

Directors' Update

April 27, 2022

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Judge Toynebee, Susie Palmateer, JP Anderson, Josh Metcalf, Lee Napier, Mindy Brooks, Doug Carey, Chris Panush, JP Anderson, Patrick Schults, Preston Pinkston, Connie Riker (9:17 a.m.)

Guests: Sitts and Hill, Daphne Lughes, Greg Helland, Heather R., Kathy Hargrave, Nic Scott, Tim O'Neill, Samantha Winkle, John Rodgers

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Audio / video recording system for Superior Court courtrooms

Judge Toynebee said the Administrative Office of the Courts has awarded Lewis County \$110,000 toward its audio / video needs, leaving a need for \$113,000 in funding.

Commissioner Grose made a motion to authorize Superior Court's purchase of audio / video recording system. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Matt Jaeger said he would work on ER and R plans.

Commissioner Grose clarified that he would like to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds earmarked for technology for the purchase.

Motion passed 2-0.

Directors' Update agenda items

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to publish Lewis County's On-Call Consultant Roster and appoint the Public Works Director as approving authority for category changes.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to publish the Small Works Roster for Lewis County and appoint the Public Works Director as approving authority for category changes.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment #R01-0135-22-A to professional service contract #R01-0135-21 between Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment #M01-0134-22-A to professional service contract #M01-0134-21 between Morningside and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment #C01-0133-22-A to Professional Service Contract #C01-0133-21 between Compass Career Solutions and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Amendment #EquityVaccineConnect-D Memorandum of Understanding between Equity Institute and Lewis County Public Health & Social Services.

JP Anderson discussed a resolution to approve Agreement #TSAESG-CV-B between Lewis County and The Salvation Army to provide funds through the housing assistance unit Emergency Solutions COVID19 Grant.

Lee Napier discussed an ordinance to approve amendments to Chapter 17.10, Definitions, 17.15 Urban Growth Areas - Cities, 17.30, Resource Lands, 17.42, Land Use Summary, and 17.142, Land Use Standards of the Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Grose made a motion to move two notice items, two consent items, five deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, May 3, 2022, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

COVID-19

JP Anderson said Lewis County had 28 new COVID-19 cases, three new hospitalizations and two new deaths for the most recent reporting week (April 15-21, 2022).

Announcements

JP Anderson said the county's new Animal Shelter manager will start May 2. Commissioner Grose asked whether Public Health and Social Services could expand the number of days it provides water testing.

Matt Jaeger said Island County's email have been blocked due to a cyberattack.

Connie Riker joined at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Grose said Twin Transit has received a \$1.8 million TransAlta grant. He said Twin Transit also has announced a plan to convert to hydrogen buses.

Commissioner Pollock discussed a recent County Roads Administration Board (CRAB) meeting.

Erik Martin thanked the county's administrative professionals.

Commissioner Grose discussed a FEMA announcement regarding the Nisqually and the Packwood area.

Wednesday Workshop

Ordinance 1333: Mindy Brooks provided an overview of Ordinance 1333, which would amend Chapter 17 of Lewis County Code. She said the ordinance would make changes regarding the following:

- Composting
- Data collection and research
- Minimum lot sizes
- Code violations

Composting

Mindy said the code changes are being sought by Meridian Hill Composting Inc. She said the changes would allow for composting facilities in rural areas.

She said Ordinance 1333 would:

- Allow composting facilities in RDD, ARL and industrial zones.
- Update setback and screening / fencing standards.
- Define “composting” and “composting facilities.”

Waste Connections Site Manager Samantha Winkle said none of Waste Connections’ facilities process biosolids and that no biosolids work is planned at a proposed Centralia site, which she said would process yard waste, woody debris and food waste.

Waste Connections Regional Engineer John Rodgers said the company hopes to build a new facility at the TransAlta site in Centralia.

Josh Metcalf encouraged the commissioners to accommodate the changes because the composting industry would be able to help deal with the county’s yard waste.

Erik Martin asked what can be done to mitigate odors.

Samantha said the odors would be treated by a biofilter and that the odors would be limited to on-site spread only.

John Rodgers said the proposed facility would have a 15-acre footprint on a 90-acre site. He said the land’s bowl-shaped topographical shape and natural ridgeline will provide a natural screening process.

Samantha discussed upcoming state regulations regarding yard waste.

Samantha and John described the technology that would be used at the proposed Centralia site.

Mindy said the commissioners could choose to strike “other biosolids” from the language about composting facilities.

Data collection and research

Mindy said the code change is being sought by Scout Clean Energy. She said current code allows data collection and research that is directly connected to the primary forestry, agricultural or mineral uses. She said the proposed code change would allow data collection and research that is not directly connected to the primary resource use.

Mindy said the ordinance would specify the following:

- Structures would have to have no impact on the primary use.
- Equipment could only be placed temporarily.
- Structures would have to be removed after 10 years.
- The land would have to be returned to its original condition.

Lee Napier discussed what would trigger a state review – rather than a county review – of a project.

Mindy noted that the commissioners could strike the “data collection and research” portion of the proposed ordinance and direct staff to further review it.

Minimum lot sizes

Mindy said the change would simply compile existing data into one table.

Code violations

Mindy said the amendment would clarify that the county has authority to enforce code in the Urban Growth Areas.

Mindy said the hearing will be May 3. She noted that written testimony is still being allowed.

Review Stakeholders meeting agenda: The commissioners reviewed and approved the proposed agenda.

Early deadline for Memorial Day weekend: Rieva Lester said items for the May 31 Directors' Update and the June 1 Business Meeting must be finalized by 10 a.m. May 25.

Calendars: Commissioner Grose said a “Fire-wise” presentation about wildfire preparedness is planned for 6 p.m. April 28 at the Community Hall in Packwood.

Correspondence: Commissioner Grose said he would respond regarding a recent complaint regarding a boundary line adjustment.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.