

County Manager Update

July 22, 2024

9:31 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Mindy Brooks, Matt Jaeger, Doug Carey, David Bailey, Hal Blanton, Brian Mittge, Graham Gowing

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Executive session: At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:42 a.m. to discuss two topics: opioid litigation and Timberland Regional Library.

- At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 9:52 a.m.
- At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 9:57 a.m.
- At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:07 a.m.
- At 10:07 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:10 a.m.

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

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct Becky Butler to sign the Kroger opioid settlement agreement. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Port of Chehalis .09 / Distressed Counties: Commissioner Swope made a motion to extend to Dec. 31, 2027, the timeline for the Port of Chehalis's .09 / Distressed Counties grant, which was approved via Resolution 22-228. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Becky suggested the commissioners consider the following regarding ARPA funds:

- Transfer the balance of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to the General Fund to cover public safety salaries and benefits as allowed under Expenditure Category 6.1 Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services (the lost revenue category).

Becky noted that the county can use up to the standard allowance of \$10 million within Expenditure Category 6.1 Revenue Replacement.

2024 budget: Becky provided an overview regarding the upcoming budget amendment hearing.

2025 budget: Becky outlined an updated methodology for internal service rates. She asked the commissioners to consider setting the 2025 budget limitation for General Fund offices and departments based on a 0% increase over 2024 salaries, benefits and operations. She said she will still add the actual preliminary 2025 rates. Becky said review the true-up with Matrix Consulting caused fluctuations that made it inequitable to base the limitation on 2024 rates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.