

Directors' Update

February 14, 2024

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Mindy Brooks, Eric Eisenberg, Kirsten Wecker, Matt Jaeger, John Abplanalp, Meja Handlen, Amber Smith, Alex Murray, BJ Kuykendall, Doug Carey, Gary Fredricks, Jenn Libby-Jones, Geoff Soderquist, Coleman Rogers, Justia Madrigal, Rudy Rodriguez, Sarah Hensley

Guest(s): Frank Corbin, Matthew Hopkins, Tyler Stanchina, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: Frank Corbin discussed the Broadband Action Team's work and praised the efforts of Eric Eisenberg.

Proposed resolutions

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to ratify a professional services agreement between PPC Solutions and Lewis County for the 2024 Law and Justice Center Security Services. The commissioners said they'd like to postpone the proposal to allow time to gather financial information.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a resolution to approve a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Lewis County Broadband Action Team.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to approve a contract with HDR and a Project Partnership Agreement with the City of Centralia for work related to the Westside Connector Corridor project.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee. Commissioner Pollock said she'd like to see representation from the southern portion of the county. The commissioners agreed to delay the resolution to allow for further outreach regarding the at-large position.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint Lilian Hale as temporary successor to 19th Legislative District State Representative Joel McEntire as provided under RCW 73.16.041.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items and three deliberation items – excluding the security officer resolution and the .09 committee resolution -- to the Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Wednesday Workshop

Food Safety Program Software presentation: Kirsten Wecker discussed the paper process the county currently uses for permits and inspections. She said Public Health is requesting a move to a digital platform for permits and inspections.

Tyler Stanchina and Matthew Hopkins of Accela provided an overview of services their company offers. Commissioner Brummer expressed concerns regarding the weaponization of inspection information. Commissioner Pollock praised the efficiency of digitalized records.

Roundtable: Directors and other participants provided updates on projects, including:

- Repair of the hearing room leak
- Ceres Hill Road
- UGA expansion meetings
- Phone system integration

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion about an administrative support position at the fair. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to hire Violet Barboza at a grade 115, step 11 for the administrative support position. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

BJ Kuykendall said he would make the position effective for the next payroll.

RAISE grant letter of support: The commissioners agreed to sign a letter of support regarding Lewis County Transit's RAISE grant application.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.