

BOCC Wrap-Up

August 28, 2023

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Steve Wohld, Mindy Brooks, Becky Butler, Amber Smith, David Bailey, Jimmy Goodman, Nic Scott, Doug Carey, Meja Handlen, Josh Metcalf, Robert Bradley, Violet Barboza, Kate Chatterton, Rudy Rodriguez, Sherri Dokken, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Daleyn Coleman, Graham Gowing, Linda Mastin, Rachel Lester, Graham Gowing, Aimee Albright

Guest(s): Patty Howard, Randy Pennington, Bill Serrahn, Elizabeth Rohr, Mitchell Roland, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Nunc pro tunc for Ordinance 1347: Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve a nunc pro tunc fix for Ordinance 1347 to correct scrivener's error in Section 8.60.050. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Comprehensive Plan RFP: The commissioners approved the reissuance of request for proposals (RFP) for the periodic update of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. Mindy Brooks noted that a resolution for the RFP will go before the commissioners Sept. 5.

Lewis County Seniors: Commissioner Brummer urged Carol Brock to resign from her role as Lewis County Seniors president.

Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) Advisory Council representation: Commissioner Brummer made a motion remove Carol Brock as the county's representative on the LMTAAA effective immediately. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Proposed needle exchange policy: The commissioners discussed the potential for a one-for-one exchange policy.

Timberland Regional Library policies: The commissioners expressed concern with the TRL leadership declining a meeting with them to review a potential book-rating system. The commissioners said they will meet with the county's two TRL board representatives.

Proposed overnight shelter policies for minors: Commissioner Swope proposed policies for minors that could apply to the county-owned building being used to house the shelter.

Proposed overnight shelter regarding registered sex offenders: Commissioner Swope proposed policies regarding registered sex offenders that could apply to the county-owned building being used to house the shelter.

Proposed Parks ordinance: Commissioner Swope said he'd like to emulate Centralia's recently-passed parks ordinance.

Potential ordinance to protect on-duty firefighters and EMTs: Fire District 15 Commissioner Randy Pennington discussed recent legislation that removed protections for firefighters and EMTs. He suggested the commissioners consider drafting an ordinance to provide protection for EMTs and firefighters.

Department of Ecology grant: Meja Handlen discussed a grant that would allow the county to provide solid-waste related assistance.

WSAC press release regarding mental health treatment litigation: The commissioners directed Nic Scott to localize WSAC's press release.

911 sales and use tax (placeholder): Commissioner Brummer said a group is working on having a political action committee (PAC) to work on the sales and use tax.

Calendars: Commissioner Swope discussed an upcoming meeting regarding the removal of junk RVs.

Announcements / new business: Josh Metcalf said there are more than 40 wildfires burning in Lewis County. He said emergency responders have prepared evacuation plans. The commissioners directed Nic Scott to draft a press release regarding the wildfires.

Meeting ended at 10:02 a.m.