

ESC / Directors' Update

April 21, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Matt Jaeger, JP Anderson, Becky Butler, Casey Mauermann, Josh Metcalf, Chris Panush, Scott Smitherman, Grace Jimenez, Graham Going, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Megan Sibbert, Scott Tinney, Steve Wohld, Susie Palmateer, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Marni Larson, Dianne Dorey, Matt Patana, Patrick Shults, Doug Carey, Meja Handlen, Tailor Albright, Tom Stanton

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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Public Records Act policy revision: Casey Mauermann said a draft of the updated Public Records Act policy has been shared with electeds and directors. She said most changes involved cleanup work. She said she would add the policy for a future Directors' Update.

Munis update: Becky Butler provided an update on the latest Munis implementation.

COVID-19: JP Anderson said the county had 103 new cases between April 11 and 17. He said that includes an outbreak at a congregate care setting. JP said the county's vaccination rate is slightly higher than 18 percent. JP said the county may be at risk of a roll-back to Phase II due to current metrics. He said the state will review phases the first week of May. JP said 50 percent of the area's seniors have been vaccinated. He said the national average is 80 percent. JP said the upcoming walk-through clinic should help with the elderly and others who require help with transportation.

Roundtable

Undersheriff Rethwill said April 21 is Administrative Professionals Day.

Assessor Dianne Dorey said her office is fielding several calls as the deadline for first-half property taxes nears.

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JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve a professional services contract for services and shelter for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and The Salvation Army of Lewis County. JP noted that landlords can initiate the process.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services to use the SW Washington Fairgrounds entire property for COVID-19 mass vaccination events.

Doug Carey discussed a resolution to award the contract for the Law & Justice Building Fire Alarm Replacement Project.

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items, three deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, April 27, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Rieva Lester noted there would be two late adds:

- Bid award for the Law and Justice Center exterior upgrades project.
- Bid award for Lincoln Creek materials purchase.

Announcements

Chris Panush said HR is looking to fill a vacancy.

Matt Patana said the Parks Department is looking for casual help for the summer.

Steve Wohld said Internal Services is recruiting for a Parks and Rec Director.

Patrick Shults said the Master Gardener event will be held at the Fairgrounds in mid- to late May.

Lee Napier said Jim Hill has stepped down from his position as a citizen volunteer on the Chehalis Basin Partnership.

Wednesday Workshop

The commissioners discussed Timberland Regional Library Executive Director Cheryl Heywood's upcoming State-of-the-Library.

JP Anderson said teens age 16-17 must use the Pfizer vaccine, which is being administered locally by Northwest Pediatrics.

Steve Wohld and Becky Butler discussed Facilities staffing.

Meeting ended at 9:52 a.m.