

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**April 12, 2021**

**9:02 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Arny Davis, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Tailor Albright, Josh Metcalf, Lara McRea, Amber Smith, Alison Puckett, JP Anderson, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Lee Napier, Katie Conradi

Guests: Jason Gano, Frank Corbin, Nic Scott, Edna J. Fund, The Chronicle

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the April 13, 2021, Business Meeting agenda the following six resolutions:

- **Resolution 21-146:** Approving the Deschutes Basin Watershed Management Plan in response to the 2018 Streamflow Restoration Action (RCW 90.94).
- **Resolution 21-147:** Bond transaction removal of 2015 bond refunding as previously approved resolution (20-452) and (21-055) due to lack of favorable market conditions at bond closing.
- **Resolution 21-148:** Establishment of the Debt Service Fund: 2021 Debt Service Fund 2210.
- **Resolution 21-149:** Establishment of the Capital Project Fund: 2021 Construction Fund - General Government Facility Fund No. 3250.
- **Resolution 21-150:** Establish the 2021 Construction Fund - Juvenile Justice Center Fund No. 3200.
- **Resolution 21-156:** Resolution to Authorize Initial Placements on New Salary Grid for the Association of Lewis County Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

### **Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency (LMTAAA) on Aging vacancy**

- Colleen Allwine
- Kay Crawford
- Carol Brock
- Timothy Wood
- Sandra Freeman
- Ellie Outwater

The commissioners said they would like to appoint Ellie Outwater to fill the LMTAAA vacancy.

## **COVID-19**

JP Anderson discussed a contract with the SWW Fairgrounds that would allow use of FEMA funds for exclusive non-exclusive rights for the Fairgrounds. He said the contract would be for \$80,000 per month.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move forward with contract with the Southwest Washington Fair to allow for use of the Fairgrounds for mass vaccination events.

Motion passed 3-0.

JP said work is taking place to rent out the former Sears site at the mall to allow for room for a walk-through clinic. He said the county will work with the state Department of Health to facilitate the use of the site. He said the hope is to have the area operational by April 17.

JP said current metrics suggest Lewis County will remain in Phase III.

## **Fire District 17 vacancy**

The commissioners discussed the application received for the Fire District 17 vacancy.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to appoint Thomas C. O'Haver to fill the Fire District 17 vacancy.

Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

## **Letter to Senators regarding Northern Spotted Owl**

Commissioner Swope provided feedback on the proposed draft. The commissioners approved sending the letter once finalized.

## **Activity reports**

Commissioner Swope said he has invited Winlock Mayor Brandon Svenson to attend upcoming American Rescue Plan discussions.

Commissioner Pollock said the Fair Commission is working on plans for a 2021 fair.

Commissioner Stamper discussed proposed changes regarding state trust lands. He said the changes would be unfavorable to timber counties.

## **Legislative session update**

Commissioner Stamper said the state has approved a bill to expand ATV use.

Becky Butler said a bill to keep inmates on Medicaid during incarceration has passed. She said several bills that may have a negative effect on local public safety appear to be passing.

### **TransAlta / IPAT lands**

Commissioner Swope expressed concerns with a recent Chronicle article about the TransAlta proposal. He said the county has not indicated that it is not considering legal recourse regarding the state's proposal of the former mine site. Commissioner Swope said the county's relationship with TransAlta has improved but that its relationship with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) are strained. Commissioner Swope said WDFW incorrectly claimed that the City of Centralia was responsible for the upkeep of the Plummer Lake area.

### **Approval of minutes for the week of March 22, 2021**

The commissioners approved minutes for the week of March 22, 2021.

Commissioner Pollock left at 9:41 a.m.

The commissioners reviewed their calendars.

Meeting ended at 9:42 a.m.