

## ESC / Directors' Update

October 17, 2023

11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Steve Wohld, Doug Carey, Matt Jaeger, Geoff Soderquist, Nic Scott, Charles Edmonson, Ross Nielson, Graham Gowing, Scott Tinney, Arny Davis, Caroline Garibay, Meja Handlen

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

### ESC

**Budget:** Becky Butler reminded offices and departments to look for cost-saving measures as the county prepares its preliminary budget for 2024.

### Roundtable

Arny Davis and Ross Nielson discussed work being done in preparation for levies and taxes.

### DIRECTORS' UPDATE

Geoff Soderquist discussed a Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed 2024 Annual Construction Program (ACP) and Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2024-2029.

Caroline Garibay discussed a resolution to approve Contract #K7096 between the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and Lewis County.

Matt Jaeger discussed a resolution regarding the declaration of surplus personal property.

HELD discussed a resolution to appoint Geoff Soderquist, PE, as County Engineer.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Business Meeting on Halloween as it's the fifth Tuesday in the month. (The Oct. 25 Directors' Update also is therefore canceled.)

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items and two deliberation items to the Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Wohld discussed updates to the county's security camera systems.

Doug Carey said Motor Pool-area sidewalks will be poured Oct. 18.

Becky Butler discussed upcoming budget meetings and amendments. Ross Nielson praised staff efforts to prevent a cemetery from slipping into foreclosure.

Meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.