

County Manager Update

May 17, 2021

11:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Taylor Albright

Guests: The Chronicle, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Becky Butler said the state has received its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and that the county's request is listed as pending.

Packwood sewer

Erik Martin said he and Commissioner Stamper met with Water District 3 regarding funding available for the sewer project in Packwood. He said WD3 representatives indicated they are comfortable letting the county take the lead on the expansion project. Erik said the district could expand its board membership by a quorum vote or by voter request. Erik said WD3 plans to oversee the system once it's set up.

Strategic planning

Erik said Lara McRea is setting up times for the commissioners to attend strategic planning outreach meetings in the community.

Personnel

The commissioners approved a personnel authorization form (PAF) for an information specialist. He noted that the position would help distribute ARPA funds likely would pay for roughly half of the position.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve the Public Information Specialist position.

Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Internal Services

Steve Wohld said he'd like permission to move the Health and FEMA revenue funds into the expenditure fund account for the Fairgrounds. He said he plans to use the funds to purchase needed equipment and vehicles at the Fairgrounds, noting that some of the funds will be used to seed the Equipment Rental & Revolving (ER&R) account. Steve said many items can be used to purchase "wash downs," such as used Public Works equipment, including a pickup, a trailer and other items. Steve noted that the Fairgrounds has three dump trucks that don't work. He said one can be repaired and that he'd like to purchase another. He also discussed the need for new doors, improved fair entrances, etc. Steve discussed the need to purchase tools too, noted that employees at the Fairgrounds were having to supply their own tools at times.

Becky cautioned that the state Department of Health has not yet reimbursed the county for the Public Health and Social Services funds already paid to the Fairgrounds for renting the site for vaccine distribution. Becky said the budget is being amended to reflect expenditure increases and revenue increases totaling \$240,000.

The commissioners approved Steve's request to move revenues into the expenditure accounts to allow for the purchase of tools and other improvements at the Fairgrounds.

Steve noted that the Fair will need additional funding every year to keep up with its new ER&R account.

Community Development

Erik said standard, non-controversial building code updates are on the horizon.

Public Health and Social Services

Erik said Health will have sanitation stations and vaccine clinics at the Packwood Flea Market.

Erik said Health is working on a demobilization plan for mass vaccination clinics. He said plans are in the works for mobile sites at schools and senior centers.

Public Works / DEM

Erik said DEM is updating its Emergency Management and mass casualty incident plans.

Erik said the new security at the Law and Justice Center will take over soon.

Erik said the Rocky hangar at the airport is being removed. He said master plans for the county's two airports are being updated.

Erik said he and Commissioner Pollock will hold a negotiation meeting with Water District 2 regarding connection fees later in the week.

911

Erik said the microwave project has been completed and will now help serve the west end of the county.

Erik said the PUD has reached out to the county about piggybacking on the county's radio service.

Announcements

The group praised the newly completed renovations at Penny Playground.

Commissioner stamper said he wants to work on a letter to Tacoma Power regarding the boat launch and swim area.

Meeting ended at 11:52 a.m.