

## **Directors' Update**

**June 9, 2021**

**9:04 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Lee Napier, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Commissioner Stamper, Matt Jaeger, Connie Riker, Commissioner Stamper (9:06 a.m.), Katie Conradi, Sherri Dokken, Michelle Sauter, Matt Patana, Alison Puckett, Justia Madrigal, Scott Smitherman, Meja Handlen, Jessica Peterson, Michelle Sabin

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Frank Corbin, Susan DeLaire, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Stamper briefly discussed a proclamation recognizing June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to provide consent to forward the draft Shoreline Master Program to Washington State Department of Ecology for review and comment

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one presentation two consent items and one deliberation item to the Tuesday, June 15, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

### **Roundtable**

Becky Butler discussed upcoming Munis training.

Chris Panush discussed openings across the county and noted the county still needs volunteers to open and close its parks.

Josh Metcalf discussed Public Works projects nearing completion. He said Salzer Valley likely will remain closed for the summer. Josh discussed his department's struggle to fill position.

Matt Patana provided updates on grounds-keeping and construction projects.

Becky Butler discussed the long-term care tax that will take effect in 2022. She and Steve Wohld noted that the Washington State Long-Term Care Tax law mandates a tax on employees' wages (\$0.58 on every \$100 of wages) to pay for long-term care benefits for Washington residents. The tax/premium collections will start January 1, 2022. Those who plan to retire in the next 10 years will have to pay premiums, but may never qualify for the benefit. And there is a very short period of time to opt-out. Becky and Steve noted that the program pays benefits of up to \$100 day, with a lifetime limit of \$36,500. Steve said HR is working on an FAQ to help explain employees' options.

The group also discussed the state's new recording fees, which add another \$100 to amount the county must collect on behalf of the state.

Meeting ended at 9:43 a.m.