

BOCC Wrap-Up

May 22, 2023

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Lee Napier, Mindy Brooks, Jenn Libby-Jones, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Doug Carey, BJ Kuykendall, Chip Duncan, Nic Scott, Daleyn Coleman, Eric Eisenberg, Robert Bradley, Barbara Russell, Violet Barboza, Kate Chatterton, Tammy Martin, Josh Metcalf, Matt Jaeger, Rudy Rodriguez, Tom Stanton

Guest(s): Patty Howard

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Fair Advisory Board: Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add to the day's Wrap-Up agenda a discussion about Fair Advisory Board vacancies. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

BJ Kuykendall said the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Board has two vacancies and that two individuals had submitted applications. He asked the commissioners to move forward with the two applicants: Lee Coumbs and Jerry Elliott.

Agenda changes: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the May 23, 2023, Business Meeting the following:

- **Resolution 23-170:** Select Environmental Works as the Winner of a Request for Qualifications regarding Architectural Consulting Services Related to an Emergency Shelter.
- **Resolution 23-171:** Approve \$340,000 .09 ("Distressed Counties") grant to Port of Chehalis for its "Rail Infrastructure Improvements" project.
- **Resolution 23-172:** Resolution to appoint two individuals to the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Board.

Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Consolidated contract: Meja Handlen discussed Consolidated Contract #CLH31017 Amendment #12 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County, through which the county will return unused funding back to the state. The commissioners discussed looking into whether the funding could be used for other projects rather than return the funding to the state.

Distressed Counties (.09) funding, grants: Flood Control District No. 1 grant (Resolution 20-163): Tammy Martin said the Flood Control District No. 1 will not use the \$156,000 Distressed Counties grant the county approved via Resolution 20-163. Tammy said the district will roll back the unused money because it was unable to secure the other funding it needed. Becky noted that the two new 2023 projects will eliminate the county's ability to fund further .09 projects in 2023.

Code enforcement update: Meja Handlen discussed work taking place to address recent complaints and violations. She said a further update will be provided during a meeting later in the day.

Veterans Journey Forward: Meja Handlen said the county is being asked to provide \$66,880 to cover a service provider, media outreach and mileage. Chip Duncan discussed the request. The commissioners supported the request, which Meja said would be presented as a resolution.

911 update: Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the recent Fire Commissioners' meeting, during which the fire commissioners indicated they would conduct an email vote to determine the group's stance on the Combined User Committee's (CUC) request to put a 911 sales tax on the upcoming ballot. Jenn said the deadline to add the sales tax to the ballot is Aug. 1. She said the funding can be used for infrastructure. She said she will find out if it would require an ordinance or just a resolution. The commissioners said the CUC needs to submit a request that outlines exactly what it is asking for and clearly documents the funding and tax totals.

Planning Commission weekly update: Mindy Brooks said the Planning Commission will meet May 23 and will discuss the area around the airport.

Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees vacancy: The commissioners directed staff to advertise the upcoming vacancy.

Constitution and Declaration of Independence: Commissioner Swope said he'd like the county to order copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence to display in the foyer.

Meeting ended at 9:53 a.m.