

Directors' Update

December 27, 2023

9:07 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, John Abplanalp, Caroline Garibay, Amber Smith, Josh Metcalf, Becky butler, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Charles Edmonson, Tammy Martin, Casey Mauermann, Heidi Palmer, Justia Madrigal, Kevin Engelbertson, Tom Stanton, BJ Kuykendall, David Bailey (9:35 a.m.), Commissioner Swope (9:41 a.m.)

Guest(s): Mitchell Roland, Todd Chaput, Lenee Langdon, Patty Howard

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Josh Metcalf discussed a request for proposals (RFP) for professional materials sampling, testing, and laboratory services for the Centralia Alpha Road Improvements Project (MP10.60-11.85), CRP 2084.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to approve of Documentation Needed to Obtain Title Insurance for the Homeless Shelter at 2025 NE Kresky Ave.

Commissioner Brummer discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Community Development Plumbing Rough and Finish Project, 31-2102-Plumb.

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve Contract #C06-0202-23 between Community Action Council and Lewis County.

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve Contract #E02-0209-23 between Eugenia Center and Lewis County.

Caroline Garibay discussed a resolution to approve Contract #C02-0210-23 between Cascade Community Healthcare and Lewis County.

Caroline Garibay discussed a resolution to reappoint three individuals and appoint one new individual to regular-member positions on the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to approve 2024 "Lodging Tax" contracts with various organizations for funding from Tourism Promotion Fund No. 1980 for tourism-related activities. Rieva and Tammy Martin said the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reconvened the previous week and set funding amounts for two additional projects: \$48,000 for East Lewis County Chamber of Commerce and \$15,000 for Lewis County Facilities for repairs of the museum roof.

Mindy Brooks discussed a hearing to adopt Ordinance 1350 to amend the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan to include the Packwood Subarea Plan.

Amber Smith discussed a hearing to adopt Ordinance 1352 to amend Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, of the Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, seven deliberation items and two hearings to the Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The commissioners approved a proposed schedule for weekly Legislative Updates.

David Bailey joined at 9:35 a.m.

At 9:36 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:41 a.m. to discuss Arthur West v. Economic Alliance, Brummer, Lewis County, et al. Commissioner Swope joined executive session by phone.

Executive session ended at 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to indemnify and defend Commissioner Brummer in the Arthur West v. Economic Alliance, Brummer, Lewis County, et al., litigation. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 2-0, with Commissioner Pollock and Brummer voting in favor and Commissioner Brummer abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.