

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

November 28, 2022

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Amber Smith, Lara McRea, Nic Scott, Doug Carey, Eric Eisenberg, Graham Gowing, Matt Jaeger, Meja Handlen, Michelle Sauter, Mindy Brooks, Kate Chatterton, Tammy Martin, Kevin McDowell (9:09 a.m.), Josh Metcalf (9:28 a.m.)

Guest(s): Commissioner-elect Scott Brummer, John Christian

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Wrap-Up items

Mossyrock overlook: Erik Martin said staff has prepared draft resolutions and letters of support for the BOCC and area entities to help support the renaming of the Riffe Lake overlook in honor of former Commissioner Gary Stamper. He said staff is working on a press release and video requesting public input and that the BOCC will plan a resolution for mid-December.

Legislative agenda discussion: Erik said he will route a draft agenda for the December Legislative Roundtable. The commissioners agreed to add EFSEC / local control to the “watchdog” list.

Committees / boards for remainder of the year and those effective Jan. 1, 2023: The commissioners said Commissioner-elect Brummer will succeed Commissioner Grose on Twin Transit, .09 and the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board for the remainder of the year.

Minutes: Commissioner Swope made a motion to approval minutes for the weeks of:

- Oct. 3
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 17
- Oct. 24
- Oct. 31
- Nov. 7
- Nov. 14

Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Fire Commissioners’ meetings: Commissioner Swope said sales tax has been brought up at recent Fire Commissioners’ meetings. He said area fire departments are struggling financially and are looking for

funding options. The group noted the positive impact a sales tax could have on special purpose districts. Erik discussed creating a workgroup to help outline a plan for a potential ballot proposal.

Josh Metcalf joined at 9:28 a.m.

Property taxes: Commissioner Swope suggested having Assessor Dianne Dorey or Assessor-elect Ross Nielson give a presentation that outlines the assessment and property tax process.

Mosses Colley et al v. Lewis County et al: At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss Mosses Colley et al v. Lewis County et al.

Executive session started at 9:33 a.m.

- At 9:38 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.
- At 9:43 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.
- At 9:45 a.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

Executive session ended at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to adopt counsel for the county in the Colley vs. Lewis County et al as discussed during executive session. Commissioner Grose seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Erik Martin noted that Commissioner-elect Scott Brummer will be sworn in Nov. 30.

Calendars: The group discussed the commissioners' calendars.

County Manager items

Budget: Becky Butler said staff is working to finalize budget numbers and budget amendment numbers. Becky said staff is looking at what investment interest can be swept into the general fund, as requested by the commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.