

Directors' Update

July 5, 2023

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Amber Smith, Daleyn Coleman, Alex Murray, Nic Scott, Geoff Soderquist, Eric Eisenberg, Coleman Rogers, Justia Madrigal, John Abplanalp, Grace Jimenez, Tammy Martin, Casey Mauermann, Graham Gowing, Meja Handlen, Sarah Hensley, Sherri Dokken, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Rudy Rodriguez, BJ Kuykendall, Linda Mastin

Guest(s): Patty Howard, two unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Rieva Lester discussed a notice for Lewis County 2023 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Pigeon Springs Road HMA Project, CRP 2200C.

Justia Madrigal discussed a resolution to approve Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) Contract #24-46108-18 between the Washington State Department of Commerce Housing Division Homelessness Assistance Unit (HAU) and Lewis County.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a resolution to dispense with advertisement and competitive bidding for a Very Small-Scale Public Works Project, per RCW 36.32.250.

Daleyn Coleman discussed a resolution to amend Section 30 of the Lewis County Employee Handbook.

Lee Napier discussed a resolution to provide preliminary approval of the Rich Masters Subdivision located within the Centralia Urban Growth Area (UGA). The commissioners said they would like to touch base with Centralia regarding some questions they have about the project.

Mindy Brooks discussed a resolution to authorize application for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Grant from the US Department of Transportation and assign the Director of Community Development as the Authorized Representative.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to update procedures for Distressed Counties Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee. The commissioners said they will revisit the topic on July 10.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items and five deliberation items (excluding the Rich Masters Subdivision and .09 Policy resolutions) to the Tuesday, July 11, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements

Mindy Brooks discussed a recent Chronicle article regarding short-term rentals and multi-family housing policies being considered in the Packwood area.

Wednesday Workshop

Safety Officer position and HR/Risk reorganization: Amber Smith said she is seeking an additional \$10,098 to cover an additional position within HR / Risk to reabsorb the safety officer position. She said she would freeze the claims administrator position and unfreeze the safety officer and risk specialist positions. Amber said the change would take place effective Jan. 1, 2024. OPD grant funding or rates. The commissioners said they would revisit the request July 10.

Request for reclassification of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position: John Abplanalp requested permission to reclassify the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position from a 121 to a 124. John said 60 percent of the position is covered by grant funding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.