

Directors' Update

September 7, 2022

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Rocky Lyon, Lee Napier, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Nic Scott, Becky Butler, Matt Jaeger, Ross McDowell, Erika Katt, John Clark, Gary Fredricks, Shawn Kyes, Will Baynum, Daleyn Coleman, Eric Eisenberg, Lindsey Shankle, Matt Thuston, Mindy Brooks, Sarah Hensley, Tammy Martin, Kate Chatterton, Amber Smith

Guest(s): One unidentified online guest

Recorder: Rieva Lester

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve consolidated contract #CLH31017 Amendment 7 between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding the proposed vacation of Meyers Road No. 1096.

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Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint Gina Owen as a regular member and appoint Jill Van Hulle and Wallace Rosa as alternate members of the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move two consent items and four deliberation items to the Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Roundtable

Erik Martin reminded offices and departments that preliminary 2023 budgets are due Sept. 12.

Doug Carey said Juvenile is moving back into its county space later in the day.

Becky Butler provided updates regarding Tyler cashiering (and related training) and preliminary 2023 budgets.

Matt Jaeger discussed infrastructure upgrades and upcoming Office 365 training.

Ericka Katt discussed emergency preparedness.

Gary Fredricks discussed upcoming farm programs.

Wednesday Workshop

Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) offer of financial assistance for South Lewis County Airport: Josh Metcalf said CARB has approved a loan request to remove and replace the fueling station at the airport. He said he also is seeking grants to help cover the costs.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize Josh Metcalf to sign the agreement with CARB. Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Proposal to extend curbside recycling collection east of Morton: Rocky Lyon asked if Commissioner Grose would like to host a public informational meeting regarding the proposed project before Solid Waste begins the ordinance process. Rocky noted that those who have garbage collected more than once per week will automatically also be signed up for recycling services. Josh Metcalf noted that the rates are set by LeMay, not the county.

Commissioner Stamper memorial: Erik Martin said the Washington State Transportation Commission would be the group that would review a potential request to name the Mossyrock overlook in Commissioner Stamper's honor. The commissioners directed staff to proceed with efforts to have the overlook named in his honor.

Proposed homeless services committee: Commissioner Swope said he envisions a seven-member committee of non-elected representatives, including business leaders and others. Commissioner Swope said he is reaching out to Commerce to determine how (or whether) the county can alter contracts. He said he'd provide an outline of the group's goals and the proposed make-up of the committee.

County information sharing: Nic Scott discussed the county's strategic communication plan.

Picnic reminder: Rieva Lester reminded the group about the Sept. 15 Employee Picnic.

Correspondence: Commissioner Grose discussed a recent multi-jurisdictional letter other timber counties have sent to the Department of Natural Resources.

Announcements: Ross McDowell provided an update on the Goat Rocks Fire in the Packwood area.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.