

## **BOCC Wrap-Up**

**April 1, 2024**

**9 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Barb Russell, Daleyn Coleman, Doug Carey, Becky Butler, Matt Jaeger, Meja Handlen, Sarah Hensley, Mindy Brooks, Linda Mastin, Justia Madrigal, Coleman Rogers, Cameron McGee, Kelly Smith Johnston, David Bailey (9:42 a.m.)

Guest(s): Mitchell Townsend, Bill Serrahn, Patty Howard, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

**Agenda change:** Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the April 2, 2024, Business Meeting agenda Resolution 24-102: Accept Formal Amendment 4 with Washington State Conservation Commission for the purpose of increased funding to the County for the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Facilities vehicle replacements:** Josh Metcalf said Facilities would like to purchase two 2018 Ram 1500 trucks to replace a 1996 Chevy S10 and a 1996 F150.

Josh estimated the cost at \$38,000 for the two vehicles. He said Facilities would need roughly \$6,000 to cover the additional funds needed beyond its ER&R balance and that it will use proceeds from a future surplus action to offset that amount. Josh said there is a potential budget impact of \$4,000 for Facilities.

**>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the purchase of two 2018 Ram 1500 trucks for Facilities as requested. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Central Shop fuel system:** Josh Metcalf said the cost to replace the Central Shop fuel system exceeds the existing ER&R fund by roughly \$150,000 to \$200,000. He asked for permission to use recently acquired insurance settlement funds to move forward with the replacement.

**>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to proceed with the Central Shop fuel system bid process. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Economic Alliance .09 / Associate Economic Development (ADO) contract:** Commissioner Pollock recommended revamping EA's .09 / ADO contract to mimic that of Mason County's contract with its ADO. The commissioners said they'd like to send it to EA for review.

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project review / legislative review:** Commissioner Brummer said Vader indicated it wanted a 10-year extension of its water project. He said Mayor Shey indicated he would like the county to move forward with its Vader Water project.

Commissioner Pollock said a farmer and a logging company are unable to use the Ceres Hill Road Bridge and fire suppression may be delayed to homes in the area. She said she'd like ARPA funds redirected to the Ceres Hill Road Bridge.

Josh noted that the Vader water system serves 350 residents with up to 650 connections.

Commissioner Brummer noted that the Vader project is shovel-ready and that Ceres Hill Road residents have an alternate route available. He and Commissioner Swope said they'd like to move forward with ARPA funding for the Vader Water project.

Josh Metcalf said he will continue to look for funding for the Ceres Hill Road Bridge replacement.

**>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to reallocate the \$2.9 million back to the Vader Water project. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Homeless youth services:** Centralia Councilman Cameron McGee and Centralia Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston discussed a potential partnership with Centralia College to help find housing for adult high school students. Kelly Smith Johnston noted that United Way is the fiscal agent.

Meja Handlen said a proposal the county is reviewing would provide \$770 per student, with verification done through school districts, the ESD or DSHS. She discussed a proposed contract that would provide funding totaling \$35,000 for the project from April 1 to Aug. 31.

David Bailey joined at 9:42 a.m.

**>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the April 2 Business Meeting a resolution authorizing funding for the project to help house homeless students. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Ordinance 1202:** Becky Butler discussed steps needed to clear Ordinance 1202 from the county's books.

**Director authority for contracts / agreements:** The commissioners reviewed a flow chart for director approval. They said they'd have staff review the draft.

**Water District 1:** Commissioner Brummer said he has spoken to the representative for the water district and has follow-up meetings planned to address the water district's billing issues.

**Executive session:** At 10:03 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session until 10:13 a.m. to discuss two topics:

- The night-by-night shelter under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).
- Mountain View Cemetery real estate under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:15 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

**>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to set a minimum bid amount of \$2,000 for the Mountain View Cemetery. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**>> Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize staff to draft a letter to the City of Chehalis regarding the night-by-night shelter. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Swope and Commissioner Brummer voting in favor and Commissioner Pollock opposed.**

Commissioner Swope praised the Public Health and Social Services team for its Opioid meeting.

Commissioner Pollock discussed the possibility of honoring retiring RFA Fire Chief Mike Kytta and re-retiring Fire Chief Gregg Peterson at a future Business Meeting.

Commissioner Pollock said she will attend a broadband event planned for April 2.

Meeting ended at 10:22 a.m.