

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**April 17, 2023**

**9:01 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Nic Scott, Daleyn Coleman, Aimee Albright, Barb Russell, Meja Handlen, Becky Butler, Ross McDowell, Violet Barboza, Rudy Rodriguez, Eric Eisenberg, Josh Weiss, Troy Nichols, Amber Smith, Dusty Breen, Graham Gowing, Mindy Brooks, Tammy Martin, Natalie Bennett, David Bailey, Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum, Mossyrock Mayor Randy Sasser, Centralia Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston, Pe Ell Mayor Lonnie Willey, Morton Mayor Dan Mortensen, Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill

Guest(s): Lisa Striedinger, Patty Howard, Kirsten Wecker, Isabel Vander Stoep, Bill Serrahn

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

**Boundary Review Board (BRB) vacancy:** Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill said he is proposing the mayors appoint Arnold Haberstroh to fill the mayor-represented vacancy on the BRB.

Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum made a motion to appoint Arnold Haberstroh to the Boundary Review Board. Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill seconded. Motion passed unanimously, with the following mayors in attendance: Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum, Mossyrock Mayor Randy Sasser, Centralia Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston, Pe Ell Mayor Lonnie Willey, Morton Mayor Dan Mortensen and Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill.

**2023 legislative session:** Josh Weiss and Troy Nichols reviewed bills still being considered at the state Legislature. They noted that the Legislature's regular session ends April 23. The group reviewed a newly resurrected bill regarding property tax increases.

**Timberline Village:** Commissioner Brummer said he is working with Community Development to request clarification from Ecology about wells in the Timberline Village area. The commissioners said they'd all like to sign the letter. They said they would further review the letter April 19.

**Summer break for Mayors' Meeting:** The commissioners agreed to cancel the July and August Mayors' Meetings and to delay the September meeting by one week to accommodate the holiday weekend.

**Letter to state lawmakers regarding funding for opioid prevention:** The commissioners agreed to send a letter requesting continued funding for substance abuse prevention.

**Great Rivers Behavioral Health:** Commissioner Swope said he was contacted by a business owner who has concerns about the Recovery Navigator program. Commissioner Pollock said there will be a performance evaluation for the group soon. She said the review will take place before the contract for the program ends in June.

**Fire District 6 update:** Commissioner Swope thanked staff for reaching out to Fire District 6.

**Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) vacancy:** Rieva Lester said the county had received one application for the LTAC vacancy. The commissioners directed staff to draft a resolution to appoint Ryan Southard to the LTAC.

**Employee Handbook, Section 6 – personal vehicle stipend:** Amber Smith, Daleyn Coleman, Steve Wohld and Becky Butler discussed the creation of a personal vehicle stipend. The commissioners requested a budget estimate and said they would further discuss the proposal April 19.

**Automated external defibrillators (AEDs):** Amber Smith, Daleyn Coleman, Becky Butler, Ross McDowell and Steve Wohld discussed using rollover American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase and maintain AEDs. The commissioners said they are in support of using funding to purchase and maintain AEDs.

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to transfer unused COVID funds to purchase and maintain AEDs. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Jail clothes dryer:** Doug Carey said a jail clothes dryer that recently caught fire is unrepairable. He recommended replacing it and another commercial unit that is nearing the end of its useful life. He said the dryers cost roughly \$9,000 apiece.

**Citizens' commission:** Commissioner Pollock said she has heard from individuals interested in creating a Sheriff's Office citizens' commission, similar to one operating in Spokane.

**Planning Commission weekly update:** No update.

**Minute folders: Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of March 20 and April 3, 2023. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Correspondence:** Commissioner Pollock discussed a letter-writing campaign about Great Rivers and Recovery Navigator. She said there is no housing component and no needle exchange funding through the Recovery Navigator program.

**Announcements / new business:** Commissioner Pollock discussed a recent County Roads Administration Board (CRAB) meeting, during which she learned about upcoming deadlines for bridge load ratings in Lewis County. Josh Metcalf said the county's consultant is prepared for the deadlines.

**.09 (Distressed Counties) committee's allocation recommendations:** The commissioners approved having staff move forward with the committee's allocation recommendations.

**.09 (Distressed Counties) committee's policy updates:** The commissioners directed staff to draft a resolution to update the .09 committee's policies.

**Executive session:** At 10:02 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 20 minutes to discuss the following three topics:

- Letter to cities of Morton and Mossyrock regarding District Court services
- Opioid litigation
- Winlock / Boundary Review Board

Executive session started at 10:04 a.m.

- At 10:24 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.
- At 10:29 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.
- At 10:31 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.
- At 10:33 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 3 minutes.
- At 10:36 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

Executive session ended at 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to direct the Interim County Manager to execute the agreement regarding the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to direct Josh Metcalf and the county's legal counsel to work with the city of Winlock regarding its annexation and its interlocal agreement with Lewis County. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting ended at 10:42 a.m.