

Directors' Update

July 28, 2021

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Erik Martin, Josh Metcalf, Matt Jaeger, Becky Butler, JP Anderson, Andrew Logerwell, Connie Riker, Kevin McDowell, Doug Carey, Gwen Reed, Alison Puckett, Justia Madrigal, Katie Conradi, Lee Napier, Patrick Shults, Steve Wohld, Michelle Sauter, Steve Wohld

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Gaelon Spradley, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids for the Juvenile Court Renovation and Addition Project, Project # CFP31-2101.

Josh Metcalf discussed the temporary closure of Stowell Road to all through traffic.

Josh Metcalf discussed the temporary closure of Newaukum Valley Road to all through traffic.

HELD: Chris Panush said he was delaying for a week a resolution to amend the CBA between Lewis County and the Lewis County Dispatchers Guild to Change Health Care Providers from WCIF to PEBB Effective January 1, 2022.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to ratify the purchase of new fuel card readers and software from Mascott Equipment and authorizing signature thereon.

Connie Riker discussed a resolution to reappoint four returning members and appoint two new members to the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Commission.

Connie Riker discussed a resolution to appoint Mirinda Moriarty to fill an unexpired term on the Lewis County Outdoor Recreation and Tourism (LCORT) Advisory Commission.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an interlocal agreement between Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Lewis County to access online food worker class.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment B to Mass Vaccination Agreement between Lewis County and Bird's Eye Medical for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move three notice items, two consent items and five deliberation items to the Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Stamper seconded the motion.

Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Lewis County saw 66 new COVID-19 cases and two new hospitalizations the week of July 18-24. JP said 36 percent of county residents have been fully vaccinated.

JP said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that all individuals, vaccinated or not, wear masks in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

JP said even vaccinated individuals are in danger of contracting the Delta variant. He noted that as long as there are individuals who are unvaccinated, the virus will continue to mutate.

Wednesday Workshop / Announcements

Valley View Health Center Chief Executive Officer Gaelon Spradley discussed Valley View Health Center's request for a letter of support as it expands services to include primary care providers at its walk-in clinic on Cooks Hill Road in Centralia.

The commissioners agreed to sign.

The commissioners said they would further discuss the request regarding the guardian ad litem position on Aug. 2.

JP Anderson discussed staffing.

Becky Butler said preliminary budgets will be due in one month. She said Munis updates are under way. She said a budget amendment is scheduled for Aug. 10.

Connie Riker said paint and repair work continues at the fairgrounds. Connie said the fair has had to hire additional casual staff to offset the use of jail inmate labor.

Patrick Shults said WSU staff has returned to in-person work. He discussed efforts with the food banks.

The commissioners directed staff to issue a call for applicants to fill a vacancy on the Public Facilities District Board of Directors.

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss the Watson litigation.

Executive session started at 9:41 a.m.

At 9:46 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 9:51 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

At 9:53 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 1 minute.

Executive Session ended at 9:54 a.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting ended at 9:56 a.m.