

County Manager Update

May 3, 2021

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Lara McRea, Becky Butler, Chris Panush, Taylor Albright, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier

Guest: Edna J. Fund, Nic Scott, The Chronicle

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Commissioner Stamper said the federal government appears poised to reallocate Secure Rural Schools. He said lawmakers also are setting aside 2022-23 funding for Timber Counties.

Strategic planning

Erik Martin said he met with Joe Clark and Larry McGee about outreach regarding the strategic plan.

He said he'd like to invite the commissioners to attend meetings with groups within their districts.

Personnel

Public Information Specialist: Erik said the position has been scored at a 123 on the salary grid. The group discussed the need to identify software skills. Erik said the BOCC would absorb the costs of the position and that the employee would primarily serve the BOCC but could help other offices and departments.

Commissioner Pollock asked if the position can wait until the next budget cycle. Erik said there would be benefits to doing it sooner due to the upcoming allocation of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, a portion of which could be used to cover the costs of the position. He said the BOCC could wait until the U.S. Treasury releases guidelines for the use of the ARP funding. He said he will craft a statement indicating why the position would be needed sooner.

Commissioner Stamper discussed large projects on the horizon and the need to allow Erik to delegate some meeting attendance and projects, etc., to others to allow him time to tackle the big projects.

911

Erik said he will meet with Jill Anderson and Rob Hill later in the day regarding steps to take in the wake of the DELTAWRX study.

Announcements

Erik said the Flood Control group will hold interviews with potential media consultants May 4.

Erik said a new Maintenance Technician has been hired.

Erik said he has a mock-up of security changes to the BOCC office.

Community Development

Commissioner Stamper discussed setting up recurring meetings regarding housing, such as the recurring meeting Cowlitz County holds with contractors, real estate personnel, etc.

Vacation

Erik said he will be out of the office the first week of June and again in mid-July.

Commissioner Pollock said she will be out of the office the last Friday of May.

Meeting ended at 11:39 a.m.