

## Economic Alliance Update

August 12, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Todd Chaput, Richard DeBolt

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Tammy Martin

**Public comment:** None

Richard DeBolt said signage for the new Economic Alliance building will be installed this week. They will be having an open house September 5th at 2 pm. Richard said they have multi-language kiosks that accommodate any language and can convert other languages to English. Richard said there are new ADO compliance rules. New ADO reporting will integrate jobs and contracts into easy-to-distribute information.

Todd Chaput said .09 Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there are no applications pending. Todd said the Napavine Jefferson Sewer Station was the latest application

Commissioner Pollock suggested funding a traffic engineer through a .09 grant to facilitate transportation and permitting within the UGAs. Richard and Todd were both in support.

Todd presented a DLC Tourism video and said there will be an influencer staying out in the east end of Lewis County this week. Todd said there will be a both at the Southwest Washington Fair and will be playing the video on loop.

Richard said there will be a golf tournament on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

October 3rd there will be an Economic Forecast that will feature two economists. There will be talk of the BDO zones, including how they operate.

Richard said Fortescue will no longer be coming to Lewis County. The decision for the business to not locate within Lewis County will impact the Pacific Northwest Hub funding. Richard said Mitsubishi is creating a plant in Oregon and majority of the funding will be funneled there. Richard said even though they will not be a part of Lewis County, there are still multiple projects occurring at the IPAT location.

Richard said the Economic Alliance was excited for fair week.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

