

Directors' Update

October 10, 2023

12:06 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Mindy Brooks, Jenn Libby-Jones, Josh Metcalf, Amber Smith, BJ Kuykendall, Nic Scott, Doug Carey, Becky Butler, Daleyn Coleman, Kate Chatterton

Guest(s): Frank Corbin, two unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Becky Butler discussed a legal notice regarding Lewis County 2023 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds.

Becky Butler discussed a legal notice regarding the Lewis County preliminary budget for 2024.

BJ Kuykendall discussed a resolution to accept a \$250,000 ARPA grant from the City of Centralia for water systems upgrades at the Southwest Washington (SWW) Fairgrounds.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to authorize the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to sign a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus with WSDOT for the Berwick Creek at Labree Fish Passage (MP 0.459), County Maintenance Project (CMP) 2001.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to approve a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the 2023 County Safety Program – County Road Project (CRP) 2205.

Commissioner Pollock discussed proposed Ordinance 1349: Prohibit interference with a firefighter or emergency responder and make a violation thereof a gross misdemeanor.

A member of the public asked the commissioners what prompted the need for the ordinance.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move two notice items, two consent items, three deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Swope provided the following updates:

- The Oct. 18 ESC / Directors' Update has been moved to 11 a.m. Oct. 17.
- 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.

Steve Wohld said Janelle Lindsey will leave after the end of the month.

Mindy Brooks said the county received Comprehensive Plan proposals from three entities.

Jenn Libby Jones said she will be at training the week of Oct. 16.

Josh Metcalf said the UAW strike is affecting the availability of parts and equipment.

Amber Smith invited the group to a records retention workshop on Oct. 13. Amber said she will attend Risk training the following week.

Doug Carey provided time updates on the Community Development building.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.