

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**June 21, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Chris Panush, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Wes Rethwill, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Steve Wohld, Matt Patana, Bill Teitzel, Eric Eisenberg

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

Recorder: Tammy Martin

### **Agenda changes**

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the June 22, 2021, Business Meeting Agenda the following items:

- **Resolution 21-228:** The restriction of a portion of Jones Road for vehicles exceeding 10,000 pounds / 5 tons
- **Resolution 21-234:** Ratifying a purchase and sale agreement for 123 Main Street, Chehalis

Commissioner Swope seconded.

There wasn't anyone to discuss Resolution 21-228. Any questions will be addressed at a later date.

Doug Carey discussed Resolution 21-234. This is a project to support the Capital Facilities Plan.

Motion passed 3-0.

At 9:16 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss ESHB 1054 (peace officers tactics, equipment).

Executive Session started at 9:17 a.m.

At 9:22 a.m., the board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 9:27 a.m., the board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

At 9:30 a.m., the board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

At 9:32 a.m., the board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

## **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lewis County Seniors**

Becky said there were options needing to be considered in regards to funding sources. There has been updated guidance on how to open senior centers. Nicole Kiddoo from Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) said there is funding available. Nicole said Lewis County Seniors could potentially use funds from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The MOU is set to expire at the end of June 2021.

## **Onalaska Wood Energy / Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cleanup**

Bill Teitzel said the EPA has been keeping Lewis County Public Health advised of the plan to identify and clean up the wood vinegar and a tar substance and a fine carbon char. They have removed approximately 28,000 gallons of the wood vinegar and tar substance. Gheer Creek is an area of concern and determinations will be made on how to best clean up the area. The EPA has said some of the wood vinegar has shown up in testing at the wastewater treatment site.

## **Water banks**

Commissioner Pollock said needs going forward need to be figured out. She suggested proceeding with Aspect Consulting. Erik Martin said there will need to be a budget amendment and there may be additional budget amendments as the county proceeds. Becky Butler said any water and sewer studies can go through Ecology and ARPA funding. This scoping project will be used to access Ecology funding.

## **Mount Rainier white-tailed ptarmigan**

The U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife is trying to add the white tailed ptarmigan to the endangered species list. There will be more information to come.

## **Activity reports**

**Commissioner Stamper:** Nice turn out for the Winlock Egg Days. He said it was great to be out in the community. Eric Sonneberg, Peter Abbarno and Commissioner Stamper attended an east county meeting to discuss potential growth for the area. Commissioner Stamper is looking forward to the follow up in October.

**Commissioner Pollock:** Commissioner Pollock has spent a considerable amount of time researching water banks and attending meetings surrounding them. She also noted a nice turn out for Winlock Egg Day.

**Commissioner Swope:** DEM won first place for best use in the Winlock Egg Day Parade. The Sports Hub hosted a wrestling tournament and baseball tournament. The Centralia Downtown Association (CDA), along with area sponsors, have created the Pine Street Plaza for local citizens or visitors to gather.

**COVID-19 update**

Reporting guidance has been received for American Rescue Plan Act funds and will require partnership with the Auditor's Office.

**Calendars**

Toledo city council meeting tonight.

**Correspondence:** Commissioner Swope said the quarantine area at Lakeview Inn will be partnering with U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.). There hasn't been any communication for the federal contract with the city of Centralia. Commissioner Swope said rapid acquisition creates a concern for the hotel use.

Meeting ended at 9:51 a.m.