

## **Directors' Update**

**June 2, 2021**

**9:03 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Matt Jaeger, JP Anderson, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Lee Napier, Matt Patana, Alison Puckett, Justia Madrigal, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Meja Handlen, Scott Smitherman, Tailor Albright, Patrick Shults, Michelle Sauter

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper discussed a proclamation honoring Lewis County's Class of 2021.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Claquato Cemetery Association to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an MOU between Housing Resource Center McKinney20-21 and Lewis County for the ratification to be memorialized-retroactively.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an MOU between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County to provide rental costs of homeless families and pay the salary of one full-time equivalent position providing outreach and case management services.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to provide preliminary approval of the Merry Glee subdivision located within the Centralia Urban Growth Area.

Chris Panush discussed a resolution to approve a salary adjustment for non-represented employees beginning January 1, 2022.

Doug Carey discussed a resolution regarding the contractor selected and contract award for the Campus Abatement and Demolition Project, #31-2027. Doug said the project likely would take place using bond proceeds.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to revise the existing Organization Chart of the Lewis County Public Works Department.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Quitclaim Deed by and between Washington State Department of Transportation and Lewis County conveying title to a portion of Airport Road and authorizing signature thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal between Lewis County and the County Road Administration Board for the Centralia Alpha Road Improvements project – CRP 2084.

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one presentation, one notice item, two consent items, eight deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, June 8, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

## **COVID-19**

JP Anderson said Lewis County has 161 new COVID-19 cases and nine new hospitalizations for the week of May 23. He said the county has three active outbreaks in congregate care settings. JP said the county's vaccination rates Cases, response, supplies, services, policies, funding and allocation

Josh Metcalf shared concerns and frustration about the commissioners' decision not to adopt a new mask policy that aligns with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Labor and Industries.

Commissioner Stamper said he would like to have the mask policy presented via resolution.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add the mask policy resolution to the June 8 Business Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Swope voting nay.

## **Announcements**

Matt Jaeger discussed software updates taking place.

JP Anderson said the Health Department administered 46 vaccinations during the Packwood Flea Market. JP discussed vacancies in Health.

Becky Butler said the county is accepting applications for a financial analyst and a grants coordinator. She said interfund rates will be due July 6.

Josh Metcalf said the county is still struggling to purchase paint for road striping. He said work is beginning on Guerrier Road.

Chris Panush discussed the record number of vacancies in the county.

Steve Wohld said the fair is on track to take place.

Doug Carey said plans for the Juvenile project will be submitted to the city the following week.

Matt Patana thanked staff for its commitment for its professionalism and coordination.

Patrick Shults said 4-H will be able to attend the fair.

Scott Smitherman said the new microwave tower has been installed at Law and Justice Center. Scott said the county also has launched a new frequency dedicated to emergency tones.

### **Wednesday Workshop**

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to make a nunc pro tunc correction for Resolution 21-201 (approval of warrants) to add warrant number 3485, which had been omitted as a scrivener's error.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

### **Announcements**

Commissioner Pollock discussed upcoming Fair events.

Commissioner Swope discussed a Rise housing event planned for later in the day. He said a ribbon-cutting event for Wave buses is planned for June 3.

Rieva Lester noted that the weekly Business Meeting will move to 10 a.m. Tuesdays. She said the move likely would be effective July 13.

Commissioner Stamper said Bobbi Barnes will help coordinate the commissioners' parade entries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.