

Directors' Update

April 14, 2021

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Matt Jaeger, Chris Panush, Josh Metcalf, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, JP Anderson, Matt Patana, Scott Smitherman, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Tailor Albright, Casey Mauermann

Guests: Edna J. Fund, Nic Scott, Susan DeLaire, Claudia Yaw

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper discussed a proclamation recognizing April 22, 2021, as Earth Day.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to adopt the amended and restated interlocal agreement of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

Scott Smitherman discussed a resolution to approve a five-year agreement between Lewis County 911 Communications and Equature to provide telephone and radio recording equipment, software and support in the amount of \$81,020.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution approve Amendment #1 to SWMLSWFA Agreement between Washington Department of Ecology and Lewis County.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution approve an agreement between Lewis County and Equity Institute to provide funding through the Treasury Rent Assistance Program Grant.

Rieva Lester noted that the proposed resolution for a \$20,000 "Distressed Counties" grant to the City of Vader for its Urban Design Standards Update project was holding.

Commissioner Swope discussed a resolution to appoint Ellie Outwater to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) Advisory Council.

Lara McRea discussed a resolution to amend Lewis County District Court Public Defender contracts.

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one presentation, two consent items, six deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, April 20, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Rieva Lester noted that Public Health and Social Services would have a late add for a contract with Bird's-Eye. JP Anderson provided information about the proposed resolution.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Lewis County saw 48 new COVID-19 cases between April 4 and 10. He said that was a marked increase from cases reported the previous weeks.

JP discussed a planned walk-through vaccination clinic at the former Sears building in Chehalis. He noted the 90-day agreement for use of the building is for \$30,000 per month. He said the costs are covered by FEMA allocations.

Announcements

Matt Jaeger said IT is reaching out to vendors to get cost estimates for software and technology upgrades.

Josh Metcalf said paint shortages will delay county striping efforts. He said asphalt patch work will begin in April.

Becky Butler said a Munis upgrade is scheduled for July. She urged offices and departments to being budget efforts, and she discussed work being done to prepare for the American Rescue Plan funding.

Doug Carey provided updates on Facilities projects, including:

- The construction documents phase for Juvenile will begin soon, and the project likely will go to bid in July.
- Community Development project likely will go to bid in late July.
- Credit union demo and abatement will go out to bid soon.

Matt Patana said work is being done to revamp docks in Toledo. He discussed other projects underway and discussed new hires in Facilities.

Scott Smitherman said the radio upgrade has been completed.

Wednesday Workshop

Solid Waste Utility feasibility study update: Josh Metcalf said he would like the commissioners to review a short list of potential sites for a new facility. He said he would like to schedule a one-hour meeting with the commissioners to review the study.

Letter of support regarding the Southwest Washington Grain Project: The commissioners directed Rieva Lester to draft a letter in support of the grain project.

Commissioner Swope said he plans to send a letter to the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Meeting ended at 9:53 a.m.