

## **Directors' Update**

**February 3, 2021**

**9:01 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Chris Panush, Josh Metcalf, Steve Wohld, Alison Puckett, Doug Carey, Lee Napier, Matt Jaeger, Meja Handlen, Scott Smitherman, Suzette Smith, Becky Butler, Casey Mauermann, Patrick Shults, Taylor Albright, Tammy Martin

Guests: Edna Fund, Susan DeLaire, Claudia Yaw, Nic Scott, Traci Dutton

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler discussed a notice of hearing for the Lewis County 2020 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to High Valley Country Club Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Kenneth E.S. Barnes to install, construct, operate, and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice about accepting a bid on tax title property located off North 4th Street, Toledo.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice about accepting a bid on tax title property located off SW 10th Street, Chehalis.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice about accepting a bid on tax title property located off Railroad Street, Pe Ell.

Josh Metcalf said he'd like to hold the notice about accepting a bid on tax title property located off Turner Road, Packwood. He said he would prefer the county hold onto the property.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to appoint Robert Russell to the Lewis County Planning Commission to complete an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2021.

Rieva Lester and Steve Wohld discussed a resolution to amend Resolution 20-452 in order to reduce the net present value saving threshold in connection with the refunding of the refunded bonds and providing for other matters property relating thereto.

Rieva noted that the resolution to approve a Stewardship Agreement No. 17-SA-11060300-020 Modification 4 (Four), between Lewis County and the USDA Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, was again holding.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Amendment A between Lewis County and The Salvation Army to add funds through the housing assistance unit Eviction Rental Assistance Program Grant and extend duration.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Amendment between Lewis County and The Salvation Army to provide funds through the housing assistance unit Emergency Solutions COVID19 Grant in the amount of \$302,000.

Commissioner Stamper discussed a resolution to appoint Richard DeBolt and reappoint William Sullivan to the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.

The group discussed a resolution to appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee. The commissioners decided to hold the item.

Lee Napier discussed a public hearing to ratify Ordinance 1323 amending the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations. Lee said her staff will provide a script to help with the hearing, which will include two quasi-judicial elements.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move six notice items, two consent items, five deliberation items and one hearing to the Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

## **COVID-19**

Alison Puckett said she is working on the county's weekly COVID-19 update.

Chris Panush reminded Directors that a new COVID-19 policy went into effect Jan. 1, 2021.

## **Announcements**

Josh Metcalf discussed various Public Works projects and processes.

Steve Wohld discussed leak repairs needed for the Health building and the Historic Courthouse. Steve said details about the salary study are being provided to offices and departments. Steve said Tamara Hayes is no longer with Lewis County. He said Pat Slusher is the point person for Fair questions and Isaac Freeman is the contact regarding Discover Lewis County.

The commissioners discussed ways to best guide the public through the vaccination process.

Lee Napier said she would attend the Fire Chiefs' meeting later in the day.

Matt Jaeger gave a brief update on cybersecurity attacks.

## **Wednesday Workshop**

Josh Metcalf said the Solid Waste Advisory Committee has recommended eliminating off-site used oil collection tanks and maintaining them only at the Central and East County transfer stations due to contamination and overflow issues at the former sites. Josh said Winlock, Pe Ell and two fire departments have allowed their interlocal agreements for the collection sites to lapse. The commissioners asked Josh to look into other private-public partnerships.

Commissioner Pollock discussed bills before the state Legislature.

Commissioner Stamper said work continues to determine the assessment of the Blakeslee Junction property.

Commissioner Swope said the deadline for comment regarding TransAlta / IPAT is Feb. 12.

Edna Fund and Steve Wohld discussed the previous night's fair presentation.

The group discussed the commissioners' calendars.

The commissioners further discussed the Blakeslee Junction property. Commissioner Swope said any changes would include outreach to the homeless community staying on the property. They also discussed a Sen. Braun bill regarding shelter capacity.

Meeting ended at 10:24 a.m.