

BOCC Wrap-Up

July 19, 2021

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Gwen Reed, Daleyn Coleman, Josh Metcalf, Lee Napier, Lara McRea, Doug Carey, Katie Conradi, Tailor Arrington, Todd Chaput

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Ryan Trotter

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Becky Butler introduced Gwen Reed, the Budget Department's new budget technician.

Commissioner Pollock said she would like to hold proposed Resolution 21-272: Approve a \$135,000 .09 ("Distressed Counties") grant to the East Lewis County PDA for its Populuxe Brewing Tenant Improvement project. She said she is working with the EDC to update the language of the resolution and agreement.

Agenda changes

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the July 20, 2021, Business Meeting agenda the following items:

Resolution 21-269: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Newaukum Valley Road MP 1.085-1.105 Bank Stabilization Project.

Resolution 21-270: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lincoln Creek Rd. MP 13.7 Culvert Replacement Project.

Resolution 21-271: Approve a \$20,000 "Distressed Counties" grant to the EDC for its project to update Vader's Urban Design Standards.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

EDC's stakeholders' meeting: Becky Butler reviewed the EDC's agenda for its upcoming American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stakeholders' meeting planned for July 21. The commissioners discussed the topics they will address during the BOCC's allotted time at the meeting.

Lewis County Seniors: Becky Butler said Commissioner Stamper sent the Lewis County Seniors a letter reminding the group that its MOU with the county will expire July 31, 2021, as the county's declaration of a local emergency sunsets. Becky said the Lewis County Seniors group has been working with the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging to ensure there is no gap in coverage for its program.

Todd Chaput joined at 9:11 a.m. He indicated he will send an updated list of confirmed attendees for the EDC's July 21 stakeholders' meeting.

Fair vacancies: Commissioner Pollock said the county received four applications for the two vacant volunteer positions on the fair board. She said one applicant withdrew their application. She said she'd like the BOCC to appoint Joshua Heinricher and Kelly Sneed to fill the two vacancies. The board directed staff to draft a resolution appointing Joshua Heinricher and Kelly Sneed to fill the two fair committee vacancies.

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) meeting: Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Pollock said they may be interested in attending FEMA's proposed meeting.

Legislative update: Commissioner Swope said the Sheriff's Office could not respond to a recent call regarding a report of an attempted suicide due to changes linked to recent legislation. Commissioner Pollock said mental health professionals have volunteered to work with the Sheriff's Office to provide support but that their efforts have been declined due to insurance concerns.

The commissioners gave the following activity reports:

- Commissioner Swope: Attended virtual STP
- Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Swope: Attended Napavine's Funtime Festival.

TransAlta: Commissioner Swope said he would provide a TransAlta update during the July 20 PA Update.

COVID-19: Daleyn Coleman said HR is working on an updated COVID policy that addresses exposure guidelines and vaccines.

Props: Commissioner Swope said he'd like the commissioners to implement policy that prohibits meeting attendees from bringing in props.

Calendars: The commissioners reviewed their calendars, noting that Commissioner Swope may be out of the area the week of July 26 and that Commissioner Stamper will be out of the office for a conference Aug. 2-4.

Minute folders: The commissioners approved minutes for the week of June 28, 2021.

Commissioner Pollock said she plans to apply for a seat on WSAC's transmission corridor committee.

Meeting ended at 9:29 a.m.