

BOCC Wrap-Up

May 3, 2021

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Chris Panush, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Eric Eisenberg, Lee Napier, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Tailor Albright

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Edna Fund, Susan DeLaire, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Agenda change

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the May 4, 2021, Business Meeting agenda Resolution 21-176 to authorize the initial placements of Animal Shelter Technician to be placed on the current Lewis County Salary Grid (13 Step Grid) for non-union extra help.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Public information officer and strategic planning

Commissioner Swope discussed the creation of a public information officer (PIO) position. He also discussed strategic planning and the need to set a vision and establish core values and a mission statement.

Commissioner Swope said he would meet with the other electeds to see if there is buy-in for a PIO position.

Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Erik Martin and Chris Panush shared their thoughts on the creation of a public information specialist.

Water banking

Commissioner Pollock reported that the state Legislature has set aside \$14 million for establishing water banks. She stressed the need to plan ahead to meet future needs, noting that the local Water Conservancy Board might oversee any purchased water banks. The commissioners directed Commissioner Pollock to continue her efforts to secure additional water capacity.

Toledo airport

Commissioner Stamper said Lewis County is only being considered under general aviation, despite a recent Q13 story. Josh Metcalf said the aviation committee met recently and that Toledo is listed as the least-desirable site.

Bills passed by the state Legislature

Commissioner Pollock discussed challenges related to legal financial obligations linked to the Blake decision, transportation bonding and low-carbon fuel standards.

COVID-19

Erik discussed a walk-in vaccination clinic held at the courthouse April 30.

Minute folders

The commissioners approved minute folders for the weeks of April 12 and 19.

Activity reports

Commissioner Pollock said she attended the Vader May Day parade over the weekend.

Meeting ended at 9:58 a.m.