

## BOCC Wrap-Up

July 17, 2023

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Lee Napier, Amber Smith, Jenn Libby-Jones, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Matt Dillin, Nic Scott, Centralia Community Development Director Emil Pierson, Barb Russell, Violet Barboza, Casey Mauermann, Daleyn Coleman, Matt Jaeger, Rudy Rodriguez, Sherri Guenther, Kirsten Wecker, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Clerk Scott Tinney, David Bailey

Guest(s): Isabel Vander Stoep, Mark Dynan, Dan Rich and several unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

**Rich Masters Subdivision located within the Centralia Urban Growth Area (UGA):** Centralia Community Development Director Emil Pierson and Lewis County Community Development Director Lee Napier discussed the proposed Rich Masters subdivision. They said the proposed subdivision is located in the UGA and therefore requires city approval. Emil, Lee and Kirsten Wecker noted that because the developer wants to use on-site sewage disposal (septic systems) instead of hooking the future homes up to the city sewer system, the development requires county approval in addition to city approval.

Lee noted that the developers had not yet submitted soil samples, a step required for county approval. She noted that the developers have indicated they will change the property configuration if needed based on the results of the soil testing. He noted that the developers already reconfigured the subdivision to 22 lots instead of 63 lots.

Barb Russell discussed potential concerns regarding future densities in the area.

Developer Dan Rich said documents for the property were submitted in February. He expressed concern with delays. Dan reiterated that the developers are committed to changing the lot configuration if the results of the soil tests do not support the current configuration.

Barb noted that the city and county have differing requirements. She noted that the county requires perc holes for preliminary plat approvals, and Lee noted that the developers had not yet submitted the required samples.

The group discussed the project's timelines. Lee noted that the county received the application packet on May 19.

Commissioner Pollock noted that the county wouldn't have questions had the soils testing already taken place as normally required for preliminary plat approval. The group agreed to update the language in the draft resolution to specify that the soils testing would need to be completed prior to the county providing final plat approval.

**911 sales tax:** Jenn Libby-Jones said four cities and 12 fire districts -- as well as the Fire Commissioners group – have provided letters of support regarding the Combined User Committee’s request for the commissioners to forward to the November ballot a 911 sales tax initiative. The commissioners said they would like to have the city of Chehalis provide its support.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to amend the agenda for the July 18, 2023, Business Meeting to include a resolution to provide preliminary approval of the Rich Masters Subdivision located within the Centralia Urban Growth Area (UGA). Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Chehalis River Basin FCZD Update:** Matt Dillin provided updates on Flood Control Zone District meeting timelines.

**Clerk budget increase request:** Clerk Scott Tinney said he is requesting a budget amendment in response to recently enacted legislation that requires Superior Court to accept electronically submitted documents related to the filing of civil protection orders, which include anti-harassment, domestic violence, extreme risk, sexual assault, stalking and vulnerable adult. Scott said the county has been using Legal Atoms for the electronic submissions. Scott said the \$14,400 he is requesting would be an annual contract.

Becky noted that the funds would come from the general fund.

**Budget amendment – Coroner’s office:** Becky said Warren McLeod is requesting an additional \$130,000 to cover professional services to cover increased autopsy, decedent removal and pathologist costs. Becky said the request is included in the hearing for July 25.

**Minute folders:** Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of June 19 and 26, 2023. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**RV ordinance:** David Bailey said the PA’s Office is working on an ordinance that addresses camping and parking on county property.

**Executive session:** At 10:21 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:27 a.m. to discuss Evers v. Lewis County.

At 10:27 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:32 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

At 10:33 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:38 a.m. to discuss YMCA litigation.

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

Meeting ended at 10:39 a.m.