

Directors' Update

January 27, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Andy Caldwell, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Lara McRea, Scott Smitherman, Josh Metcalf, Tamara Hayes, Matt Haeger, Lee Napier, Becky Butler, Steve Wohld, JP Anderson, Tailor Albright, Tammy Martin, Patrick Shults, Suzette Smith, Lara McRea, Meja Handlen, Casey Mauermann, Matt Patana

Guests: Former Commissioner Edna Fund, Susan DeLaire, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Rieva Lester discussed a call for bids for the official newspaper to publish all of Lewis County's legal and other official notices for one year beginning July 1, 2021.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify consultant supplements over \$40,000 for an active Public Works project.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation and authorizing signatures thereon.

Scott Smitherman discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between TransAlta Centralia Board Funding LLC and the Lewis County 911 Communications Center for FFY 2021.

Former Commissioner Fund discussed a resolution to continue support for a basin-wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration.

Commissioner Stamper discussed a resolution to cancel delinquent personal property and mineral rights taxes from the tax collection system.

Becky Butler discussed a hearing for the Lewis County 2021 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, five deliberation items and one hearing to the Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Swope seconded the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson provided an update on COVID-19 cases and vaccines. JP noted that the county does not receive the vaccines itself but that it does receive information about what entities are receiving and administering the vaccines.

JP noted that individuals without internet access can call the state Department of Health at 800-525-0127 and press #.

Announcements

Erik Martin said the directors met Jan. 26 to discuss implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Erik noted he would testify on behalf of the state Public Works Board later in the day.

Doug Carey said permits are being turned in for the various capital projects.

Josh Metcalf said the state committee is continuing to review potential sites for an airport. He said the state's list includes six potential airport sites already in existence. He said he would meet with the commissioners the following week to further discuss the matter.

Scott Smitherman said the microwave relay at the Law and Justice center is being replaced.

Steve Wohld said HR would be reaching out to offices and departments regarding union negotiations in relation to the salary survey.

Becky Butler said the Budget department is reaching out regarding plans for implementing the final phase of Munis.

Matt Patana said the project to replace the eyebrow at the Fairgrounds grandstands has been completed. He noted that the Department of Emergency Management has completed its move to the basement floor of the historic courthouse.

Commissioner Stamper said he would reach out to Richard DeBolt about serving on the PacMtn. board.

Meeting ended at 10 a.m.