

Directors' Update

November 4, 2020

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, JP Anderson, Matt Jaeger, Chris Panush, Josh Metcalf, Matt Patana, Doug Carey, Tamara Hayes, Graham Gowing, Kaity Nissell, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Lee Napier, Patrick Shults, Scott Smitherman, Tailor Albright, Tammy Martin, Andy Caldwell, Commissioner Fund (9:54 a.m.)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Matt Patana discussed a declaration of surplus personal property.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve the Solid Waste Management Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Agreement No. SWMWRRED-2021-LeCSWU-00053 with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology).

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to appoint a member to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County Division of Emergency Management and the Lewis County Search and Rescue Council in order to file for fuel reimbursement on behalf of their members.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to proposed vacation of a portion of the Loren LaBree Road No. 328.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Northwest Pediatric Center and Lewis County to provide COVID-19 Testing.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve a Criminal Justice Treatment Account Work Plan between Lewis County and Health Care Authority.

Erik Martin discussed a resolution to appoint Jill Van Hulle as an alternate on the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to move two consent items and eight deliberation items to the Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion passed 2-0.

Announcements

Lee Napier said the Farm Bureau and Fire Chiefs will hold meetings later in the day. She said the BRB will meet Nov. 5 and that the area mayors will be asked to suggest an individual to appoint to the BRB during the Mayors' Meeting on Nov. 6.

Patrick Shults said WSU's new wifi hotspot is up and running.

Scott Smitherman said Motorola is on-site for routine updates.

Tamara Hayes said she is working on an appeal for indoor retail events. She said the shelter has opened in the Blue Pavilion.

Becky said Budget rates are due Nov. 6. She invited the public to a Nov. 12 Budget informational meeting. She urged staff to contact her regarding any ongoing COVID-19 costs.

Chris Panush said HR and Risk will be working to update the Employee Handbook and is working on an onboarding effort. He said the salary study is moving forward.

JP Anderson said he will have a late add for the upcoming Business Meeting.

Josh Metcalf said Mickelsen Parkway has been paved and will be striped soon.

Matt Patana provided an update on Facilities projects, including lighting and painting in the Historic Courthouse basement. He said Plexiglas has been delivered and is being installed.

Doug said the old credit union building needs to be cleared out by year-end to prepare for demolition.

Andy Caldwell said the county has distributed 1.1 million PPE items.

COVID-19

Erik Martin said the county has new documents on its website regarding a safe return to school or work after a COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure.

JP Anderson noted that the county's case rate is slightly lower than the state average.

Wednesday Workshop

Josh Metcalf discussed issues the county is having with residential oil-use collection tanks. The commissioners requested the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to make a recommendation regarding residential oil-use collection tanks.

The commissioners said they would have Commissioner Stamper represent the county for the audit entrance conference with the State Auditor's Office.

The commissioners said they would accommodate a timeslot request from one of the Port of Centralia candidates and that they would review potential questions for the applicants.

At 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes to discuss the L&I investigation.

Commissioner Fund joined at 9:54 a.m.

Executive session began at 9:54 a.m.

At 10:09 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.