

Directors' Update

August 4, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, JP Anderson, Josh Metcalf, Chris Panush, Erika Katt, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Charles Edmonson, Doug Carey, Connie Riker, Scott Tinney, Lee Napier, Alison Puckett, Katie Conradi, Lara McRea, Matt Patana, Meja Handlen, Scott Smitherman, Gwen Reed, Tammy Martin

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Susan DeLaire, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Rieva Lester discussed a proclamation honoring the 2021 Southwest Washington Fair and the Little Miss Friendly Program.

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids for the Chehalis Ridge Radio Site.

Josh Metcalf discussed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to provide annual hydrologic, hydraulic, and geomorphic services for projects including Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded projects, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded projects, and Lewis County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Middle Fork Water & Sewer to install, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Josh Metcalf discussed a notice of hearing regarding a franchise to Vader Water to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Erika Katt discussed a resolution to approve Erika Katt, DEM Planner, as the Lewis County Community Emergency Coordinator and William Teitzel as the Alternate Community Emergency Coordinator for 2021-2022 for hazardous material incidents.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to approve the Twenty-Second Supplement Agreement between West Consultants Inc. and Lewis County, acting as Fiscal Agent for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, and authorization for the Director of Community Development to sign the same on behalf of Lewis County.

Charles Edmonson discussed a resolution to approve a contract between Lewis County Noxious Weed Control and AquaTechnex for Eurasian watermilfoil treatment at Mineral Lake.

Chris Panush discussed a resolution to approve Amend the Current CBA between Lewis County and the Lewis County Dispatchers Guild to Change Health Care Providers from WCIF to PEBB Effective January 1, 2022.

Held: Resolution to establish the rate of pay for a non-union extra help water utility operator.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an Agreement between Washington Health Care Authority and Lewis County for CBO Prevention Services.

Held: Resolution to approve Amendment B between Lewis County and Reliable Enterprises to increase budget for Housing.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to remove Fabiola Gonzalez from and appoint Jerry Clark to the Lewis County Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Panel through December 31, 2021.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between Lewis County and Reliable Enterprises to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between Lewis County and Morningside to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Erik Martin discussed a resolution to establish salaries for Elected Officials.

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

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to declare a state of emergency for Lewis County to include the Shorey Road Emergency Bank Stabilization Project under WAC 197-11-880 and WAC 173-27-040(2)(d).

Becky Butler discussed a hearing for the Lewis County 2021 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move one presentation, four notice items, two consent items, 11 deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Pollock seconded the motion.

Motion passed 2-0.

Rieva Lester noted there likely would be a late add from HR to ratify salary changes for four the Deputy Coroner positions.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Lewis County reported 148 new COVID-19 cases and nine new hospitalizations for the week of July 25-31. JP said there is one outbreak in a congregate care setting. He said 44.5 percent of county residents age 16 and older are fully vaccinated. JP discussed the outbreak and voluntary shutdown at UNFI. He said 48 of the 100-plus cases at UNFI involve Lewis County residents.

Roundtable

JP said Public Health and Social Services is working on its 2022 budget.

Josh Metcalf said the State Auditor's Office is onsite for its audit. He said Public Works also is working on its 2022 budget. Josh discussed projects Public Works is working on.

Chris Panush said county employees have until Aug. 27 to sign up for long-term care. Steve Wohld said hiccups with the website would be fixed later in the day.

Becky Butler and Erik Martin encouraged offices and departments to carve out time for their work on budgets. Becky discussed changes to budget limitations and all-day budget meetings.

Doug Carey said the county is receiving a lot of interest regarding the Juvenile project, which recently went out to bid.

Connie Riker discussed updates at the fair.

Scott Smitherman discussed radio upgrades as well as efforts to secure grant funding.

Matt Patana discussed Facilities work at the Fairgrounds and throughout the county.

Wednesday Workshop

Josh Metcalf said he would like the commissioners to consider providing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Vader and Middle Fork Water Systems. He said repairs totaling more than \$5 million have been identified.

Meeting ended at 9:50 a.m.