

BOCC Wrap-Up

July 10, 2023

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Lee Napier, Mindy Brooks, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Brian Warren, Amber Smith, Daleyn Coleman, Nic Scott, Doug Carey, Eric Eisenberg, Violet Barboza, Kate Chatterton, Graham Gowing, Rudy Rodriguez, Barbara Russell (9:08 a.m.), Rachel Lester, Sherri Dokken

Guest(s): Patty Howard, Angela Strauss, Isabel Vander Stoep

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

.09 Distressed Counties policy: Rieva Lester said the topic will be on the agenda for the July 11 Directors' Update.

Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funding: The commissioners said they would like to retain control. **Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize Lewis County to retain local control of the CJTA funding, rather than have it go through the HCA. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Budget amendment, including Capital and Coroner: Becky Butler discussed the upcoming budget amendment.

Barbara Russell joined at 9:08 a.m.

Safety Officer position and HR/Risk reorganization: Amber Smith said she is requesting the board unfreeze a safety officer position and a risk position effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add one FTE for the safety officer for 2024 with the increase in funding – if eligible – coming from the OPD. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Forest Service FY 2023 estimated payment form and election form: The commissioners said they will consider keeping the distribution unchanged and will further discuss the matter July 11.

RV occupancy: Mindy Brooks discussed the illegal use of RVs as residences. She said illegal RV occupancy creates risks involving fires, carbon monoxide poisoning, and improper storage and disposal of sewage and solid waste. She discussed possible ways the county could address the issue. The commissioners said they would like to further discuss it before working on any proposed code updates.

Night-by-night shelter: At 9:54 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:04 a.m. to discuss the night-by-night shelter.

- At 10:04 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:10 a.m.
- At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:15 a.m.
- At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:18 a.m.
- At 10:18 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:20 a.m.
- At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:25 a.m.
- At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:30 a.m.
- At 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:33 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize county staff to seek a code interpretation as to whether Chehalis municipal code requires a conditional use permit for a night-by-night shelter on Kresky Avenue and to move forward with a conditional use permit process under protest. Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 10:37 a.m.