

Directors' Update

November 6, 2024

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Mindy Brooks, Geoff Soderquist, Josh Metcalf, Doug Carey BJ Kuykendall, Jenn Libby-Jones, Brad Clark, Sarah Hensley, Alex Murray, Chief Chris Sweet, Gabe Anzelini, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Chris Ruben, Caroline Garibay, David Bailey, Casey Mauermann, Doyle Sanford, Grace Jimenez, Graham Gowing, Javier Mejia, Linda Mastin, Preston Pinkston, Rae Sisson, Sherri Dokken, Smokey Padgett, Rachel Lester

Guest(s): Unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Josh Metcalf discussed a Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2025 Annual Construction Program (ACP) and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2025-2030.

Alex Murray discussed a call for bids for Lewis County Shelter Fencing, 31-2408 Fencing.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a contract supplemental agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for the Annual Hydrologic, Hydraulic, and Geomorphic services, AHHG2024.

Mindy Brooks discussed a resolution to adopt a Categorized Schedule of Fees effective January 1, 2025.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve documentation needed to obtain title insurance for the Homeless Shelter at 2015 NE Kresky Ave.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Contract #C06-0232-24 between Community Action Council (CAC) and Lewis County.

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment #21 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to establish procedures for conducting public hearings and meetings. The commissioners directed her to look into a prohibition on props.

Doug Carey discussed a resolution to accept grant funds from the Department of Commerce EE2024 Grant to fund the Jail LED Upgrade Project. Commissioner Pollock asked if the lighting flicker rate would be compatible with the cameras.

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to approve an Agreement from the Washington State Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$110,690.73 for use in the calendar year 2025.

Mindy Brooks discussed a hearing to adopt Ordinance 1359 to revise the 2045 Population and Housing Allocations.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two notice items, two consent items, eight deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements / new business

Josh discussed the Packwood Sewer Project and a fish barrier project.

Mindy Brooks said the county received a 5 on its Community Rating System rating.

Jenn Libby-Jones said the 911 sales tax measure appears to be passing.

Becky Butler reminded offices and departments of upcoming budget deadlines.

Wednesday Workshop

Fee schedule update and code discussion: Meja Handlen, Mindy Brooks and Josh Metcalf discussed steps to improve cost recovery for the services their departments provide. They noted that the proposed fees would get their departments closer to 100 percent cost recovery.

Mindy Brooks and Meja Handlen discussed proposed organizational changes regarding code enforcement. Mindy said they are requesting approval for all of the changes – with approval regarding the represented positions pending approval by the unions. Commissioner Swope requested the departments track abatement outcomes for a year and then review the outcomes for 2026.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the organizational changes as in Community Development and Env Health presented – with approval on the represented positions contingent on approval by the unions – effective Jan. 1, 2025. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocations: Not discussed.

Jail medical / Naphcare: Chief Christ Sweet requested permission to approve a two-year agreement with Naphcare. Commissioner Swope requested the hiring of an RN and to keep detoxing individuals at the jail instead of transporting them to the hospital. The commissioners said they support the two-year agreement and requested staff draft a resolution for the agreement.

Packwood Brewery: David Bailey said there would be liability to the county if the county worked outside county code. Geoff Soderquist said the owners could request a reduced setback, as outlined in county code.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add Packwood Brewery as an executive session topic. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Holiday schedule for 2025: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the 2025 holiday schedule as proposed. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Business Meeting schedule for December 2024: The commissioners said they will tentatively cancel the Business Meeting scheduled for Christmas Eve.

Sale proceeds from 508 property: Doug Carey noted that county code requires the proceeds from the sale of county property be returned to the fund used to purchase it but that historical records from the 1920s do not indicate what fund the county used to purchase its 508 property. **Commissioner Pollock made a motion to deposit any potential proceeds from the sale of the 508 property into Fund 301. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Executive session: At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:40 a.m. to discuss the following topics:

- Kennicott Phase II
- Graham and Wing tort claim
- Harding tort claim
- Payne v. County litigation
- Corrections Sergeants
- Packwood Brewery

At 10:40 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:55 a.m.

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Executive session ended at 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to direct staff to communicate with Risk Pool counsel regarding the Payne v. Lewis County litigation as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to direct staff to proceed regarding the Harding claim as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.