

County Manager Update

March 22, 2021

11:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Lara McRea, Taylor Albright, Matt Patana, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier

Guests: Edna J. Fund, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Becky Butler said she is reaching out for additional information about the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Grant position (ARP): Becky said it's still unclear whether the grant coordinator administrator position would be an allowable use under ARP.

Internal Services update

Fair: Erik Martin said the rodeo committee recently met and plans to move forward with an August rodeo. He said the county will host a fair to whatever extent is legally possible. He said the Fairgrounds is seeing an uptick in outside events and expects to see at least 70 events, such as dog shows, etc., during the year. Commissioner Pollock said a consultant is conducting a study regarding the fair and what the public views as its priorities. Former Commissioner Fund said the Fair Committee will meet April 6.

Erik said IT is working on video projects in the courtrooms and helping with jury trials taking place at RE Bennett.

Erik said IT also is working on a website refresh as well as planning for potential long-term projects.

CFP projects: Erik said work on the Juvenile design continues. He said the county may partner with Maple Lane to house the kids at Juvenile during construction. He said Facilities is looking at incorporating solar panels during Community Development's move to the Chehalis campus.

Erik provided the following additional updates:

- A report regarding the animal shelter designates the Jackson Highway and Forest Napavine site as the best possible location for the new shelter.
- The county is working on abatement for the demolition of the old credit union.
- The county is installing new doors – with key card entrance – at the ADA entrance of the historic courthouse.
- The Salary Study changes have been tabled until March 30.

Strategic planning

Erik reviewed a new form created to help track Strategic planning progress.

Meeting ended at 11:29 a.m.