

County Manager Update

May 24, 2021

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Lara McRea, Tailor Albright, Katie Conradi

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

Recorder: Rieva Lester

COVID-19 policy: Steve Wohld said he has used guidance created by the PA's Office to create a draft countywide mask policy in response to L and I's recent guidance regarding the state's updated COVID-19 mask mandates.

IT services

Cybersecurity: Steve Wohld urged caution and extra vigilance as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding becomes available. He said IT is working on additional protection.

Wifi: Steve said IT is looking to improve the county's Wifi bandwidth and security.

ARPA website: Steve said IT is working on a dedicated web page for ARPA funding to provide transparency.

OpenGov: Steve said IT is working to implement the new OpenGov tools.

Budget season: Steve said Risk rates are being set. He said he also is trying to balance the Fair budget.

Parks / Fair / tourism

Interviews: Interviews scheduled for May 26.

Equipment / tools: Tools are being ordered.

Improvements: Steve said work is being done to improve the fairgrounds.

Vehicles: Steve said the Fair will buy some Fleet "wash-downs." He said a Gator and mower have been purchased and that two carts will be purchased.

Advertising events via DLC: Steve said DLC is beginning to advertise upcoming events. He said DLC may seek additional funding to help with Facebook posts, etc.

Guidelines for fairs / events: Steve said the state is expected to issue guidelines for fairs soon.

Steve said the Fair Association would like the South Stage renamed in honor of the Fair Association.

Capital projects

Doug report: Doug Carey said construction documents for the Juvenile project should be ready at the end of June, the project will go out to bid in July and the occupants would need to be relocated in October.

Demo / abatement: Doug said bids were opened the previous week and that a resolution soon will be prepared to award the bid. He said two homes near the Law and Justice building will be torn down at the same time.

Design / permitting: Doug said permit efforts continue.

Law and Justice demo / repairs / paint: Doug said the project will take roughly three months. He said the new paint color has not yet been selected.

Health building water leaks and HVAC: Steve said the water leaks were caused by faulty windows, which will cost roughly \$400,000 to \$500,000 to replace. He said the county is considering installing an HVAC unit at the same time, replacing the window units. He said the HVAC system would cost an additional \$500,000 or so. Steve said IT could be displaced – and possibly moved to Motorpool. Steve said relocating IT would cost roughly \$1 million. Steve said he believes ARPA funding could be used for the projects, noting that funds to move Motorpool to Central Shop already were included in the bond. Commissioner Stamper said he wants to see work done to create a sheriff substation at the Kiona shop.

HR / Risk

Chris Panush said work on an updated mask policy continues. He said work also continues on an updated records policy. He said Risk will create a summary of the changes to the records policy.

Real estate discussion: At 11:42 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for 10 minutes to discuss real estate.

Executive session started at 11:45 a.m.

At 11:55 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

Executive session ended at noon. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.