

County Manager Update

July 19, 2021

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Daleyn Coleman, Megan Eastman, Lara McRea, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Katie Conradi, Taylor Arrington

Guests: Ryan Trotter

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Budget

Becky Butler discussed and Internal Rates meeting that took place the previous week. She said staff is working on expenditures the current week.

Public Works / DEM

Josh Metcalf said area fire crews fought blazes at Gish Road and Jackson Highway over the weekend. He said Public Works support was not required but that staff will help with fire response locally if needed, especially with traffic. Josh noted that the fire danger is high. Josh said there has been an uptick in complaints and that the complaints have taken a very unprofessional tone. Josh said the transfer station is setting records for tonnage and the number of customers.

911

Erik Martin said the 911 group has asked to switch from WCIF to PEBB for insurance. He said the switch could save the individuals money and that it likely would be potentially be save the county a money, too.

Daleyn Coleman said it would be an anomaly to change the 911 contract mid-contract but that it could be done. She said the request would take effect for 2022 coverage.

Daleyn said PEBB increases have been single-digit increases, while WCIF has seen double-digit increases historically.

Megan Eastman said the Sheriff and Ops are on PEBB.

Daleyn said if all 911 employees were on the family plan, the switch would cost the county \$125,000 but that if all employees enrolled in the single plan, the county would save \$200,000.

Daleyn said a decision would be needed by Aug. 1.

COVID-19 policy

Erik said the county's donated leave pool policy was tied to the local emergency declaration. He noted that it expired in June 2021. Erik said he'd like to create a new policy but would like to commissioner to extend the expired one until the end of the month so the donated hours can be used. Daleyn noted that the donated fund has collected donated hours with a combined value of \$66,000.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to extend the county's COVID-Emergency Policy and Procedure through July 30, 2021.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.