

Directors' Update

February 2, 2022

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Steve Wohld, Lee Napier, Mindy Brooks, Becky Butler, JP Anderson, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Austin Majors, Josh Metcalf, John Clark, Alison Puckett, Graham Gowing, Katie Conradi, Sherri Dokken, Tiffanie Morgan, Connie Riker (9:04 a.m.), Dianne Dorey (9:29 a.m.)

Guests: Bill Serrahn, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Northwest Open Access Network, to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County Revised Rebid 2022 Liquid Asphalt Proposal.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Consultant Contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc. (NHC) for Design Services for the Shorey Road Bank Stabilization Project, CRP 21590, Federal Aid #ER-2101(001).

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to appoint three individuals to the Lewis County Planning Commission.

Connie Riker discussed a resolution to approve an MOU between Lewis County and Washington State Parks. She said the documentation is not yet ready, so she asked that the commissioners delay moving the item forward.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Agreement #22-46108-18 Amendment A between Washington State Department of Commerce Community Services and Housing Division and Lewis County to add funds for homeless rapid re-housing services.

The group discussed a resolution to appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee. The commissioners said they would delay the resolution and further discuss it during the Feb. 14 Wrap-Up and Feb. 16 Directors' Update.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items and four deliberation items to the Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson provided a recap of the most recent COVID-19 reporting week (Jan. 21-27):

- 827 new COVID-19 cases
- 55 new hospitalizations
- 5 new deaths

JP said the county has received a delivery of rapid tests to distribute locally.

Announcements

Becky Butler said the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report was submitted to the Treasury on time.

Connie Riker discussed a recent Fair appreciation event. She also noted that the new camping reservation website had launched.

Wednesday Workshop

WSAC payment: The commissioners approved a \$10,000 one-time payment to the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) for its technical support related to ARPA.

Assessor's Office: Becky Butler said Dianne Dorey is requesting permission to have overlap for a Chief Deputy position.

Dianne Dorey joined at 9:29 a.m.

Dianne said her Chief Deputy will be out on medical leave through April and will not return thereafter. She asked for permission to back fill the position during his absence. The commissioners approved the request.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.