

Directors' Update

November 10, 2020

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Daleyn Coleman, Tamara Hayes, Matt Jaeger, Scott Tinney, Martin Roy, Doug Carey, Matt Patana, Becky Butler, Tailor Albright

Guest: Commissioner-elect Sean Swope

Zoom: Claudia Yaw, Chief Chris Sweet, Scott Smitherman, Sara Heinricher, Katie Conradi, Graham Gowing, Scott Smitherman, Patrick Schults

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler discussed notice of hearings for the Lewis County budget for 2021 as well as property tax levies for 2021.

Martin Roy discussed notice of hearing for a franchise to City of Winlock to install, construct, operate and maintain sewer line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Martin Roy discussed a notice of hearing for a franchise to Lewis County PUD #1 to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunication line facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Martin Roy discussed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide design and engineering for Fish Passable Structures for projects including Rural Arterial Program (RAP), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded projects and Lewis County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) listed projects.

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the acceptance of an interlocal agreement for use of the jail facilities between the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the City of Tenino.

Graham Gowing discussed the reappointment of Lee Grose to the Lewis County Planning Commission.

Martin Roy discussed the proposed sale of surplus property located off Independence Road near Rochester, Wash.

Martin Roy discussed the listing of bids received and contractor selected for the Townsend Bridge No. 223 Replacement Project, Federal Aid Project No. BROS-2021(056), F.A. Agreement No. TA-6340, County Road Project No. 2186.

County Manager Erik Martin discussed a resolution to approve Professional Services Contract for CJTA Funded treatment and Recovery Support Services between Cascade Mental Health and Lewis County.

Commissioner Stamper discussed approving Amendment #5 to an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Wahkiakum counties regarding the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB).

Commissioner Stamper discussed the appointment of Trent Richardson to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Martin Roy discussed a hearing to adopt the 2021-2026 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2021 Annual Construction Program (ACP).

Commissioner Fund made a motion to move four notice items, two consent items and seven deliberation items and one hearing to the Monday November 16, 2020, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Wednesday Workshop (on Tuesday)

Clerk Scott Tinney said he'd like to reclassify six positions in his office and eliminate / freeze a position. Scott said he would like to:

- Reclassify Chief Deputy to Chief Deputy Clerk Administrator at a 26D.
- Reclassify Deputy Clerk Accounting to Accounting Supervisor at 23A.
- Reclassify four Deputy Clerks as Senior Deputy Clerks.

The commissioners said they would revisit the request the following week.

COVID-19

Erik Martin discussed steps taking place to quickly respond to any possible COVID-19 outbreaks in schools.

Erik said he has been acting as the COVID-19 Incident Commander for the county. He said he'd like to have JP Anderson take over that role, and he suggested creating a policy-level group and assigning a commissioner to sit on that group. The commissioners approved the creation of the policy-level group and the addition of a commissioner to the group.

Commissioner Jackson volunteered to serve on the policy-level group.

Roundtable

Steve Wohld said the Capital Facilities presentation has been postponed for two weeks.

Becky Butler said she is sending out rate sheets as well as the commissioners' determinations about budget increase requests.

Matt Jaeger discussed work to prepare the courts.

Matt Patana said COVID-19 projects are wrapping up. He said the jail video arraignment project is nearly complete, as are the Blue restrooms at the Fairgrounds. Matt said new siding is being installed at the Fairgrounds. He said work will next take place at RE Bennet in preparation for Superior Court's jury trials.

Doug Carey said the Planning Commission will review the Capital Plan later in the day. Doug discussed the creation of a multipurpose room / court at Juvenile.

Tamara Hayes provided an update on Discover Lewis County's tourism outreach efforts. She said she would like to meet with the commissioners to discuss the creation of an outdoor recreation group.

Patrick Shults discussed classes taking place.

Scott Smitherman discussed efforts to fill vacant positions.

Meeting ended at noon.