

## **Directors' Update**

**January 6, 2021**

**9:04 a.m.**

**Present:** Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, JP Anderson, Bill Wamsley, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Patrick Shults, Scott Smitherman, Tamara Hayes, Alison Puckett, Taylor Albright, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Steve Wohld, Doug Carey, Matt Jaeger, Katie Conradi, Casey Mauermann, Matt Patana, Becky Butler

**Guests:** Susan DeLaire, former Commissioner Edna J. Fund, The Chronicle, Jessica Peterson, Nic Scott, Candace Hallom

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve the Twenty-first Supplement Agreement between West Consultants Inc. and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

JP Anderson and Alison Puckett discussed a resolution to approve an amendment for CJTA Funded Treatment and Recovery Support Services between Washington Health Care Authority and Lewis County. They noted that the state reallocated the funds.

Bill Wamsley discussed a resolution to approve Stewardship Agreement No. 17-SA-11060300-020 Modification 4 (Four), between Lewis County and the USDA Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Lewis County and the United States Geological Service.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items and four deliberation items to the Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Rieva Lester noted the commissioners would have at least one late add for Jan. 11: a notice of hearing for Ordinance 1323, which would amend the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Roundtable**

JP Anderson discussed the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

Bill Wamsley discussed Noxious Weeds' move. Matt Patana said the move should take place within the next week or so.

Chris Panush discussed work on a policy for employees who miss work due to COVID-19. He said work also is taking place to create an onboarding process.

Doug Carey said planning is taking place for the Juvenile center and the Rainier building. He said work is underway to create isolation cells at the jail. He said Community Development will be able to move to the Rainier building in a year or so.

Steve Wohld said the bond funding for the Capital Plan projects will be available in mid-March.

Erik Martin said he has scheduled meetings with the directors to outline ways in which to implement portions of the Strategic Plan.

Josh Metcalf discussed recent road closures and damages linked to a storm that hit the area the previous weekend. He said Public Works is preparing for summer construction projects.

Matt Jaeger discussed IT's efforts in response to COVID-19.

Patrick Shults said WSU remains closed to the public for in-person attendance. He said WSU is working on a statewide event to help small landowners.

Scott Smitherman said work continues to fill vacancies. He said he also is working to improve training for dispatchers. He discussed the recent purchase of a microwave relay system.

Tamara Hayes said the shelter is doing well at the fairgrounds. She discussed the upcoming Lewis County Outdoor Recreation, Fair Commission and Lewis County Together meetings.

Becky Butler urged county staff to watch their year-end 2020 budgets. She said the Legislature reconvenes Jan. 11.

### **Wednesday Workshop**

The commissioners directed Rieva Lester to draft a resolution to appoint Brian Merryman as an alternate for the Water Conservancy Board.

The commissioners directed Rieva to draft a resolution to appoint Cynthia Clark, Amy Turnbull and Ronda Chumbley to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA).

The commissioners discussed the upcoming Mayors' Meeting.

The commissioners said they'd like to continue with the county's online subscription to the Olympian.

The commissioners said they'd like an online subscription to the Wall Street Journal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.