

Update with County Manager

September 14, 2020

11:10 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Lara McRea, Janelle Lindsey, Megan Eastman, Josh Metcalf, Taylor Albright, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier, Suzette Smith

Guest: Frank Corbin, Cynthia Yaw (11:26 a.m.)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Erik Martin said preliminary budgets are due later in the day.

Codified County Manager authority

Erik and Lara McRea said the notice of hearing is scheduled for Sept. 21 and the hearing is scheduled for Oct. 5. Erik said the Blue Ribbon Task Force has suggested some changes to the proposed ordinance.

Benaroya update

Erik said Winlock has made a request to the .09 committee for funding for its sewer project. Commissioner Fund said the committee has approved the request, which will then be forwarded to the commissioners.

Internal Services

No updates.

Public Health & Social Services

The commissioners said they'd like to plan a follow-up forum. They discussed holding it the evening of Oct. 1. Erik noted that the superintendents' / physicians' group meets weekly and will provide recommendations as needed. Erik noted that the Health Officer has made recommendations and that the decisions to reopen remain in the individual school districts' hands.

911

Erik said Commissioner Jackson has scheduled a meeting with DELTAWRX. He said Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Fund can submit remarks in writing.

Erik said he, Mike Kytta and Scott Smitherman met the previous week to discuss the budget – and future – of the Combined User Committee.

Cynthia Yaw joined at 11:26 a.m.

Community Development

Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 22/23 and WRIA 13: Commissioner Stamper said Thurston County Commissioner Gary Edwards indicated he no concerned about proposals related to WRIA 13. Lee Napier said she would reach out to Thurston County staff.

Lee discussed proposed changes regarding WRIA 22/23. She said proposed projects show that Lewis County meets the new requirements. She said the partnership expects the county to continue its partnerships. Lee said she will meet with the partnership later in the week. She said the plan must be forwarded to Ecology, which must set rules in February 2021.

The commissioners said they would like a separate meeting to discuss the proposed changes in WRIA 13. Erik suggested drafting a briefing with maps if possible.

The meeting paused at 11:36 a.m. due to technical difficulties.

The meeting resumed at 11:42 a.m.

Lee said she would need a decision on the WRIA before Sept. 24.

Permit revenue: Lee discussed permit revenue for 2020. She said permits are in the queue for planned review. She said year to date permits total is 1030. She noted that there were more permits the previous year because of the wind farm.

Commissioner Fund left at 11:44 a.m.

Raappana short plat: Erik said the Raappana short plat request cannot be accommodated. She said the 5.5-acre lot in Salzer Valley cannot be split due to zoning. However, she said the property has been approved for an ADU.

Human Resources

Employee survey results: Erik discussed results of a survey provided to county employees. Megan Eastman said the county received 188 results.

Commissioner Fund returned at 11:53 a.m.

Erik noted that the county has a work-from-home policy and that it likely needs to be dusted off and polished up.

Erik said the Risk Pool is providing training on work-from-home support and resources.

Public Works / DEM

Airport: Erik said Vision Toledo is spearheading an effort to create a park-like setting at the airport. Commissioner Stamper asked if REET funds could be used. Commissioner Fund said the group also is working on providing a courtesy vehicle.

Josh Metcalf joined at 12:01 p.m. He said he would have to review county and insurance policies, as county policies do not allow for the use of county vehicles by non-county employees. Josh said he is working on a timeline outlining discussions regarding expanding the Toledo airport.

Commissioner Fund left at 12:02 p.m.

Utility: Erik said the county has its hands full with oversight and repairs of the Vader and Middle Fork water systems. He said the county is talking with the attorney for Water Sewer District 2.

Construction and maintenance: Erik said road crews took care of 130 miles of chip seal, setting a record. Erik said Public Works also is helping the Port of Chehalis with a project it is working on.

Meeting ended at 12:08 p.m.