

BOCC Wrap-Up

April 26, 2021

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Andy Caldwell, Chris Panush, Suzette Smith, Lee Napier

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Agenda changes

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the April 27, 2021, Business Meeting agenda the following items:

- **Resolution 21-170:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Culvert Material Purchase for the Lincoln Creek Rd. MP 13.7 Culvert Replacement Project.
- **Resolution 21-172:** Award a contract for the Law and Justice Exterior Upgrades Project.
- **Resolution 21-173:** Modify restrictions on outdoor burning to allow permitted burning throughout lands regulated by Lewis County.

Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Josh discussed Resolution 21-170. He said the bid reflects a 31 percent increase over the engineer's estimate.

Doug Carey discussed Resolution 21-172. He said the south side of the Law and Justice Center will be revamped using insurance money.

Motion passed 2-0.

Courthouse security contracts

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to allow the Department of Emergency Services to move forward with Courthouse security contract negotiations with Phoenix Protective Corporation.

Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

Activity reports

Commissioner Pollock said she attended fireworks training and product testing over the weekend.

Commissioner Stamper said he has contacted Tacoma Power about his concerns regarding the low river level, which has left the boat launches unusable.

Legislative update

Commissioner Pollock said the state Legislature passed bills regarding drug possession, broadband and law enforcement training.

Commissioner Pollock listed some of the local projects included in the state budget, including:

- \$400,000 for the Lewis County Courthouse
- \$36.9 million for replacement and remodel of buildings and improvements at Green Hill School
- \$300,000 for the Lewis County Seniors (Centralia) from the Building Communities Grant Fund
- \$21,000 for Reliable Enterprises (Centralia) from the Building Communities Grant Fund
- \$2.55 million for a hydrogen fueling station in Chehalis
- \$3.55 million for the Lewis County PUD for a substation and transmission facility in Winlock
- \$14,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Lewis County
- \$129,000 for radio infrastructure
- \$824,000 for Lewis County Youth Services renovation and addition
- \$1.75 million for the Southwest Washington Grain Project
- \$1.5 million for the Centralia School District
- \$8.05 million for the Packwood sewer system
- \$70 million for the Office of the Chehalis Basin for flooding / plants

COVID-19

Erik Martin said the state Department of Health has indicated that it likely will not roll Lewis County back to Phase II. Erik said a walk-in clinic at the old Sears site is planned for April 28. Andy Caldwell noted that the walk-in clinic will have evening hours and that Twin Transit has a bus stop at the site. Erik said the drive-through vaccination site at the fairgrounds will be open April 29 and May 2.

Becky Butler discussed the upcoming COVID-19 funding meeting, which is planned for April 28.

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

Meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.