

BOCC Wrap-Up and Directors' Update

November 20, 2023

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Geoff Soderquist, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Daleyn Coleman, Rodney Reynolds, Grace Jimenez, Meja Handlen, Coleman Rogers, Graham Gowing, Rudy Rodriguez, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Tammy Martin

Guest(s): Mitchell Roland, Todd Chaput, Lenee Langdon, Patty Howard, Bill Serrahn, Richard DeBolt

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

DIRECTORS' UPDATE ITEMS

Mindy Brooks discussed a notice for Ordinance 1350 to adopt the Packwood Subarea Plan.

Grace Jimenez and Rodney Reynolds discussed a resolution to establish a new special revenue fund: Treasurer's Investment Pool Maintenance Fund No. 1110.

Daleyn Coleman discussed a resolution to approve defense and indemnity for Sheriff Robert Snaza, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, and his marital community, if any, and Chief Kevin Engelbertson.

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to approve an amendment to the agreement with Antiquity Consulting, LLC for consulting services related to the Winlock Broadband Project.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to ratify a contract supplemental agreement with Aqua Terra Cultural Resource Consultants for On-Call Cultural Resources Services (ACCR-2022).

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to accept an agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Military Department for the Homeland Security Grant Program contract #E24-137.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve the Twenty-Sixth Supplement Agreement between West Consultants Inc. and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and authorize the Director of Community Development to sign on behalf of Lewis County.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve Amendment No. One (1) Interagency Agreement between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a hearing to Adopt the 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2024 Annual Construction Program (ACP). The commissioners requested Public Works move up the Ceres Hill Road project.

David Bailey discussed a hearing for Ordinance 1351: Add Chapter 9.30 Lewis County Code to establish a process by which the county can exclude an individual from county parks and make a violation of an exclusion notice a misdemeanor.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, seven deliberation items and two hearings to the Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

WRAP-UP TOPICS

Jail Control Room Operator: Daleyn Coleman said the Sheriff's Office has asked for a new job description for the Jail Control Room Operator casual position. Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the Jail Control Room Operator casual position job description. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)

Allocation changes for 2022 on behalf of Economic Alliance: The commissioners agreed to allow Economic Alliance to move \$6,000 in 2023 lodging tax funding from operations to personnel / benefits.

Second review request from East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce: Tammy Martin said the East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce has requested the LTAC volunteers reconsider the chamber's funding request.

Lodging Tax recommendations for 2024: The commissioners reviewed the LTAC members' allocation recommendations for 2024. They provided preliminary approval for all of the recommendations except the following: the recommendation to deny funding to the East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, the recommendation to deny funding to Lewis County Facilities for a roof repair, and the recommendation to provide \$10,000 to Lewis County to cover administration costs.

Lodging Tax admin: Becky Butler asked the commissioners to consider allocating more toward administration.

The commissioners directed staff to draft a letter to the LTAC members alerting them of:

1. The BOCC's plan to change the amount to be allocated toward administrative costs.
2. The BOCC's request that the LTAC members reconvene to reconsider providing funding for the East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce as well as funding for a museum roof.

Economic Alliance: Commissioner Pollock discussed the third-quarter .09 billing and report Economic Alliance submitted. The group discussed updating reimbursement requirements to more closely reflect those used for lodging tax reimbursements.

Meeting ended at 9:49 a.m.