

Directors' Update

March 22, 2023

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope (9:09 a.m.), Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Erik Martin, Steve Wohld, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Barbara Russell, Amber Smith, Daleyn Coleman, Nic Scott, BJ Kuykendall, Matt Jaeger, Becky Butler, Rocky Lyon, Eric Eisenberg, Doug Carey, Shad Hail, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Sara Sons, Justia Madrigal, Alex Murray, Kate Chatterton, Casey Mauermann, Graham Gowing, Sara Bumgardner

Guest(s): John Christian and two others

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Agenda changes

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the day's agenda the following three items:

- Skookumchuck dam.
- Resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Salzer Valley Road HMA Project
- Letter of support regarding county's request for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Packwood Sewer project.

Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Letters of support: The commissioners agreed to sign a letter of support regarding the county's request for Congressionally Directed Spending funding for the Packwood Sewer project.

Meja Handlen asked that the commissioners submit a letter requesting state funding for tobacco and vaping cessation services.

Commissioner Swope joined at 9:09 a.m.

The commissioners agreed to sign the letter to state legislators seeking tobacco cessation funding.

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Shad Hail discussed a resolution to ratify a professional services agreement between PPC Solutions and Lewis County for Security Services at the Juvenile Court.

Shad Hail discussed a resolution to authorize an annual clothing reimbursement for the Juvenile Court Probation Manager, Detention Manager and Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program/Office Manager.

Sara Sons discussed a resolution to approve Amendment #2163-23564-2 to agreement between Lewis County and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment 11 between Lewis County and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Amber Smith discussed a resolution to amend Sections 7-8 of the Lewis County Employee Handbook. The commissioners discussed adding meal per diems and comp time for travel delays. They said they'd like to set the refreshment reimbursement cap at \$100.

Daleyn Coleman discussed a resolution to amend Resolution 14-211 to Establish the Rate of Pay for the Corrections Captain.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve and authorize the Public Works Director to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Precision Approach Engineering Inc. for a fueling system at the South Lewis County Airport in Toledo.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to consent to transfer a controlling interest in Mashell Telecom, Inc. (dba Rainier Connect) to Alphaboost Purchaser, LLC.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding the proposed acquisition of temporary easements for Logan Hill Road MP 0.103, Chehalis.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding the proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Graf Road MP 1.34, Centralia.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding the proposed acquisition of additional right way for Labree Road MP 0.459, Chehalis.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Salzer Valley Road HMA Project, SM 20F150510535.

Mindy Brooks discussed a hearing to adopt Ordinance 1345 to amend Chapter 17.12, Public Participation, of the Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items, 12 deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, March 28, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements / new business

The group discussed the March 24 Juvenile and April 7 Parks ribbon-cutting events.

Matt Jaeger said the internet project at the fairgrounds is wrapping up. He reminded staff that the upcoming phone system will require 10-digit dialing.

Becky Butler said a broadband update will be provided to the commissioners April 25.

Eric Eisenberg said he has been unable to find a consultant to work on the developer / permitting process regarding fire districts and congruency so he will work on the project. Commissioner Swope said he'd like to meet as a group to find a path forward.

Meja Handlen said the EMS Council has requested funding to update the expired contents of and updates for the region's four mass casualty trailers.

Alex Murray said an open house will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. April 3 at Community Development.

The meeting participants thanked Erik Martin for his work and wished him well as he finishes his final week with Lewis County.

At 10:22 a.m., the commissioners said they would take a five-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 10:32 a.m.

Wednesday Workshop

Mountain View Cemetery cleanup: Steve Wohld discussed cleanup and security needs at the Mountain View Cemetery. He said the former owner retains the business rights and the county now owns the land. The group discussed having a staff and volunteer cleanup day. They also discussed setting up a fund to track costs associated with the cemetery. Commissioner Swope said he also will coordinate efforts with the city of Centralia.

Associate Development Organization (ADO): Commissioner Brummer made a motion to designate the Lewis County Economic Alliance as Lewis County's Associate Development Organization (ADO). Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Coordinated entry – HopeSource: The commissioners discussed potential contracts for coordinated entry.

Skookumchuck dam: The commissioners agreed to have Eric Eisenberg attend an upcoming forum regarding the Skookumchuck dam and directed him to mention that the county is positioning itself to take over the TransAlta water bank.

Letters of support

PHSS - letter to legislators re: funding for tobacco / vaping prevention: The commissioners agreed to sign the letter of support.

Twin Transit - letter regarding its effort to secure Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs funding from the Department of Ecology: The commissioners agreed to sign the letter regarding Twin Transit, and Commissioner Swope said he also would sign a letter of support that included both Twin Transit and Fortescue.

Meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.