

BOCC Wrap-Up

May 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Chris Panush, Lara McRea, Eric Eisenberg, Tailor Albright, Matt Patana, J.P. Anderson, Steve Wohld, Lara McRea, Lee Napier

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

Recorder: Tammy Martin

At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss the northern spotted owl. Executive session started at 9:03 a.m. and ended at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Pollock announced no decisions had been made. Commissioner Swope made a motion to accept \$140,000 from the US government for Northern Spotted Owl litigation purposes. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

Lakeview Inn in Centralia

Eric Eisenberg said there are three major concerns with the Lakeview Inn being selected as a quarantine site, including this being a Department of Corrections approved facility for work-release individuals experiencing COVID-19, cases at this facility would be counted against ours and the third concern was the lack of notification to city and county government. Those being monitored at this site would be foreign citizens and Department of Corrections work-release participants. This location is for those that do not have any other place to go. Under the Washington state of emergency, zoning requirements are outside of the cities' control, according to the City of Centralia's attorney. The previous site was in southern Thurston County. Commissioner Swope would like to write a letter disapproving the actions and logic of the site selection. Commissioner Swope said there was no common sense in placing a quarantine area in the middle of Centralia. The patients can leave at any time, infecting those in local area businesses. This could also potentially overwhelm local healthcare and impact the economy. Commissioner Pollock said there is a huge liability to the community surrounding the location and that should be noted. Eric Eisenberg said he would partner with Amber Smith and Jonathan Meyer to determine if there may be any civil liability. Eric Eisenberg suggested partnering with the hotel owner to see what precautions are in place for individuals needing care. Both Commissioners are concerned about the location.

Commissioner Swope attended a couple meetings with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). He met with the Lewis County Sheriff and discussed the changes in law enforcement that are creating difficulties in retaining people. Commissioner Swope said the Lewis Mason Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) is one of his favorite boards to attend. He loves the passion for the seniors that is present at the meetings.

Commissioner Pollock attended Farm Bureau and discussed land-use issues and waterbank planning.

J.P. Anderson provided updates from a school work group concerning positive cases. These cases affect multiple people and he is working with schools to take preventative measures to minimize the effects.

Meeting ended 9:38 a.m.