

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

December 9, 2024

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Meja Handlen, Josh Metcalf, BJ Kuykendall, Doug Carey, Ross Nielson, Lynn Richard, Casey Mauermann, Becky Butler, Gabe Anzelini, Isaac Freeman, Chris Lanegan, Kate Chatterton, David Bailey, Graham Gowing, Mindy Brooks, Natalie Mauermann, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, Tammy Martin, Guilherme Motta

Guest(s): Unnamed guest

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Mason County Timberland Regional Library (TRL) appointment: Rieva Lester discussed a TRL request for letter of support regarding Mason County's recent TRL Board of Trustees appointment. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter of support.

Approval of minute folders: Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of Nov. 4 and 11, 2024. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Page Freezer: Gabe Anzelini and Casey Mauermann discussed the potential use of Page Freezer software to retain social media information to adhere to public records requirements. Gabe said the contract would total \$6,000 annually and would cover up to 25 accounts, including those held by the BOCC, the Fair and elected officials. Gabe noted that the Sheriff's Office already contracts with Page Freezer and that the software collects data in real time. The commissioners directed staff to move forward with a contract for Page Freezer.

Clothing allowance request: The commissioners discussed a request the Prosecuting Attorney's Office submitted to create a clothing allowance for the attorneys. The commissioners said they would consider the request if it were to be brought up as part of the collective bargaining process.

Executive session: At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session until 9:22 a.m. to discuss Hardel litigation and Coroner's Office tort claim under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and the county's 508 property under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

- At 9:22 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 9:27 a.m.
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Executive session ended at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize the Assessor's Office to proceed with the authority discussed in executive session regarding the Hardell litigation.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct staff from the surplus property listing for the 508 property. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

2024 budget amendment: Not discussed.

Contract templates: Rieva Lester said Public Health and Social Services has asked whether the commissioners would like wet signatures from the PA's Office and the Clerk of the Board on contracts. The commissioners said they will rely on OpenGov documentation of approval as well as PacketWriter approval rather than continue requiring the PA Office and Clerk of the Board wet signatures.

PacMtn vacancies: Commissioner Swope discussed correspondence received regarding PacMtn vacancies. Rieva Lester said she had reached out to PacMtn and requested they advertise the vacancies. She said she would ask the group for an update on the process.

Equestrian Center update: Doug Carey said BJ Kuykendall has reached out to the six tribes regarding the work at the equestrian center as required and that once the tribes provide confirmation, Commerce will be able to release funds for the feasibility study.

Claquato Church update: Doug Carey discussed changing county code to include public purpose sale and public purchase lease clauses, allowing the county to sell or lease to nonprofits.

Dangerous Animal Designation (DAD) Board: Tammy Martin said the county has received applications for two of its four DAD Board vacancies. The commissioners agreed to extend the deadline 30 days.

Meeting ended at 9:48 a.m.