

BOCC Wrap-Up

February 10, 2020

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg, Cullen Gatten, Steve Wohld, Steve Walton, Janelle Lindsey (10:57 a.m.), JP Anderson (11:01 a.m.)

Guests: David Woodrum, Janice Woodrum, Bud Blake, Peter Lahmann, Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Brandon Svenson, Frank Corbin, Colton Dodgson (10:50 a.m.)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Fund introduced Bud Blake, the interim director for Great Rivers ASO.

Bud left at 9:02 a.m.

David Woodrum said he is concerned about local churches' lack of support for local government. He said he'd like the commissioners to grant locals permission to open commissioner meetings in prayer.

David and Janice Woodrum left at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to add two items to the day's Business Meeting agenda: approval of a 2020 financial agreement with the Lewis County Seniors group for Nutrition and authorization to place Community Outreach workers on the salary grid.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

At 9:11 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes to discuss pending and / or potential litigation related to Cortland / Hupy / Green and O'Connor v. Lewis County.

Executive Session ended at 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Eric Eisenberg and Cullen Gatten left at 9:27 a.m.

The group discussed the recent flooding event.

Winlock Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Svenson said the City Council will review the city's MOU with Lewis County later in the day. He said there are concerns about the lack of deadlines as well as questions about permitting and sewer hookups. He said Winlock may want the county to take over permit work the project.

Commissioner Jackson said he has been having that type of conversation with County Manager Erik Manager and Community Development Director Lee Napier. He said he would attend the City Council meeting later in the day to answer questions.

The commissioners directed Rieva Lester to invite the Chehalis Bowling team to an upcoming BOCC meeting, during which the commissioners will read a proclamation recognizing the team for its 1A / 2A state championship.

The group discussed upcoming hearings related to the draft state Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction project.

Commissioner Fund said she has heard that the Port of Centralia will be nominating one of its Port Commissioners for the .09 Distressed Counties appointment.

Commissioner Stamper said Chief Morningstar had requested funding for a school resource officer. Since county funding could not be used for that, Commissioner Stamper said Becky Butler had been looking into other funding sources into which Mossyrock could look.

The board directed Rieva Lester to reach out to the two PFD applicants to set up interviews.

The board directed Rieva to post for the upcoming LMTAAA vacancy.

At 9:52 a.m., the board recessed until 10:30 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m. with Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Becky Butler, Steve Wohld and Lara McRea as well as guests Peter Lahmann, Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Frank Corbin and Colton Dodgson in attendance.

Commissioner Fund reviewed bills before the state Legislature.

Commissioner Jackson and Erik Martin joined at 10:53 a.m.

Janelle Lindsey joined at 10:57 a.m.

Commissioner Jackson left at 10:59 a.m.

JP Anderson joined at 11:01 a.m.

The commissioners said they would like to try to meet with the BOE the afternoon of Feb. 20.

The commissioners said they would like to extend the Directors' Update meeting.

The commissioners approved minutes from the Jan. 27, 2020, meeting.

Commissioner Jackson returned at 11:13 a.m.

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

Commissioner Jackson left at 11:18 a.m. and returned at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.