

BOCC Wrap-Up

February 26, 2024

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Meja Handlen, Lee Napier, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg, Kate Chatterton, Amber Smith, Coleman Rogers, Barb Russell, Sherri Dokken, Josh Weiss, Troy Nichols

Guest(s): Edna Fund, Todd Chaput, Bonnie Coumbs, Lee Coumbs, Lenee Langdon, Todd Chaput, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Wrap-Up items

Agenda change: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the agenda a request for a letter of support for a Discover Lewis County grant. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Discover Lewis County grant letter of support: Lenee Langdon and Todd Chaput discussed Discover Lewis County's The commissioners agreed to sign the letter of support.

Fair board bylaws: Commissioner Brummer said the Fair Board has requested the county revamp the fair board's bylaws. Edna Fund discussed the bylaw changes that took place in 2022.

Flood Control District 2 (Centralia) vacancies: Rieva Lester said the individuals who had applied for Flood Control District 2 do not own property within the district's boundaries. The commissioners discussed the district's future and outreach regarding the vacancies.

Minute folders: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of Sept. 11 and Dec. 25, 2023. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Change-order reviews: Doug Carey reviewed two change orders for the Community Development building. Doug said both were code compliance-related: \$9,600 for a vapor barrier and \$20,280 for a vapor barrier for the ceiling and roof.

Interim shelter construction update: Alex Murray said his crews are working five 10-hour shifts to complete floor grinding and other work.

Legislative update (9:30 a.m.): Josh Weiss and Troy Nichols reviewed bills and budget proposals under consideration, including:

- Initiative 2111, which would prohibit the state or local jurisdictions from enacting a personal income tax.

- Initiative 2081, which would provide parents with a right to review educational materials, receive certain notifications, and opt out of sexual health education.
- Initiative 2113, which would change the state's vehicular pursuit law to allow an officer to engage in a pursuit if there is reasonable suspicion to believe the person has violated the law.

Josh Weiss said Sen. Braun has worked hard to move the county's transportation request forward and Rep. Orcutt has worked hard to move the county's equestrian project forward.

Possible late add regarding RFQ: Not needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.