

Mayors' Update

April 4, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Pe Ell Mayor Lonnie Willey, Caitlin Harrington, Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchem, Noah Sullivan from Gluesenkamp Perez's office, Chehalis Fire Chief Fulbright, Winlock Mayor Brandon Svenson, Stephen Dunk of Commerce, Vader Mayor Joe Schey, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) Senior Transportation Planner Robert Stevens and COG Executive Director Bill Fashing, Amanda Moore, Trinidad Medina, Mindy Brooks, John Anderson, Marcia Handley, Kristine Romba of Puget Sound Energy

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

SW Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SWRTPO): Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) Senior Transportation Planner Robert Stevens and COG Executive Director Bill Fashing discussed the work their entity performs and invited meeting participants to attend COG transportation policy forums scheduled to take place in Chehalis on June 2 and Nov. 3.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline presentation: Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (GRBH-ASO) Chief Executive Director Trinidad Medina, GRBH-ASO Assisted Outpatient Treatment Coordinator Amanda Moore and others discussed efforts to encourage the state to select Olympic Health and Recovery Services as Washington's 988 Crisis Line Call Center in an effort to ensure the Lewis County area continues to have access to locally-provided care.

Urban growth area (UGA) interlocal agreement (ILA) for co-management: Mindy Brooks invited participants to attend the Planned Growth Committee meetings to join discussions regarding UGAs.

American Medical Response (AMR) closure: Chehalis Fire Chief Adam Fulbright said AMR transportation increased its costs, prompting organizations to move to Medex. He reviewed the effects of the changes on local emergency responders.

Roundtable / announcements / new business

Commissioner Brummer discussed America250, the celebration of the United States' semi-quintcentennial. He noted that Discover Lewis County will lead local efforts.

Attendees provided updates regarding their entities.

Resource-sharing opportunities and requests for assistance or input

Commissioner Swope and others shared concerns regarding proposals to slash funding for the Recovery Navigator program. Commissioner Swope also expressed concerns regarding nitrate pollution from the state's pheasant game farm in Centralia.

State, federal and local representatives provided updates on their governmental activities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.