

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**December 7, 2020**

**9:01 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Chris Panush, Jonathan Meyer, Tailor Albright, Josh Metcalf, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Lee Napier

Guests: Commissioner-elect Sean Swope, Commissioner-elect Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Peter Lahmann, Claudia Yaw, Bob Guenther

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Fund made a motion to add to the day's Business Meeting a resolution appointing Heidi Buswell to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

County Manager Erik Martin reviewed recent upticks in the number of COVID-19 cases.

Becky Butler discussed new Coronavirus funding being allocated federally.

Commissioner Fund said a member of the public has asked about whether Spiffy's can be considered a protest zone. Jonathan Meyer said the site is private property and that the owner can include or exclude people as he sees fit. He said it's a state issue as to whether the state Department of Health or the Department of Labor and Industries will act.

Jonathan outlined the benefits of the Trimble Scan Explorer, new equipment and software that can take images from crime scenes, help with searches, etc. He said the PA's Office would own it and the Sheriff's Office would use it on scene. Jonathan said he'd like to see the equipment placed on ER & R. He said the equipment and software is fast, can zoom in and out, and also includes infrared settings for evening use. Jonathan said the existing software and equipment is 10 years old.

Becky Butler said the decision would be needed by day's end to have the purchase included in the 2020 budget. Jonathan noted that the \$68,000 to \$75,000 is a high estimate because it does not reflect credit for old equipment, etc.

Becky said the purchase would require using savings from salaries and benefits.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to approve allowing the Prosecuting Attorney to negotiate purchase with Frontier Precision Inc. for the Trimble X7 for up to \$68,264.15 using current budget appropriations.

Jonathan said he will look into using the Victim Witness fund to cover licenses.

Commissioner Jackson seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Fund reviewed current lodging tax collections. She noted that 2020 totals are higher than 2019 totals.

Commissioner Fund said the state has decided to declare Blakeslee Junction as surplus property. She said the city of Centralia and Lewis County have first right of refusal.

The group discussed the upcoming Legislative Roundtable.

Jonathan Meyer said he and Sheriff Rob Snaza sent the governor a letter informing the governor that Lewis County law enforcement will not be available to help with L&I enforcement, etc., due to resource issues.

Jonathan discussed a case in Whatcom County in which a restaurant decided to stay open despite the governor's orders, so L&I got an injunction. He said that particular restaurant then switched to to-go orders.

The group discussed the commissioners' calendars.

Meeting ended at 9:49 a.m.