

BOCC Wrap-Up

July 24, 2023

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Lee Napier, Meja Handlen, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf, Nic Scott, David Bailey, Jimmy Goodman, Ross Nielson, Eric Eisenberg, Violet Barboza, Coleman Rogers, Daleyn Coleman, Doyle Sanford, Graham Gowing, Matt Jaeger, Mindy Brooks, Preston Pinkston, Rudy Rodriguez, Sarah Hensley, Kate Chatterton, Tammy Martin

Guest(s): Patty Howard and other unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Water Conservancy Board: Rieva Lester asked the commissioners to consider reappointing a Water Conservancy Board member to a regular position and to move another from an alternate position to a regular position.

Robert Bradley joined at 9:07 a.m.

Department head agreement-signing authority: The commissioners discussed the proposed resolution regarding signing authority. The commissioners said they'd like to leave the amounts as presented and add the County Manager as a signer.

Notice regarding non-gaming land acquisition application (parcel Nos. 012213029000 and 012213030000): The commissioners, Ross Nielson and Eric Eisenberg discussed a notice the United States Department of the Interior sent regarding the Cowlitz Tribe's request to have real property accepted "in trust."

Boundary Review Board (BRB): Commissioner Pollock said she'd like the BRB to better clarify the roles and responsibilities of staff. She said she would coordinate with Lee Napier to develop a work group to help smooth the process.

Flood ordinance: Commissioner Pollock said Lee Napier is working on adoption of FEMA's Nisqually flood maps.

Camping / parking ordinance: Commissioner Swope discussed a proposed ordinance to prohibit unauthorized parking or camping.

Cascade Forest Conservancy / Green River Valley Alliance meeting request: The commissioners directed staff to invite the group to an upcoming meeting.

Budget amendment: Becky Butler discussed a request from the Clerk's Office regarding software allowing for digital documents. She reviewed other line items included in the budget amendment.

Minute folders: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of July 3 and 10, 2023. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Correspondence: None.

Executive session: At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:10 to discuss the following:

- 256 Swigert Road, Mossyrock
- McPeak litigation
- Vader Water System receivership

At 10:10 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:20 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to retain a geotech engineer for analysis of the Swiggert Road property as discussed in executive session and to pay the geotech engineer's contract amount as needed. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the settlement offer received from the plaintiff to dismiss the county from the pending lawsuit in the McPeak litigation. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Business Meeting changes: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add the following to the agenda for the July 25, 2023, Business Meeting:

- Resolution 23-232: Provide department heads authority to execute certain contracts.
- Resolution 23-234: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Rainier Block Site Improvements Project, #31-2309.
- Resolution to fill Water Conservancy Board vacancies.

Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting ended at 10:24 a.m.