

Directors' Update

April 28, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg, Kevin McDowell, JP Anderson, Josh Metcalf, Matt Patana, Lee Napier, Suzette Smith, Doug Carey, Scott Smitherman, Matt Jaeger, Patrick Shults, Meja Handlen, Tailor Albright

Guests: Susan DeLaire, Edna J. Fund, The Chronicle, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Rieva Lester discussed three proclamations:

- One recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.
- One recognizing May as Drug Court Month.
- One recognizing the first full week of May as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a need to speak to the commissioners in executive session regarding a complaint related to the animal shelter. He suggested the commissioners amend their agenda to include the topic.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the agenda an executive session discussion about a complaint regarding the animal shelter under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution declaring a state of emergency for the Newaukum Valley Road Emergency Bank Stabilization Project under WAC 197-11-880 and WAC 173-27-040(2)(d). The commissioners said they would identify the Public Works director as the signor.

Becky Butler discussed a resolution authorizing an interfund loan from Capital Facilities Plan Fund No. 3100 to COVID-19 Response Fund No. 1410.

JP Anderson discussed the following:

- A resolution to approve an amendment between Lewis County and Reliable Enterprises to add additional funds through DDA in the amount of \$5,960 and revise planned service rates.
- A resolution to approve an amendment between Lewis County and Morningside to add additional funds through DDA in the amount of \$18,990 and revise planned service rates.
- A resolution to approve Amendment A to Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services to use the SW Washington Fairgrounds property for COVID-19 mass vaccination events.
- A resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Chehalis, LLC, and Lewis County to provide a space to be used for the safe and effective operation of a walk-in COVID-19 mass vaccination clinic.
- A resolution to approve Amendment A to Professional Services Contract for CJTA Funded treatment and Recovery Support Services between Cascade Community Healthcare (formerly Cascade Mental Health) and Lewis County.
- A resolution to approve an amendment between Lewis County and Equity Institute to remove funds in the amount of \$90,800 from Outreach and Prevention Case Management.
- A resolution to approve an amendment between Lewis County and Reliable Enterprises to add additional funds in the amount of \$75,000 and update requirements to be used for people who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance.

Lee Napier discussed a hearing for Ordinance 1325, an ordinance of the County of Lewis amending Chapter 2.25, 16.05 and 17.05 of the Lewis County Code to allow subdivisions as a Type III project permit application. She noted that the Johnson subdivision falls under the old provisions.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a hearing for Ordinance 1324, an Ordinance prohibiting the possession of controlled substances, counterfeit substances, and legend drugs, as well as prohibiting certain related activities, and setting penalties. (Tabled from the March 30, 2021, Business Meeting.) Eric said the state Legislature passed a controlled substances bill that addresses the Blake decision. Eric said the county may want to reject Ordinance 1324 since the state passed the bill, 5476.

Josh Metcalf and Matt Patana left at 9:41 a.m.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move three presentation items, two consent items, nine deliberation items and two hearing items to the Tuesday, May 4, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Rieva Lester noted that HR would have a late add: a resolution to authorize initial placement of Animal Shelter Technician to be placed on the current Lewis County Salary Grid (13 Step Grid) for Non-Union Extra Help.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said the county had 69 new cases the week of April 18-24 of COVID-19 and that the death toll likely has increased by two to 58.

JP said 21.6 percent of Lewis County residents are now fully vaccinated.

Announcements

Matt Jaeger said IT is working on OpenGov implementation and also is working on updating policies and procedures.

Becky Butler said work continues on OpenGov and Munis.

Erik Martin said Public Works removed graffiti on an overpass near one of the area trails. He said it sounded like it had been there for some time, but he noted that the county took action as soon as it learned about it.

Wednesday Workshop

Vacancies on WSAC boards and commissions: Commissioner Swope said he applied for the CERB board and a mental health board.

911 litigation and animal shelter

At 9:59 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 10 minutes to discuss 911 litigation and potential litigation related to a complaint regarding the animal shelter.

Executive session started at 10:01 a.m.

At 10:11 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 10 minutes.

At 10:21 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 10 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the PA's office to provide a response in the matter of the animal shelter whistleblower / retaliation complaint as discussed during executive session.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 10:33 a.m.