

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**June 17, 2024**

**9:01 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, WSAC Interim Director Derek Young, Daleyn Coleman, Sherri Dokken, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Matt Jaeger, Doug Carey, Mindy Brooks, Meja Handlen, BJ Kuykendall, Ross Nielson, Lynn Richard, Commissioner Swope (9:08 a.m.), Arny Davis, Graham Gowing, Coleman Rogers, David Bailey

Guest(s): Ally Pickard, Lisa Striedinger, and other members from the public

Recorder: Tammy Martin

**Public comment:** None

**WSAC priorities:** WSAC Interim Director Derek Young discussed topics that are on the special meeting membership meeting that is on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will discuss core county needs, urban, rural, and all county issues, and new voting procedures. Derek said the Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) will focus on new county revenue, indigent defense, funding for rural county coroners, EFSEC Hold Harmless, accountability for behavioral health and continuum care. Derek said WSAC will be addressing bylaw changes to allow for the extension of dues if 50% is paid for by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year, proportional voting, additional seating for large counties, and dues. Commissioner Pollock addressed concerns regarding EFSEC. There are potential issues that would affect Lewis County negatively. Commissioner Swope feels the situation would not be equitable if the LSC body isn't given the right to vote. All three commissioners said they are opposed to proportional voting.

**Land-use agreement:** Commissioner Pollock said she would like to discuss item #10, #11 and a possible agreement amendment. If either party terminates the agreement, she wanted to know how funds would be reimbursed to RCO. She also wanted to consider facilitating an agreement with White Pass School District or if there would be an opportunity to be a partner. Commissioner Brummer said the agreement with RCO could be amended. Commissioner Brummer said he would ask clarifying questions about item #10, #11 and the requirements needed to amend the agreement.

**Capital Facilities Committee funding requests:**

Ryan Barrett said requests to access funds have been requested for the following:

- Parks: Repair stormwater / flood pump at Fairgrounds (\$29,000)
- Parks: Add controller valve to improve potable water at South County Park (\$2,800)
- Public Works: Pay off Water/Sewer District 5 cash-flow loan (\$350,000)

Ryan said this initiative is to include the Board to offer transparency about how funds are spent, and Josh Metcalf explained the Water/Sewer District 5 loan.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the Parks request to repair stormwater / flood pump at Fairgrounds in the amount of \$29,000, the Parks request to add controller valve to improve potable water at South County Park in the amount of \$2,800, and the Public Works request to pay off Water/Sewer District 5 cash-flow loan of \$350,000. Commissioner Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**.09 funding request:** Becky Butler said there is a request from the City of Napavine in the amount of \$400,000. At this time, it is still uncertain if this is an additional request to the current .09 project that will require an amendment or a new project.

**Carbon Project:** At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:47 a.m. to discuss litigation regarding the carbon project.

Executive session ended at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the filing of a notice of appeal regarding the carbon project. Commissioner Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting ended at 9:48 a.m.