

Directors' Update

December 9, 2020

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Alison Puckett, Lee Napier, Marni Larson, Tamara Hayes, Andy Caldwell, Steve Wohld, JP Anderson, Becky Butler, Lara McRea, Wes Rethwill, Patrick Shults, Scott Smitherman, Josh Metcalf, Matt Patana, Megan Sibbert, Suzette Smith, Arny Davis, Kaity Nissell, Grace Jimenez, Tailor Albright, Cullen Gatten, Amber Smith

Guests: Frank Corbin, Claudia Yaw, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Contract #K4651 between Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Lewis County.

Arny Davis discussed a resolution to authorize the sale, issuance and delivery of not to exceed \$14,000,000 of the county's limited tax general obligation and refunding bonds, Series 2021. Arny said the Capital Facilities Committee has approved projects that include work on the Juvenile Detention Center as well as work at the county's newly acquired properties. He said the costs would be roughly \$6 million for the Juvenile project and \$6.6 million for the newly acquired properties. Arny said there will be two separate bonds.

Tamara Hayes discussed a resolution to establish the Lewis County Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Advisory Commission.

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Doug Carey and Steve Wohld discussed a resolution to approve a contract to install a new roof at the "Rainier Building" at 185 N.W. Chehalis Ave.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to reappoint Heidi Buswell to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) Advisory Council.

Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing to approve a franchise to the Lewis County PUD #1 to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunication line facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing to approve a franchise to the City of Winlock to install, construct, operate and maintain sewer line facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Held: A resolution to elect the 2021 Chair and Vice Chair for the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to move two consent items, six deliberation items and two hearings to the Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Roundtable

Becky Butler discussed a United Way grant created to help struggling food establishment employees.

Josh Metcalf discussed efforts to prepare for the 2021 construction season.

Matt Patana discussed renovations taking place at the county's newly acquired properties. He said Weed will move to the area soon. He said DEM will move to the site Weed is vacating.

Tamara Hayes said the fair is selling holiday packs.

Becky Butler reminded the group that Dec. 9 is the final day for turning in CRF reimbursement requests.

Rieva Lester reminded the group that Dec. 10 is the deadline for Angel Tree donations.

Commissioner Fund discussed recent disturbances at the Timberland Regional Library. She said three trustees are leaving. She said the administration team gave an administrative assistant a 54 percent raise and another individual a 27 percent raise. She said the board also has provided administrators 43 days of annual leave.

COVID-19

JP Anderson provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases. He discussed guidance provided to area schools regarding school transmissions of COVID-19.

JP discussed rumors about an upcoming bill that would regionalize health districts.

Meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.