

BOCC Wrap-Up

February 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Steve Wohld, Doug Carey, Chris Panush, Eric Eisenberg, Josh Metcalf, Alison Puckett, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Tailor Albright

Guests: Edna Fund, Frank Corbin, Nic Scott, Susan DeLaire, The Chronicle, Larry McGee

Recorder: Rieva Lester

The commissioners discussed a meeting with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and TransAlta planned for later in the day.

Eric Eisenberg presented the commissioners with prep work for the meeting.

The commissioners said they would visit the area's nine mayors to obtain their signatures on a separate letter in response to the proposed acquisition.

The commissioners approved routing a letter from the commissioners regarding the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed acquisition of TransAlta land.

Josh Metcalf discussed the failure of Pidgeon Springs Road. He also discussed other areas Public Works is monitoring, including Shorey Road. He said Salzer Valley Road likely will remain closed through 2021. Josh and Chris Panush discussed a winter storm event expected to hit beginning Feb. 11. Chris discussed creating a policy regarding inclement weather.

County Manager Erik Martin noted he has policy-making authority and will work on a plan later in the day.

Erik said DeltaWrx will draft a recommendation about the future of Lewis County's 911 by week's end.

Steve Wohld said county crews are prepared to treat sidewalks, etc., in response to the upcoming snowstorm.

Commissioner Pollock discussed upcoming deadlines for the state Legislature.

Doug Carey discussed a bill dealing with the jurisdiction of juvenile courts. If passed, he said, it would be an unfunded mandate increasing costs to Lewis County. He asked about "member-sponsored special projects." He asked how the process begins. Commissioner Pollock said she would work with Doug.

The commissioners approved sending a letter to Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler regarding spotted owl habitat.

Commissioner Stamper said the Packwood Business Club voted to support the 2021 Packwood Flea Market. He said he wants to discuss the approval process for food permits for the event.

Commissioner Pollock noted that telecommuting options created in response to the pandemic may help during the expected snowstorm.

The commissioners discussed their calendars.

Meeting ended at 10:03 a.m.