

Directors' Update

April 7, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, JP Anderson, Chris Panush, Scott Smitherman, Matt Patana, Josh Metcalf, Steve Wohld, Doug Carey, Lee Napier, Suzette Smith, Alison Puckett, Lara McRea, Patrick Shults, Sherri Dokken, Katie Conradi, Amanda Price

Guests: Edna J. Fund, Susan DeLaire, members from the Chronicle

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Stamper discussed a proclamation recognizing April 2021 as County Government Month.

Commissioner Stamper discussed a proclamation recognizing April 11-17, 2021, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Lee Napier discussed a Notice of Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 1325, an ordinance to amend Chapter 2.25, Chapter 16.05 and Chapter 17.05 of the Lewis County Code.

Josh Metcalf discussed the proposed vacation of a portion of John W. Berry Road No. 293.

Josh Metcalf discussed the proposed vacation of a portion of W.F. Cole Road No. 700.

Josh Metcalf discussed Publishing of the Small Works Roster for Lewis County and appointing the Public Works Director as approving authority for category changes.

Josh Metcalf discussed the closure of a portion of Senn Road off Centralia Alpha Road near Chehalis, Washington.

J.P. Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between Lewis County and The Salvation Army to provide case management and homeless prevention services.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Lewis County and City of Centralia regarding work by county crews and authorizing signatures thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify consultant supplements over \$50,000 for the Annual Hydrologic, Hydraulic, and Geomorphic consultant contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants Inc.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify a consultant agreement and supplements over \$50,000 for the Annual Structural Engineering Services contract with Tran Tech Engineering, LLC.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution authorizing Application for a Community Development Block Grant General Purpose Grant from the State Department of Commerce and Assigning the Director of Public Works as the Authorized Representative. Josh Metcalf said the contract amount is \$1.2 million. They are asking for an additional \$500,000. Erik suggested adding recitals to reflect the true and correct amount.

Becky Butler discussed a hearing for the Lewis County 2021 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two presentation items, five notice items, two consent items, five deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, April 13, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

For the week of March 28 – April 3 Lewis County had confirmed 27 cases. This is an increase of 4 cases over the last week. There has been a large increase in vaccine availability. More providers will have the vaccines available as well. JP said that according to the Department of Health's website, Lewis County has approximately 23.37% of the population initiated with vaccines, with a total of 19,900 doses given.

Roundtable

Lee has a late add for the WRIA 13 Watershed Plan. Lee asked to discuss Eagle Cliff due to another obligation. Eagle Cliff is a longstanding mining operation in Lewis County. Their master site application has been approved. The applicant (Eagle Cliff) must now submit an SM6 application. At the time of original application, jurisdiction fell under DNR. This was pre-GMA.

Matt Patana said there is a lot of work going on with the parks department. The County is getting ready for the summer season.

Scott Smitherman said there has been a request to submit an application for phase 1b infrastructure rebuild with E911. He said there is a bill in Legislature to categorize 911 operators as first responders with more to come if the bill passes.

Steve Wohld has asked to post 5 positions for Facilities. These will be permanent positions. There is 1 office assistant position (title to TBD) and 4 construction worker positions available. The PAFs are ready for signatures from the Commissioners. These positions will have a high cost savings to add the positions versus contracting the work out. All three Commissioners agreed to sign the PAFs.

The 911 Feasibility study had a few follow-up questions from the previous update. Erik is working with Rob Hill and Stacey Denham. The final recommendations will be available soon.

Meeting ended at 10:02 a.m.