BOCC Notable Minutes

Economic Development/Natural Resource Development Update:

Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster reported on the Dallesport Regional Airport. (7/14)

Director David McClure reported on the Dallesport Regional Airport Federal Aviation Administration Grant Program Application. (7/28)

Sheriff Update:

Sheriff Bob Songer reported in the next few weeks he will be swearing in ten (10) Posse Members, raising the total to approximately 160 Members including seven (7) as Pilots. (7/14)

Human Resources and Administrative Services Department Update:

Commissioner David Sauter provided an update on the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport meeting. 7/21)

A brief discussion was held regarding the Goldendale Pump storage Project. (7/21)

Elected Official Report Update:

A four-part (3) discussion was held regarding defendant restraints in the courtroom. (7/28)

* Superior Court Judge Randall Krog reported as Supreme Court decision was made requiring the Court to conduct an individualized inquiry prior to each Court hearing before a defendant may be restrained while attending court in person. A discussion followed regarding the modifications that could be made to the courtroom to ensure employee and citizen safety.
* A discussion about the use of technology to adhere to the attorney-client privilege, preserving the confidentiality of communications between attorneys and their clients, while also providing the safest environment.
* Clerk Renea Camp bell stated waivers may be obtained, followed by a discussion of installing the necessary technology and safety equipment allowed in the Courthouse Preservation Grant Program Guidelines.
* Judge Krog reviewed a proposed policy to use in-custody hearings or criminal cases in Klickitat and Skamania County Superior Courts until further direction from the court; the Board was in support.