

County Manager Update

September 9, 2024

9:41 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Geoff Soderquist, Josh Metcalf, Meja Handlen, Gabe Anzelini, Matt Jaeger

Guest(s): Ron Johnson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Onalaska Fire Department request: The commissioners discussed the fire department's request to have the county donate county-owned land to the fire department. The commissioners directed staff to draft a letter of denial and to draft an interlocal agreement for use of the property.

Senior centers: The commissioners directed staff to research the ability to transfer ownership of the county-owned senior center buildings. The commissioners directed staff to keep the county's financial contributions in the preliminary budget.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Commissioner Pollock made a motion to transfer \$1 million from ARPA under the lost revenue category in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and \$500,000 from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) for 2024. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Engineering position reclassification: Josh Metcalf discussed a request to reclassify the Senior Engineer position from a 127 to a 131. He noted the move would create compression issues that would be addressed by also adjusting grading for the remaining positions:

- Engineering Tech I, II, III, IV and V
- Senior Engineer
- Assistant County Engineer
- County Engineer
- County Surveyor
- Transportation Planner

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the reclassifications as proposed effective Oct. 1, 2024. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The commissioners canceled the Sept. 18 Directors' Update, noting that items will be discussed during the Sept. 23 Wrap-Up meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.