry fertilizer warehouse in phase 2; in a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 26N, Range 32EWM, with conditions as noted on the report from the Hearings Examiner.

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RESOLUTION 22-42 The Commissioners, by Resolution 22-42, amended Title 15 of the Lincoln County Code Regarding Building Codes, Chapter 15.16, Flood Damage Prevention to be compliant with the current FEMA Model Ordinance for Washington State.

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MEETING Sue Hatten, Interim Executive Director, and Paul McArthur, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Lincoln County Drug and Alcohol Center, met to present an update on the department and to discuss the current funding balances, loans that are due, and the selling of the County vehicle that they do not need.

MEETING Dave Orvis, Public Works Director, and Dave Sanford, Road Operations Manager, met to present a departmental update. The accounting clerk position will be advertised for an additional two weeks in the Lincoln Advertiser; winter salt deliveries will start this week. Project updates included Porcupine Bay Road Landslide, Phase 2, Miles Creston Road Section 1 & Section 1B, Duck Lake Road, Miles Creston Road Overlay, and the Lincoln County Seal Coat projects.

MEETING Janice Meats, EDC Director, and Brian Tew, EverGem, met to propose a partnership proposal to build more middle-mile fiber to the NW corner of Lincoln County. No match money would be required, as it will be provided by EverGem, there will be administration fees, and the project would run through the new Broadband Office. The project will be run with grants submitted through the EDC.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the EDC Director to pursue a partnership with EverGem.

MEETING Scott Davies, Representative, along with the presidents of Locals 1254 and 1254CH, met to discuss the options for medical benefits.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene on Monday, October 18, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. for further county benefit meetings, including a presentation by PEBB.

Meeting Reconvened. The meeting was reconvened on October 18, 2022, with all Commissioners present.

PRESENTATION Larry Cade, PEBB Outreach Team met present the PEBB plan, explaining coverage, cost and advantages to the State Plan. Employees of the County in attendance asked questions and participated in the presentation to gain a better understanding of the plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Chairman Hutsell called for an Executive Session with Adam Walser, Prosecuting Attorney, to discuss litigation or potential litigation. No action was taken.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. for further county benefit meetings.

Meeting Reconvened. The meeting was reconvened on October 24, 2022, with all Commissioners present.

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MEETING Dan Fisher and Ashley Douglas, HUB Representatives met to discuss the pros and cons of staying self-funded. The representatives also provided the Dental and Life renewal presentations.

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RESOLUTION 22-43 The Commissioners, by Resolution 22-43, authorized the submission of an application for a USDA Reconnect Grant with funding amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

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RESOLUTION 22-44 The Commissioners, by Resolution 22-44, authorized the submission of an application for a USDA Community Connect Grant with funding amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.

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RESOLUTION 22-45 The Commissioners, by Resolution 22-45, authorized the submission of an application for a Washington State Department of Commerce Grant with funding amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2022, for further business.

Meeting Reconvened on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum of members present. Commissioner Stedman was out of the office.

MEETING The board met to discuss the medical benefits beginning January 1, 2023. The Chairman and Vice Chair expressed their desire to do the best they can for the fiscal responsibility of both the County and our Lincoln County employees and their families.

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners approved moving forward with the application to join the Health Care Authority's Public Employee Benefits Board Health Plan.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 31, 2022, for further business.

Meeting Reconvened on Wednesday, October 31, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

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RESOLUTION 22-46 The Commissioners, by Resolution 22-46, requested review and approval by the Health Care Authority to participate in the Washington State Insurance Plans.

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LETTER A letter, requesting Lincoln County enrollment in the PEBB group plan of medical-only benefits, retiree coverage, and COBRA coverage was signed by the Board and submitted to Amy Corrigan, PEBB Project Coordinator.

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ATTESTATION A government Function Attestation for Agency/Instrumentality Eligibility and ERISA Eligibility was submitted for Chair signature to enroll in the PEBB group plan.

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

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LETTER A letter, advising HMA of Lincoln County's desire to cancel their medical administrative service agreement effective January 1, 2023, was submitted for signature.

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

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INSURANCE RENEWAL The Health Insurance Stop Loss renewal was presented with an \$80,000.00 stop loss for the self-funded medical benefits plan and was signed by Commissioner Hutsell as a representative for the Commissioners and the Benefit Committee. The renewal was accepted if PEBB denies the application, and the county remains self-funded.

MEETING The board discussed rate proposals for the County portion of the PEBB Insurance rates.

MEETING Scott Davies, AFSCME Representative for Local 1254 and Local 1254CH, scheduled to meet and bargain with the board for the medical benefits in 2023, requested the board call and executive session to bargain. The board informed Mr. Davies, that Bargaining does not fall under the RCW for executive session. Mr. Davies refused to bargain in an open public meeting. The Board expressed their disappointment and requested that they proceed, however, Mr. Davies remained adamant and refused to bargain. Present for the meeting were: Adam Walser, Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney, Jim Buchanan, 1254 President, Debbie Keller, 1254CH President, Chris Tareski, Julie Albrandt, Craig Sweet Josh Clark, Luke Mallon, Brian Hudspeth, and Drew Lawson.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., for further business.

Meeting Reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

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MEETING Taj Wilkerson, Teamsters Local 690 met to negotiate the medical plan for the members of the Teamsters Union. The Teamsters requested the board’s approval for the bargaining units and the management staff to join the IETT Medical Plan. The board agreed, and bargained a county contribution of \$1,265.00 for each of the Sheriff’s Office employees, with stipulations over the next six (6) years, and the removal of the non-prescription sunglasses benefit effective January 1, 2023. The representative requested a recess to take the proposal and removal of non-prescription sunglasses to a vote.

Meeting Recessed to reconvene at 1:00 p.m., for further business.

Meeting Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

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MEETING Taj Wilkerson, Teamsters Local 690 met to negotiate the medical plan for the members of the Teamsters Union. The Teamsters voted and accepted the terms. The Board and the Teamsters reviewed the MOU’s and Agreements for Teamsters to join their own medical program.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING An MOU between Teamsters Local 690 representing Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputies (Commissioned) and Lincoln County amending the medical insurance Article XIV in the current CBA was presented for signature.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING An MOU between Teamsters Local 690 representing Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputies (Non-Commissioned) and Lincoln County amending the medical insurance Article XIV in the current CBA was presented for signature.

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AGREEMENT A Participation Agreement for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees between Lincoln County on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office Administration Non-Bargaining and the Inland Empire Teamsters Trust Fund to allow those employees to participate in the non-county medical was presented for Chair Signature. The Teamsters Representative will supply a list of those specific positions to follow.

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

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AGREEMENT An Agreement Accepting Inland Empire Teamsters Trust to allow the Sheriff’s Office and Sheriff’s Bargaining Unit to obtain medical coverage outside of the County Plan was presented.

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

MOTION By unanimous vote, the Commissioners authorized the preparation of two (2) MOUs between the Teamsters Unions and Lincoln County, removing the Non-Prescription Sunglasses reimbursement allowance, and the signing of the same, out of session.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING An MOU between Teamsters Local 690 representing Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputies (Commissioned and Non-Commissioned) and Lincoln County rescinding the Uniform Allowance, Article X (10.5) in the current CBA was signed out of session.

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LETTER A letter, clarifying the current job positions in the Sheriff’s Office Non-Bargaining Unit covered by the Inland Empire Teamsters Trust medical composite plan as the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Chief Criminal Deputy, Chief Civil Deputy, and Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff, was received from Taj Wilkerson, Business Representative of the Teamsters Local Union No. 690.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet again in Regular Session on November 7, 2022.

The preceding pages Z. – Z. are a correct summary of all business transacted by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners on the 17th, 18th, 24th, 26th, and 31st days of October 2022.

CLERK OF THE BOARD – TARA HOLDEN

CHAIRMAN – SCOTT M. HUTSELL