

## Directors' Update

June 7, 2023

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, BJ Kuykendall, Nic Scott, Matt Jaeger, Becky Butler, Alex Murray, Jenn Libby-Jones, John Abplanalp, Ross McDowell, Kate Chatterton, Eric Eisenberg, Gary Fredricks, Graham Gowing, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, Meja Handlen, Violet Barboza, Gary Fredricks, Tammy Martin

Guest(s): Brandon Svenson, Isabel Vander Stoep (sometime around 9:45 a.m.), unidentified guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

Alex Murray discussed a call for bids for electrical materials and equipment Lighting Package.

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids for the Rainier Block Site Improvement Project.

Alex Murray discussed a resolution to award the contract for the Community Development Floor Grind and Polish project.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment #12 with Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the 2021 County Safety Program, F.A. Project No. HSIP 000S(610), 10-2196.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Kruger Road MP 1.20 Culvert Replacement Project, 15-1904.

Amber Smith discussed a resolution to establish an email signature policy. Commissioner Swope said he feels including pronouns in signatures is divisive. Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Brummer said they'd rather allow employees to include pronouns should they choose to do so. The commissioners opted to strike the proposed policy.

The group discussed a resolution to establish a flag policy. Staff asked if the flag policy would apply to employees' personal spaces to restrict school flags, sports flags, etc., and whether the policy would restrict what's allowed in employees' office spaces. The commissioners discussed having the proposed flag policy apply only to public displays, such as the county's flag poles. The commissioners said they would revisit the topic June 12.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint Brian Mittge to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.

Mindy Brooks discussed a hearing to adopt Ordinance 1346, the 2045 population and housing allocations.

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two notice items, two notice items, five deliberation items – excluding the flag policy and email signature policy – and one hearing to the Tuesday, June 13, 2023, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

### **Announcements**

Becky Butler discussed a recent call for internal service rates.

Josh Metcalf provided updates on Public Works projects. Josh noted that the county has to work on its Motor Pool lifts for L and I compliance.

BJ Kuykendall discussed planned Fair entertainment, including the Army Brass Band and the Demolition Derby. BJ discussed the need for additional crowd control.

Matt Jaeger discussed the rollout of multi-factor authentication, 10-digit dialing and Microsoft 365.

Ross McDowell provided an update on the Iron Creek fire.

Eric Eisenberg provided an update on his kick-off meeting with the groups working on the shelter and his work on rural housing.

### **Wednesday Workshop**

**Opioid litigation settlement:** Becky Butler, Ross McDowell and Meja Handlen discussed using opioid settlement funds to purchase Narcan for law enforcement and other governmental entities that would have to pay for Narcan. Meja discussed the track-and-trace requirements for Narcan.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to authorize up to \$55,000 in opioid litigation settlement funds for the purchase of Narcan for county use by internal departments. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

At 10:21 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced the board was taking a 3-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 10:26 a.m.

**Ordinance 1346 - 2045 Population and Housing Allocations:** Mindy Brooks provided an overview of proposed Ordinance 1346. The group noted that Morton and Mossyrock are out of compliance with the Growth Management Act and are working on getting into compliance with the last round rather than focusing on the newest requirements. Lee Napier noted that the nine cities and one town have been invited to pool their efforts to work on compliance.

**Announcements:** Becky said Treasurer Arny Davis has indicated the Treasurer's Office and Assessor's Office would like travel budget to visit locations that use Tyler Technology's tax software.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.