

Update with County Manager

11 a.m.

March 2, 2020

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Lara McRea, Becky Butler, Janelle Lindsey

Guests: Deborah Hilliard, Chris Murphy, Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Becky Butler said the update for the week has been postponed for a week.

Public Works

Water Sewer District 5: Erik said the district commissioners may sign the transfer agreement the following week.

South County Airport taxiway: Erik discussed the apparent low bidder for the project.

Fleet purchases: Erik said Chrysler discontinued the pursuit-rated Chargers and that the county is looking at a hybrid as an alternative. He said the Sheriff also is requesting a jail transport vehicle.

CDL requirements: Erik said new state requirements will no longer allow the county to provide the training for obtaining a CDL.

Public Health and Social Services

Coronavirus: Erik discussed the knowns and unknowns related to COVID-19 as well as precautionary measures the county is asking leaders to take.

Housing: Erik said the City of Centralia will hold a workshop the following day to discuss housing issues and homeless issues.

911/DEM update

Callworks: Erik discussed an agreement for phone services.

Infrastructure meeting: Erik said the infrastructure meeting with the consultant is set for March 9.

Regional Inter-Operability Committee Chair: Erik said Scott Smitherman has been elected Regional Inter-Operability Committee Chair.

Sheriff Radio update: Erik said the water-damaged radio has been repaired. However, he said, it will need to be replaced.

Community Development

Plans Examiner: Erik said the county's Plans Examiner has taken a job elsewhere.

Cowlitz River Access SEPA: Erik said the SEPA was scheduled to be out this week but may be delayed due to illness. Chris Murphy asked what the next steps would be.

Erik said it would be published and then the 14-day public comment period would open. He suggested Chris reach out to Karen Witherspoon for exact details.

Internal Services

Erik said Steve Wohld will provide an update the following week.

Announcements

Commissioner Stamper discussed a recent Washington Counties Risk Pool meeting, during which the group discussed an upcoming conference in Florida.

Calendars

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

Commissioner Fund discussed the recent lodging tax collections.

Meeting ended at 11:43 a.m.