

## **ESC / Directors' Update**

**September 16, 2020**

**9 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Matt Patana, Doug Carey, Tamara Hayes, JP Anderson, Bill Wamsley, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg, Matt Jaeger, Lara McRea, Casey Mauermann, Dianne Dorey, Gary Fredricks, Grace Jimenez, Janelle Lindsey, Josh Metcalf, Kaity Nissell, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier, Lee Grove, Megan Sibbert, Scott Smitherman, Scott Tinney, Shad Hail, Steve Wohld, Suzette Smith, Tawni Shepherd, Jonathan Meyer, Marni Larson, Megan Eastman, Graham Gowing, Josh Metcalf, Brittani Bonahoom

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Frank Corbin

Recorder: Rieva Lester

### **ESC**

Commissioner Fund said the 2020 Legislative Roundtable will take place Dec. 11.

### **Roundtable**

Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said the governor's office has released 1,100 inmates due to COVID-19. He said several apparently have reoffended. Jonathan said the county is looking to expand electronic home monitoring for jail inmates, a move that could be made using coronavirus relief funds. Jonathan also expressed concerns regarding low bail amounts for serious charges.

Clerk Scott Tinney asked for an update about the employee salary study. Megan Eastman said contract negotiations are taking place. Megan said the scope of work is being changed. Steve Wohld said AWA data will be used.

Assessor Dianne Dorey said re-evaluation notices will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. She said new construction will be lower for the wind farm because of the location of the items.

Undersheriff Wes Rethwill said Pe Ell has voted to not move forward with sending its marshal through a certification process. Therefore, he said, the town does not have a law enforcement officer. He said the county can respond to calls and charge the town for its efforts. Jonathan Meyer said he has spoken to the town's attorney about an agreement to have the county provide coverage.

### **Directors' Update**

Commissioner Fund discussed a proclamation recognizing Sept. 21-24, 2020, as Barn Week.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a notice of hearing to codify Ordinance 1321, to establish statutory authority for the Lewis County Manager.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Skate Creek Terrace Community Club Inc. to install, construct, operate, and maintain water line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding adopting Ordinance 1322 creating Rules and Regulations for the Users of the Lewis County Airports.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve of the Twentieth Supplement Agreement between West Consultants, Inc. and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve of Amendment 14 between Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, as well as, authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve an amendment to the categorized schedule of fees for the Public Works Department 2020 Road Atlas and Airport Fees for the Lewis County Airports.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the purchase of five pickup trucks and one truck chassis.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Infection Prevention & Antimicrobial Consultants (IPAC) and Lewis County to provide COVID-19 school based consultation services.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to move one presentation, three notice items, two consent items and five deliberation items to the Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Tamara Hayes said she will have a late add for Monday regarding funding from the Department of Commerce.

Becky Butler said there may be a late add for an agreement with the Lewis County Seniors group for a van.

COVID-19

Cases, response, supplies, services, policies, Coronavirus Relief Funding

JP Anderson said the county's numbers have inched upward. He discussed an upcoming state meeting regarding COVID-19 restrictions.

The group discussed two planned broadband updates:

- Lewis County High-Speed Education Network (United Way) -- Sept. 21 Business Meeting
- Breeze -- Sept. 28 Business Meeting

### **Northern spotted owl comment**

Eric Eisenberg discussed outreach to Klickitat County, Skamania County and Sue Drummond regarding a multi-county northern spotted owl comment. He said Klickitat County has pledged funding and that Skamania County plans to consider it. Eric said the plan is economically harmful and would not be valuable to the spotted owl because the proposed areas do not have old-growth timber.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to pledge \$7,500 toward the economics expert hired by the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) for the northern spotted owl exclusions contract.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Jackson left at 9:50 a.m.

### **Announcements**

Tamara Hayes said Discover Lewis County is hosting the first of four tourism meetings later in the day. She also discussed a Gifford Pinchot cleanup effort.

Matt Patana said the county's park season has closed, so bathrooms are now locked and buildings are being winterized.

Jonathan Meyer and Eric Eisenberg left at 10:03 a.m.

Doug Carey said the county has received approval for a \$400,000 grant to improve the historic courthouse.

Becky Butler said a budget amendment hearing is scheduled for Sept. 28. She said the county has been notified of \$10 million coming in from Commerce and other sources.

Bill Wamsley discussed noxious weed cleanup efforts.

Lara McRea invited the commissioners to check out the interactive wildfire map Erik Martin sent them.

Josh Metcalf said Highway 12 remains closed due to a wildfire at the summit.

Steve Wohld said HR applications will be reviewed the following week.

Tamara said the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds has not yet heard from owners needed to shelter their animals there but that the fairgrounds is prepared to take in animals.

Tamara said announcements regarding nonprofit grants likely will be made the following day. She said the group received 30 applications and that 25 have been tentatively approved for funding.

Meeting ended at 10:21 a.m.