

PA Update

May 18, 2021

3:02 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Jonathan Meyer, Amber Smith, Kevin McDowell, Chris Panush, Natalie Dunlap, Tailor Albright

Guest: Edna J. Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Redistricting: The group discussed redistricting that will take place in response to the 2020 Census. Erik Martin noted that a recently passed law sets the deadline as Dec. 31, 2021, but sets the state's deadline as Dec. 31, too, which is problematic because the county will need to incorporate the results of the state's redistricting into its own efforts.

Noise ordinance: Commissioner Stamper asked if something can be done to give the county's noise ordinance more "teeth" in response for purposeful harassment. Jonathan Meyer said an individual could seek a restraining order if the neighbor is vexing or harassing them. Amber Smith said she is reviewing how other counties have addressed noise rules regarding music, etc. Commissioner Pollock said a constituent has raised concerns about bird cannons being used on Mandy Road in Toledo.

Letter to Tacoma Power: Commissioner Stamper said he would like county to send Tacoma Power a letter regarding the effects of the low lake levels. Jonathan Meyer said he would draft the letter.

Executive session discussions

At 3:20 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session for 30 minutes to under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss the following:

- Lakeview Inn isolation and quarantine facility
- Middle Fork Water System
- DC et al. v. Lewis County
- TransAlta
- Animal Shelter complaint
- North / South Prairie Road

Executive Session started at 3:21 p.m.

At 3:51 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 3:56 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 4:01 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 4:06 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 4:11 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

The commissioners directed PA's Office staff to draft letters regarding the TransAlta and North / South Prairie Road issues.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to call an emergency meeting of the Board of Health at 11:30 a.m. May 19, 2021, regarding medical services and congregate housing for non-Lewis County residents.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize to the PA's Office to identify and retain persons to coordinate, consult and represent Lewis County on the TransAlta issue and consolidate our stakeholders' position.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.