

ESC / Directors' Update

March 19, 2025

Time

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Mindy Brooks, Geoff Soderquist, Gabe Anzelini, Graham Gowing, Chief Gabe Frase, Charles Edmonson, Warren McLeod, Jimmy Goodman, Becky Butler, Alex Murray, Meja Handlen, Erika Katt, Justin Bushnell, Casey Mauermann, Guilherme Motta, Linda Mastin, Marni Larson, Shelly Stewart, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, Ross Nielsen, Rachel Lester, Kate Chatterton

Guest(s): Fredrick Patching

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

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Comprehensive Plan update: Mindy Brooks reminded the group of the upcoming updates to the Comp Plan.

Commissioner Gary Stamper Memorial Overlook at Riffe Lake: Commissioner Brummer reminded attendees of fundraising efforts for the memorial in Gary Stamper's honor.

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Geoff Soderquist discussed a legal notice regarding the proposed vacation of Lindley Road No. 407.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a legal notice regarding the extended closure of Oppelt Road to all through traffic between Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 1.72.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to approve a lease agreement for Central Transfer Station and East Lewis County Transfer Station between County of Lewis and Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1 (recessed from March 11 Business Meeting).

Warren McLeod discussed a resolution to approve interlocal agreement between Lewis County Coroner's Office and Mason County Coroner's Office for the use of the Lewis County Coroner's Office autopsy facility.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the 2025 Chip Seal Rock Proposal.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to provide department heads authority to execute certain contracts.

Graham Gowing discussed a resolution to update the Lewis County Procurement Policy.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two notice items, two consent items and five deliberation items to the Tuesday, March 25, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Announcements / new business

Becky Butler outlined changes to the budget schedule.

Wednesday Workshop

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:30 a.m. to discuss a Workers' Comp claim.

Executive session ended at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the county to file a petition for review with the BIAA as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Annexation interlocal agreements (ILAs): No update.

Fairgrounds as a park: One sheet of pros and cons.

988 letter of support: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

GTH contract: Ryan Barrett said Josh Weiss is branching out and has asked the county to consider contracting with him after he leaves GTH.

East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) Distressed Counties loan: The commissioners said they would discuss the matter further March 24.

.09 / Distressed Counties request: The commissioners discussed Economic Alliance's request for a \$1.9 million grant to help Puget Sound Energy to extend its gas line. The commissioners questioned whether the project would receive the federal funding it is relying upon, and they questioned whether the project would meet the requirements of a public infrastructure.

Commissioner Brummer noted that Gifford Pinchot Forest Supervisor Johanna Kovarik will give a Gifford Pinchot / Cowlitz Valley Ranger District update March 25.

Meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.