

## BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

November 25, 2024

11:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, David Bailey, Kevin Engelbertson, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Rodney Reynolds, Josh Metcalf, Rebecca Twin Transit, Joe Clark, Doug Carey, Larry Grove, Amanda Price, Graham Gowing, Grace Jimenez, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Mindy Brooks, Becky Butler, Jenn Libby-Jones, Tammy Martin, Caroline Garibay, Casey Mauermann, Justia Madrigal, Kendra Garrison, Sarah Hensley, Sherri Dokken Stephanie Miller, Tom Stanton

Guest(s): Mitchell Rowland, Chad Taylor, G Motta, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

At 11:02 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 11:22 a.m. to discuss the following:

- Hornburg litigation
- 911 governance
- LGIP loan

At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 11:27 a.m.

At 11:27 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 11:32 a.m.

Executive session ended at 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

At 11:32 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) until 11:37 a.m. to discuss a potential property acquisition.

Executive session ended at 11:37 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the Public Works director to continue negotiations and sign the subsequent contract regarding the Packwood Sewer project as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Wrap-Up topics:

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move forward to the Nov. 26 BOCC Business Meeting Resolutions 24-424 and 24-425 as well as Resolutions 24-427 through 24-433 and Resolution 24-435.**

**Commissioner Swope seconded. The commissioners noted that they were not moving Resolutions 24-426 and 24-434 forward to the Business Meeting.**

Mindy Brooks discussed proposed Resolution 24-424: Notice of public hearing to consider Ordinance 1358 to amend Chapters 17.05, General Provisions, 17.10, Definitions, and 17.130, Adequate Public Facilities of the Lewis County Code.

Josh Metcalf discussed proposed Resolution 24-427: Accept a bid on tax title property at corner of Wallace Road and Tillicum Drive.

Josh Metcalf discussed proposed Resolution 24-428: Approve cost-sharing among county offices and other entities in regard to aerial photography. Josh Metcalf discussed the proposed resolution.

Meja Handlen discussed proposed Resolution 24-429: Approve Contract #T01-0221-24 with The Salvation Army.

Meja Handlen discussed proposed Resolution 24-430: Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and Lewis County Drug Court.

Meja Handlen and Justia Madrigal discussed proposed Resolution 24-431: Approve Contract #H02-0219-24 with Housing Resource Center. Meja Handlen discussed the proposed resolution.

John Abplanalp discussed proposed Resolution 24-432: Approve agreement with the state Department of Agriculture.

Jenn Libby-Jones discussed proposed Resolution 24-433: Approve contract with Day Wireless Systems for the Lewis County Public Safety Radio Equipment and Services.

Josh Metcalf discussed proposed Resolution 24-435: Adopt the 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2025 Annual Construction Program (ACP). Josh Metcalf discussed the proposed resolution.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**2025 budget review:** Becky Butler reviewed property tax calculations. Becky reviewed preliminary 2025 budget decisions the commissioners had made to date. She indicated that the Sheriff's Office budget was the only preliminary decision not yet made.

Sheriff Rob Snaza discussed the impacts potential cuts to the Sheriff's Office budget would have on law enforcement.

Commissioner Pollock said she would no longer be in favor of the 1 percent General Fund levy should the commissioners not reduce the Sheriff's Office budget.

Commissioner Brummer directed staff to review potential scenarios:

- Reduce Sheriff's Office budget by one patrol deputy
- Reduce corrections officers positions to keep patrol and detective positions in the Sheriff's Office
- Freeze two corrections officers positions to keep patrol and detective positions in the Sheriff's Office

- No levy increase

Becky noted that the Sheriff's Office did not feel that opioid funding could be used for positions. Sheriff Snaza said he will provide details of year-to-date hiring activities.

Packwood Sewer: Not discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.