

Directors' Update

September 8, 2021

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Josh Metcalf, Chris Panush, Doug Carey, Matt Patana, Lee Napier, Scott Smitherman, Austin Majors, Erika Katt, Connie Riker, Alison Puckett, Lara McRea, Matt Jaeger, Tammy Martin, Patrick Shults, Mindy Brooks, JP Anderson, Steve Wohld, Scott Smitherman

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Susan DeLaire, Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Erika Katt discussed a proclamation recognizing September as National Preparedness Month in Lewis County.

Doug Carey discussed a call for bids for the Community Development/Environmental Renovation Project, Project # 31-2102.

Josh Metcalf discussed a call for bids for one or more 10/12 yard dump trucks for the Public Works Road Maintenance Division.

Chris Panush discussed a resolution to establish the rate of pay for a non-union extra help Civil Service secretary.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment C between Lewis County and Bird's Eye to correct scrivener's error and add services.

Erika Katt and Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve an agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Military Department for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and authorizing signature thereon.

Erika Katt discussed a resolution to approve a memorandum of understanding between Lewis County Division of Emergency Management and Twin Transit.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve an amended road use permit to Lewis County from ORM Timber Operating Company IL, LLC for access to a radio repeater site on Hopkins Hill and authorize signatures thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a contract increase over \$200,000 for a Public Works project.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve the proposed establishment of a new county road off Baker Drive, Mossyrock.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a County Road Easement No. 50-092552 between Lewis County and DNR and authorizing signatures thereon.

Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing to approve a franchise to Middle Fork Water & Sewer to install, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer facilities in Lewis County road rights of way. (Continuation of hearing started on Aug. 31, 2021.)

Josh Metcalf discussed a hearing to approve a franchise to Enchanted Valley Vader Water to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities in Lewis County road rights of way. (Continuation of hearing started on Aug. 31, 2021.)

Lee Napier discussed a hearing to consider Ordinance 1327 and to amend Lewis County Code 17.38, Critical Areas.

Lee Napier discussed a hearing to consider Ordinance 1328 and to amend Lewis County Code 15.35.150, Shoreline Permits or Exemptions.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move one presentation, two notice items, two consent items, eight deliberation items and four hearings to the Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, BOCC agenda.

Commissioner Pollock seconded the motion.

Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson reviewed Lewis County's COVID cases for the week of Aug. 29 to Sept. 4:

- 382 new COVID-19 cases
- 39 new hospitalizations
- 6 new deaths
- 10 active outbreaks in congregate care settings

JP noted that Lewis County is reviewing additional deaths the state already has attributed to Lewis County.

JP noted that 44.8 percent of Lewis County residents have initiated vaccination and that 39.2 percent of residents have been fully vaccinated.

Roundtable

Becky Butler discussed low-cost broadband access. Becky discussed the four applicants for the District 3 representative for the Citizens Budget Committee. The commissioners said they would again review the list Sept. 10. Becky noted that preliminary budgets due Sept. 13 for offices and departments.

JP thanked Erika for her work on the weekly healthcare meetings.

Matt Jaeger said work is being done to lay the groundwork for a new countywide phone system.

Becky noted that she would have a late add for Sept. 14: an RFP for broadband.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.