

Directors' Update

March 10, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Chris Panush, Sheriff Snaza, Doug Carey, Steve Wohld, Suzette Smith, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, JP Anderson, Martin Roy, Tim Murphy, Scott Smitherman, Alison Puckett, Steve Wohld, Matt Jaeger, Scott Tinney, Grace Jimenez, Eric Eisenberg, Graham Gowing, Patrick Shults, Matt Patana, Jonathan Meyer, Tammy Martin Sheriff Snaza, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Chief Dusty Breen, Chief Kevin Engelbertson, Chief Chris Sweet, Andy Caldwell

Guests: Edna J. Fund, Nic Scott, Chelle Wilder, Susan DeLaire, Julie Zander, Joni Sellards

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids for the L&J Fire Alarm Replacement Project.

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids to replace EIFS Cladding on Lewis County Law and Justice Center. He said insurance will pay for at least a portion of the work.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of Public Hearing to inform the public of Community Development Block Grant opportunities.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Mashell Telecom Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice regarding the proposed vacation of a portion of the Branch of E. J. Lentz Road North No.405A.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a notice of hearing on proposed Ordinance 1324, prohibiting the possession of controlled substances, counterfeit substances, and legend drugs, as well as prohibiting certain related activities, and mirroring the state penalties for such crimes. He said the commissioners will face three choices:

1. Pass or abandon the proposed ordinance: Eric noted the commissioners could take a wait-and-see approach to see if the state is able to make a fix that addresses the constitutionality.
2. Select the penalty to impose: Eric said the county could mirror state penalties, including those for felonies, or make all penalties misdemeanors. He said the county would need to structure Drug Court to give individuals access to Drug Court if it's made a misdemeanor.
3. Determine what geographic scope would be covered: Eric said the commissioners would need to determine whether the ordinance would reach inside the incorporated cities. He said the commissioners could include an opt-out provision for the cities if they so chose.

Jonathan Meyer said Marysville adopted an emergency ordinance earlier in the week.

Sheriff Snaza thanked the PA's Office for its quick actions.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment B to an agreement between Lewis County and the Department of Commerce to provide funds through the housing assistance unit Eviction Rental Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$353,022.

Matt Patana discussed a resolution for the declaration of surplus personal property.

Andy Caldwell discussed a resolution to adopt the Lockout Tag-Out Policy as Section 4.610 of the Risk Management and Safety Policy of the Lewis County Employee Handbook.

Tim Murphy discussed a resolution for the declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lewis County and the Port of Chehalis regarding work by County staff for preliminary engineering services for fish passable structures and barrier removals on the lower reach of Berwick Creek and authorizing signatures thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify a consultant agreement over \$50,000 with Landau Associates for the On Call Geotechnical Engineering consultant contract.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Quit Claim Deed by and between Lewis County and Lantbruk LLC for property located off Independence Road near Rochester and authorizing signatures thereon.

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Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing for a franchise to Wiltel Communications LLC to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

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

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move six notice items, two consent items, eight deliberation items and two hearings to the Tuesday, March 16, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson discussed efforts to use state FEMA funding to cover work surrounding the mass vaccination events at the fairgrounds.

Erik Martin noted that JP's department will need some additional staffing to help with its COVID-19 response.

Becky Butler said the county will see several contracts come through related to the mass vaccination sites. She said those will be addressed through a budget amendment. Becky said the proposed American Rescue Plan Act would provide additional funding.

JP Anderson said patients should review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for information about post-vaccination requirements.

Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission airport study update

Commissioner Stamper provided a brief update about the previous day's Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission airport study meeting Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Director David Fleckenstein. Commissioner Stamper said there would be no large commercial aircraft using the Lewis County site under the proposed changes for the Toledo update.

The commissioners directed Josh Metcalf to draft a letter to the Washington Department of Transportation regarding the county's preferences for the Toledo airport.

Becky Butler urged Lewis County staff to track any time devoted to COVID-19 work.

Erik Martin said he will give the commissioners a draft of the infrastructure priorities list for review March 15.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.