

## Directors' Update

July 11, 2023

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Jenn Libby-Jones, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Daleyn Coleman, Amber Smith, Matt Jaeger, Eric Eisenberg, David Bailey, Doug Carey, Violet Barboza, Nic Scott, Alex Murray, Heidi Palmer, Mindy Brooks, Todd Chaput, Tammy Martin, Kate Chatterton, Mike Southwick, Sara Sons, Rudy Rodriguez, Casey Mauermann, Laurie Lebowsky-Young, Richard Warren

Guest(s): Patty Howard, Lisa Striedinger-Hubbard, several unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to amend the Directors' Update agenda to include and executive session discussion regarding eminent domain litigation. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Alex Murray discussed a resolution to authorize the Facilities Administrator to execute a five-year lease agreement with Quadiant for a new federally compliant mail service machine.

Jenn Libby-Jones discussed a resolution to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters of Lewis County to fix and impose a Sales and Use tax of two-tenths of 1 percent pursuant to RCW 82.14.420 to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with the operations of 911 emergency communications systems and facilities. The commissioners said they would like to delay the resolution.

Meja Handlen and Sara Sons discussed a resolution to approve Agreement #2363-48919 between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Lewis County.

Heidi Palmer discussed a resolution to appoint Gregory Lassila as a regular member of the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to elect to receive Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Funding and Allocation of Title II and Title III Funds for the Federal fiscal year 2023 for 2024 payments.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to update procedures for Distressed Counties Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move two consent items and five deliberation items (excluding the 911 sales and use tax) to the Tuesday, July 18, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Tuesday Workshop / Announcements / Roundtable**

Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) project update: Laurie Lebowsky-Young, Richard Warren and Tony Lund provided an update on the Harrison Avenue / Reynolds Road improvement project as well as updates on the various models being considered. Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Brummer expressed concern that the proposed changes don't do enough to address future needs.

**Timberland Regional Library letter: Commissioner Brummer made a motion to sign the letter to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Eric Eisenberg said the Department of Commerce has reconsidered its funding for the county's provide Drug Court house and will now provide funding as a grant instead of a loan.

**Eminent domain litigation, Lord property:** At 12:06 p.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 12:11 p.m. to discuss Eminent domain litigation regarding the Lord property.

- At 12:11 p.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 12:13 p.m.

Executive session ended at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve the settlement of the eminent domain litigation with the Lords and to authorize the Public Works Director to sign on behalf of the county. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.