

## Meeting with DPA Eric Eisenberg

February 14, 2018

9:05 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, Eric Eisenberg, Becky Butler (9:41 a.m.)

Guests: Susan DeLaire, Natalie Johnson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Eric Eisenberg said it appears the BOCC cannot dictate the following:

- A timeline on how quickly the freeholders must generate a charter
- A time limit on how long someone can serve as a freeholder

Eric said elected freeholders must begin work on the charter within 30 days. If passed, the charter itself must be implemented within six months, he said.

For vacancies, Eric suggested the BOCC could nominate three qualified candidates and then the freeholders from the district with the vacancy would choose the person to fill the position. In the event of a tie, the commissioner of that district could cast the winning vote.

Regarding compensation, Eric said the BOCC could set a term during which some type of compensation would be provided. He said it would merely need to be set in place before the election.

Commissioner Jackson said he feels a \$25 filing fee may be too low. He suggested possibly setting a filing fee of \$75 or \$100.

Eric further discussed stipends. He said the county could provide a monthly stipend of \$200 (covering dinner as well as mileage), which would total roughly \$36,000. Another option, he said, would be a mileage stipend triggered by length of travel (such as, "If you're driving more than 15 miles, you'll get 54.5 cents per mile"), which would total roughly \$10,000. Commissioner Jackson floated a \$50 flat rate plus \$15 for dinner (\$65 total) for one month (which would total roughly \$23,400 if there were two meetings monthly).

Becky Butler joined at 9:41 a.m.

Becky asked if freeholders would be considered an elected official for benefits purposes.

Erik Martin and Lara McRea joined at 9:49 a.m.

### TO-DO LIST / RECAP

**Eric:** Determine whether freeholders would be eligible for benefits and ask Secretary of State about whether term limits can be set

Eric suggested adopting the policy by resolution via a hearing in early April to give potential freeholders plenty of notice prior to filing week.

Meeting ended at 9:56 a.m.