

County Manager Update

July 11, 2022

10 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Steve Wohld, Stephanie Miller, Robert Bradley, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Connie Riker, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Mindy Brooks

Guest: Nic Scott

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

County lobbyist RFQ: Erik Martin said the county received three responses to its request for qualifications for a county lobbyist. Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Grose expressed support for candidate Josh Weiss. Erik said he would provide the commissioners with the submittals and would explore the applicants' areas of expertise before bringing it back before them the following week.

Personnel Action Form (PAF) signing authority: Erik said he will provide a read-ahead about PAFs and further discuss the topic the following week.

Budget: No updates.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding: Becky Butler said the Fox Theatre, Vader and Napavine have been asked to submit ARPA applications by the end of the week.

Public Works / Department of Emergency Management

Central Shop underground storage tank: Erik said an aging diesel fuel tank needs to be replaced because it's rusty and the rust is flaking off into the tank. Erik said funding from Restorical Research could potentially be used to replace the tank. Josh said the tank has been cleaned twice and that the tank's filters are having to be replaced three times per month. The commissioners directed Josh to move forward with an analysis and proposal.

Summer maintenance and construction updates: Josh said the program is roughly 45 days behind schedule. He said pavement repair and chipseal preparation is underway. Josh said chipseal crews will start in Area 3 and then move to Area 2. He said crews will be working Fridays and Saturdays through August to make up for time lost due to weather. He said the plan is to finish contract work for the area cities by Sept. 2. Josh said striping has been contingent of the weather. Josh said Public Works is working on 18 active FEMA projects. Josh said he continues work on the Vader water and Packwood ARPA projects.

Internal Services update: Steve Wohld said parking lots are going back out to bid. He said Isaac Freeman is working on wayfaring signage.

911: Erik said the new 911 director will start July 18.

Community Development and Planning Commission security: Erik discussed concerns regarding keeping the courthouse open for the Planning Commission meetings until the Community Development building is completed. He asked the commissioners how to pay for the additional security. The commissioners supported Erik's suggestion to have Community Development pay for it out of its professional services budget.

Announcements: Erik noted that the fire marshal plans to enact burn restrictions in response to dry conditions.

Executive session regarding real estate: At 10:39 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCWs 42.30.110(1)(b) and 42.30.110(1)(c) for 10 minutes to discuss real estate.

Executive session started at 10:39 a.m.

- At 10:49 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.
- At 10:54 a.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 3 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 10:57 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting ended at 10:59 a.m.