

## **Directors' Update**

**May 12, 2021**

**9 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, JP Anderson, Matt Patana, Josh Metcalf, Steve Wohld, Lara McRea, Doug Carey, Chris Panush, Taylor Albright, Amber Smith, Grace Jimenez, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier, Scott Smitherman, County Manager Erik Martin, Eric Eisenberg, Patrick Shults, Meja Handlen, Alison Puckett

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing to install, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Lewis Conservation District and Lewis County.

Grace Jimenez discussed a resolution to establish the Capital Projects Fund: Communications Building and Equipment Fund No. 3300.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment A to the MOU between Valley View Health Center and Lewis County to extend ending date, provide testing strike teams, and administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents of Lewis County.

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JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the McKinney Transitional Housing Program and Lewis County to provide funding for rapid housing for homeless families with children.

Commissioner Stamper discussed a resolution to name Gary Stamper as the BOCC representative on the Lewis County Outdoor Recreation and Tourism (LCORT) Advisory Commission.

Commissioner Stamper discussed a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis County and Lewis Economic Development Council to Facilitate and plan stakeholder meetings as it relates to strategic infrastructure initiatives tied to the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA).

Lara McRea and Eric Eisenberg discussed a resolution to approve a grant agreement with the Washington State Office of Public Defense for representation of eligible individuals seeking to obtain

orders to vacate felony convictions or have felony resentencing hearings pursuant to State v. Blake, 481 P.3d 521 (2021).

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items and nine deliberation items to the Tuesday, May 18, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

## **COVID-19**

JP Anderson said the county saw 135 new cases the week of May 8. He said 24.2 percent of the community has been fully vaccinated. He said the county's confirmed COVID-19 death toll has grown to 60. JP reminded the group that Public Health and Social Services will hold a vaccine clinic during the Packwood Flea Market.

## **Announcements**

Matt Patana said the county is looking for a caretaker for Schaefer Park.

Josh Metcalf said Public Works is working on chip seal projects and is busy mowing. He said the county has seven flagger positions to fill. Josh said the county continues working with FEMA on emergency projects, such as Lincoln Creek and Pigeon Springs.

Steve Wohld discussed hiring needs at the fairgrounds. He and Chris Panush discussed upgrades taking place at the Fairgrounds.

Doug discussed capital projects underway and going out to bid.

JP Anderson discussed moves to lower to 12 the approved age for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Scott Smitherman said work continues on the Chehalis Ridge radio site and the microwave site at Law and Justice.

## **Wednesday Workshop**

Commissioner Swope said he would attend the May 17 Fire Commissioners' Meeting.

The commissioners approved sending a letter to the state Department of Health and the governor's office regarding the quarantine isolation center at Centralia's Lakeview Inn.

At 9:47 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 10 minutes to discuss TransAlta.

Executive Session started at 9:48 a.m.

At 9:58 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 10:03 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting ended at 10:09 a.m.