

Directors' Update

October 7, 2020

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, JP Anderson, Matt Jaeger, Megan Eastman, Daleyn Coleman, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Gary Fredricks, Alison Puckett, Graham Gowing, Scott Smitherman, Lara McRea, Steve Wohld, Katie Conradi, Taylor Albright, Meja Handlen, Steve Wohld, Tamara Hayes

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to City of Winlock to install, construct, operate and maintain sewer line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Doug Carey discussed a resolution to award an Architectural and Engineering Services Contract for the Animal Shelter Project.

Matt Jaeger discussed a resolution to authorize the Director of Information Technology Services to execute a purchase order with Ednetics.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve the purchase of new aerial lift truck from Terex Utilities and authorizing signature thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to list the Bids and Contractor selected for the purchase of six pursuit-rated vehicles.

Josh Metcalf discussed the proposed vacation of a portion of the Theo. Hoss Road No. 132 (Order of Vacation No. 20-001).

Josh Metcalf discussed a franchise to the Skate Creek Terrace Community Club Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, four deliberation items and two hearings to the Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Rieva Lester noted there would be at least one late add for the Oct. 12 meeting: the hearing for the airports ordinance.

Roundtable

Josh Metcalf said work on Tucker Road and Frase Road has been completed. He said the county is fielding water requests for its Middle Fork water system.

Erik Martin discussed an upcoming training opportunity.

Becky Butler discussed upcoming budget meetings.

Matt Jaeger said the hardware for the court upgrades has arrived. He said installations will take place soon.

JP Anderson said the county will begin using contact tracing at no charge from Mathematica. JP discussed expansion ideas being discussed, such as mobile testing to reach the east end and mobile testing sites to offer mass testings if needed. JP outlined changes to the Cold Weather Shelter, which will be open every night and will be administered using CRF instead of document recording fees.

Megan Eastman said she is working on 2021 benefits. She said HR Director interviews will begin later in the day.

Doug Carey said the county is working with KMB on an insurance claim recoating project.

Gary Fredricks said the WSU wifi hotspots are now operational. He discussed workshops and other projects WSU Extension is working on.

Graham Gowing said the county is still looking to fill its building inspector vacancy.

Tamara Hayes said the county has launched its new Discover Lewis County website.

Steve Wohld said he is working with Treasurer Arny Davis on bonding options for capital improvement projects.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said PHSS will draft a press release explaining that the county does not respond to rumors about positive tests or deaths. He said the county only responds or reaches out once the information has been substantiated.

Becky said negotiations about the stimulus have stalled at the federal level.

Announcements

Commissioner Fund said the NEPA DEIS public meeting is planned for 6 p.m. Oct. 8.

Calendars

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.