

BOCC Wrap-Up

April 8, 2024

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Meja Handlen, David Bailey, Josh Metcalf, Eric Eisenberg, Becky Butler, Doug Carey, Gary Fredricks, Rudy Rodriguez, Mindy Brooks, Linda Mastin

Guest(s): Unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

WSU MOU: The group reviewed a proposed WSU MOU. Becky Butler noted that previously stricken language had been re-added to the newest version. The commissioners directed Gary Fredricks to correct the MOU and to also change the dates in the termination clause from October to December.

Broadband project: Becky Butler said she has drafted a letter to Commerce to request additional funds for the Broadband project. The commissioners approved reaching out to Commerce.

Vacancies:

- **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC):** The commissioners said they'd like to postpone deliberation.
- **Board of Equalization:** The commissioners directed staff to take steps to fill the vacancies.
- **Water District 1:** Commissioner Brummer discussed proposed action WD1 is considering regarding the purchase of a check scanner.
- **Flood Control District 2:** No update.

Correspondence: The commissioners and Josh Metcalf discussed a letter regarding a site the county uses for rock storage and the public uses as river access.

Executive session:

At 9:22 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:38 a.m. to discuss opioid litigation and the night-by-night shelter.

Executive session ended at 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize Eric Eisenberg to contact the attorney for the city of Chehalis – as discussed in executive session – to provide addition information

about the night-by-night shelter that the attorney can then use to advise their client. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

>> Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize Becky Butler to submit required opioid settlement documents. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.