

BOCC Wrap-Up / COVID-19

September 3, 2020

3:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Tawni Shepard, J.P. Anderson, Josh Metcalf, Amber Smith, Kevin McDowell, and Tamara Hayes

Zoom: Lee Napier, Scott Smitherman, Sara Sons, Rieva Lester, Andy Caldwell, Alison Puckett, Lara McRea, Frank Corbin, Jacqui Spahr, Gary Fredricks

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Deliberate and select an appointee to fill the vacancy on Lewis County Fire District 2 as per RCW

42.12.070(4) - Commissioner Fund said she appreciated having multiple applicants. She recommended Bill Moore. Commissioner Jackson recommended Bill Moore. Commissioner Stamper recommended Bill Moore as well. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to appoint Bill Moore to Fire District 2. Commissioner Fund seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19 - Erik commended Ed Mund on his deep data dive. Going forward at the COVID-19 meetings, the data will be presented. Erik said 11 cases had been reported for the week and that more recoveries were recorded. He said the data appears to be trending downward with new cases. Erik said Dr. Wood's updated health recommendation would go out to schools later in the day. He said Dr. Wood has suggested schools consider some in-person learning for kindergarten starting Sept. 28, 2020. He said it is also being recommended that middle schools and high schools consider allowing CTE and lab classes to be done in person. The number of groups will be defined by the space available to students at the schools. Erik discussed an online COVID-19 Education Forum planned for Sept. 10.

Approve **Resolution 20-312** to extend through September 25, 2020, the temporary closure of a portion of Graf Road to all through traffic. Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve Resolution 20-312 for an emergency temporary closure. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Fair vacancy – successors for Katie Gift (Chehalis) and Todd Mason (Adna). Tamara Hayes said the fair committee is specifically looking for someone from District 3 to fill one of the vacancies. Tamara said that there would be a press release as well as a thank you letter to Katie and Todd.

Legislative Roundtable – December 4th or 11th as possible dates.

Consideration of requests for indemnity from county employees – executive session under RCW

42.30.110(1)(i) – At 3:52 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss county employees' requests for defense and indemnity.

Commissioner Fund left sometime during Executive Session. Executive Session ended at 3:58 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to offer indemnification for Joseph Solberg and Sheriff Robert Snaza in response to case No. 20-2-0038121. Commissioner Stamper seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Correspondence –

- **Invitation from Cardinal Glass to tour facility in mid-October.** The commissioners said they would like to attend.
- **Sign a letter approving of the appointment of Nicolette Oliver to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.** The commissioners signed the letter of support.
- **Consider signing a letter of support regarding the Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI)** as administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). This has been recommended by staff. This would be done online. The commissioners agreed to sign the letter of support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.