

BOCC Wrap-Up

November 23, 2020

9:04 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, Becky Butler, JP Anderson, Chris Panush, Lee Napier, Meja Handlen, Tamara Hayes, Tammy Martin, Lara McRea, Tailor Albright, EDC Chair Dan Rich, Kaity Nissell, County Manager Erik Martin (9:14 a.m.), Terry Jouper

Guests: Commissioner-elect Sean Swope, Commissioner-elect Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Claudia Yaw

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Fund made a motion to add to the day's Business Meeting agenda the following:

- **Resolution 20-422:** Approve interlocal agreements for Emergency Management Services between Lewis County Emergency Management and the cities of Chehalis, Napavine, Morton and Mossyrock.
- **Resolution 20-424:** Approve an amendment to the memorandum of understanding between Lewis County and Lewis Economic Development Council to provide grant awards to nonprofits and businesses serving Lewis County using the CARES ACT Coronavirus Relief Funds.
- **Resolution 20-425:** Approve an amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between Lewis County and the Lewis County Public Utility District No. 1 to provide emergency utility assistance for Lewis County residents who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Becky Butler said the jail isolation project will not be completed in time to use Coronavirus Relief Funding. She said the county will reallocate \$730,000.

The commissioners said they would like to increase by \$200,000 the amount to be allocated to the Economic Development Council (EDC) via Resolution 20-424. Becky said the updated amendment total would be \$230,600.

Becky asked for clarification regarding the additional \$64,000 the commissioners were adding for utility assistance. She said she reached out to Commerce and that Commerce indicated the county could provide utility assistance for commercial accounts. Willie Painter said the PUD's commercial accounts were in arrears by approximately \$100,000 as of four weeks ago.

County Manager Erik Martin joined at 9:14 a.m.

Willie Painter said the PUD received 60 additional applications from residential users over the weekend.

The commissioners said the county will allocate an additional \$64,000 to cover the PUD's residential customer as well as commercial customers.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to amend proposed Resolution 20-425 to include commercial entities.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

JP Anderson suggested allocating \$500,000 for area schools for qualifying uses, awarding grant funding at \$40 per student. Becky said the funds must be spent by Dec. 30, 2020.

Commissioner Fund discussed WSAC's recent Marbled Murrelet Economic Impact study as well as recent Flood Authority meetings.

Rieva Lester discussed additional upcoming vacancies on the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA). She said AAA has requested the commissioners appoint the applicant who already applied and to encourage an elected to apply for one of the two other upcoming vacancies.

Steve Wohld discussed possible building access changes and outlined possible ways to secure public entrances.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to have Lewis County sign onto a letter to Gov. Inslee to request that he fully fund the Fish Barrier Removal Board's recommended project list in his proposed capital budget – roughly \$65.6 million.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 9:53 a.m.