

BOCC Wrap-Up

July 26, 2021

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Chris Panush, Daleyn Coleman, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Gwen Reed, Scott Tinney, Stephanie Miller, Shad Hail, Arny Davis, Tailor Arrington, Connie Riker, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the July 27 BOCC Business Meeting the following:

- **Resolution 21-272:** Approve a \$135,000 .09 ("Distressed Counties") grant to the East Lewis County PDA for its "Building Improvement to Marketable Status" project.

Commissioner Stamper seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

The group discussed the previous week's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stakeholder meeting.

Shad Hail said he is requesting to fully fund a Family Court Guardian Ad Litem position. Shad said he has one employee whose position is 80 percent Juvenile employee / 20 percent court position. Shad said the position actually devotes 20 percent of their time to Juvenile and 80 percent of their time to the Guardian Ad Litem program.

Shad said he'd like to add a 1.0 FTE for the program.

Shad said he is requesting that the Family Treatment Court be allowed to fully take over the position.

Stephanie Miller provided a review of Family Recovery Court participation levels, which have grown dramatically over the years.

Becky Butler said the county's MOU with the Lewis County Seniors will expire at the end of the month.

Commissioner Pollock said she has met with Aspect, which will begin gathering information on water banks and watersheds.

The commissioners reviewed language for a resolution that would tie electeds' salaries to those of the Superior Court judges' salaries.

The commissioners said they were fine with language that indicated that future salary increases would need to be ratified via resolution.

Erik Martin said the board still would need to decide:

- Effective dates
- How to determine BOCC salaries
- Percentages for elected pay
- What to do with the Salary Commission

Becky said Lewis County will receive roughly \$300,000 of the \$30 million allocated for unfunded mandates. She said the funding could be used to cover the body cameras.

Activity reports

Commissioner Pollock said she met with a representative from Weyerhaeuser to discuss renewable energy. She said she attended the recent Packwood Fly-In.

Commissioner Swope said he and PHSS met with representatives of area Farmers' Markets to address recent concerns. He said the Housing Summit will take place Oct. 14 at Bethel Church.

Commissioner Stamper said he attended the Packwood Fly-In and car show over the weekend. He said Vader will have a citywide garage sale on Aug. 7.

The commissioners approved minutes for the week of July 12, 2021.

The commissioners reviewed their calendars.

Meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.