

BOCC Wrap-Up

February 8, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Chris Panush, Eric Eisenberg, JP Anderson, Bill Teitzel, Josh Metcalf, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Suzette Smith

Guests: Edna Fund, Frank Corbin, Nic Scott, Peter Lahmann, The Chronicle

Recorders: Tammy Martin and Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the Business Meeting agenda Resolution 21-060 to approve a collective bargaining agreement between Lewis County and the Association of Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

J.P. Anderson requested permission to add an accounting specialist position. He said there is great need for the position.

Rieva Lester joined and Tammy Martin left at 9:09 a.m.

JP noted that the accounting specialist position would be covered by CARES funding, presumably beyond 2021.

County Manager Erik Martin said having additional staff will help maximize the use of outside funding, including CARES Act funding. JP noted it would allow the county to seek additional outside funding and grants.

The commissioners approved JP's request for a Public Health accounting specialist.

Erik said WSDOT has extended its deadline regarding Blakeslee Junction. However, he said, WSDOT has not yet provided an appraisal.

The commissioners reviewed Eric Eisenberg's draft letter regarding the Industrial Park at TransAlta (IPAT).

The group discussed bills the state Legislature is reviewing, including 1382.

The group reviewed potential verbiage for an Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) policy. Eric said he will work on revising the OPMA policy. The group discussed allowing the ability to amend agendas, discuss topics and then add those topics to future agendas for action. The commissioners directed the PA's Office to work on an update for the commissioners' OPMA policy.

Erik discussed the structure of Wrap-Up and suggested setting aside time to allow the commissioners to review activities they have been working on.

Former Commissioner Fund provided an update on efforts regarding flooding.

Eric discussed the Comprehensive Plan hearing planned for later in the day. He provided sample language for the motion(s).

Commissioner Swope discussed District Court judges' concerns regarding the unsanitary conditions at the Bob Lyle Building. Rieva Lester noted that the judges indicated the county has an agreement with the city of Morton under which the city is responsible for cleaning the building. Commissioner Stamper said he would reach out to Morton Mayor Dan Mortensen about the judges' concerns.

The commissioner approved minutes for the week of Jan. 25.

Meeting ended at 9:55 a.m.