

ESC / Directors' Update

September 20, 2023

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Steve Wohld, Josh Metcalf, Lee Napier, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Matt Jaeger, Nic Scott, Eric Eisenberg, BJ Kuykendall, Ross Nielson, Gary Fredricks, Shad Hail, Amber Smith, Charles Edmonson, David Bailey, Scott Tinney, Alex Murray, Casey Mauermann, Coleman Rogers, Jared Larson, Justia Madrigal, Matt Thuston, Mindy Brooks, Shelly Stewart, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Tammy Martin, Kate Chatterton, Meja Handlen, Sarah Hensley

Guest(s): Mitchell Roland, Patty Howard, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

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Procurement system: Becky Butler discussed the county's successful implementation of new procurement software. She discussed the additional contractors, etc., that have signed up on the site.

2024 budget planning: Becky reminded the group of the budget timelines and urged offices and departments to review their current and proposed budgets carefully.

Employee Picnic: Rieva Lester thanked coworkers and others for their help with the Employee Picnic.

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Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to approve Interlocal Agreements between Lewis County and the City of Winlock and the City of Toledo for support of radio communications equipment and systems.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution regarding the declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Doug Carey discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the IT Emergency Generator.

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Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing regarding a franchise renewal to McDaniel Telephone Company for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move two consent items, four deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Wednesday Workshop

Cascade Mental Health Care medication assisted treatment (MAT) grant: Mindy Greenwood and Erika Marshall discussed an MAT grant Cascade Mental Health Care recently received.

Pe Ell .09 (Distressed Counties) grant application: The commissioners agreed to move the proposed .09 grant to Pe Ell forward to the Oct. 3 Business Meeting.

Letter regarding North Lewis County Industrial Access funding: The commissioners agreed to send a letter regarding NLCIA funding to state legislators.

2023 Legislative Roundtable: The commissioners said they would like to target Dec. 1 for the 2023 Legislative Roundtable.

Announcements / new business

Josh Metcalf said crews continue to battle wildfires outside of the Packwood area. He noted that the water district in Packwood has issued a stop order for water collection, hampering firefighting efforts.

Meja Handlen invited the public to the Veterans Stand Down planned for Sept. 23.

Mountain View Cemetery: At 9:51 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:06 a.m. to discuss the Mountain View Cemetery.

At 10:06 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:11 a.m.

At 10:11 a.m., Commissioner Swope extended executive session until 10:16 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting ended at 10:16 a.m.