

ESC / Directors' Update

June 16, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Steve Wohld, Jonathan Meyer, JP Anderson, Matt Jaeger, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Lee Napier, Doug Carey, Graham Gowing, Lara McRea, Larry Grove, Marni Larson, Scott Smitherman, Tom Stanton, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Daleyn Coleman, Arny Davis, Patrick Shults, Taylor Arrington, Josh Metcalf

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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COVID-19

JP said Lewis County will start directing people to the state website for updated information. JP said Lewis County saw 53 new COVID-19 cases for the week of June 6-12, a decrease from the previous reporting week. He said there were six new hospitalizations and three new deaths. JP said there are three active outbreaks.

JP said 36.9 percent of Lewis County residents have initiated vaccination and 31.9 percent of residents have been fully vaccinated.

JP said it sounds like the state has indicated it will reopen before June 30. He noted that masking requirements will remain in place.

JP said he has asked the state if there is any plan to allow those who've had COVID to be considered protected for masking purposes.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding

Becky Butler said she and others are working to identify lost revenue linked to COVID-19. She said a new website devoted to the collection and use of ARPA funding is set to go live the week of June 21.

Roundtable

Undersheriff Wes Rethwill said the Sheriff's Office continues to review vendors for vehicle cameras and body cams.

Becky said Munis upgrades will take effect July 12. She encouraged staff to attend upcoming trainings.

Directors' Update

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Task Assignment pursuant to Interlocal Agreement No. 05-200 between Lewis County and Tacoma Power regarding work by county crews and authorizing signatures thereon.

Josh discussed the proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Newaukum Valley Road, Chehalis.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to authorize the Director of Community Development to enter into an agreement with Washington State Conservation Commission for the purpose of funding to the County for the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).

Lee discussed a resolution to approve Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Lewis Conservation District and Lewis County for technical assistance to the County to implement the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) and Director's signature.

Lee discussed Ordinance 1326: An Ordinance of the County of Lewis, Amending portions of Chapter 15.05 of the Lewis County Code, adopting the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and repealing all other ordinances and code provisions or parts thereof in conflict therewith.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items, four deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, June 22, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Roundtable

Matt Jaeger discussed efforts to fill a vacancy as well as cybersecurity efforts. Matt said the county has moved to the Spillman platform for vehicle location.

Becky said she is still trying to fill a vacancy for a grants position. She said internal rates are due July 6.

Doug Carey said work continues on the Law and Justice Center façade. He said permits for the Juvenile and Community Development projects have been submitted.

Scott Smitherman discussed efforts to fill staffing vacancies.

Patrick Shults said 4-H held an event for show rabbits recently.

Josh Metcalf discussed Public Works projects, including work on Guerrier Road, Lincoln Creek and Townsend Road. He said the county is having to reach out to consultants due to staffing issues. Josh discussed improvements to the Toledo Airport hangar. Josh said the county is still struggling to secure striping paint.

Claudia Yaw left at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Stamper said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is cleaning up the Alexander Mill.

Wednesday Workshop

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for 20 minutes to discuss a potential real estate transaction.

Executive session started at 9:50 a.m.

At 10:10 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

Executive session ended at 10:17 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize Commissioner Stamper to act as signatory on a real estate purchase involving the Main Street Plaza and the Masonic Building.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 10:21 a.m.