

PA Update

December 1, 2020

2:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Eric Eisenberg, Jonathan Meyer, Becky Butler, Brittani Bonahoom, Amber Smith, Cullen Gatten, Lara McRea, Lee Napier, Natalie Dunlap, Commissioner Fund (2:36 p.m.)

Guests: Commissioner-elect Dr. Lindsey Pollock, Darlene Schanfald, Katie Conradi, Nic Scott, Natalie Johnson

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Jonathan Meyer said the Prosecutor's Office would like to use savings from salaries and benefits for other funds.

Jonathan said his office would like to purchase software and equipment to map out crime scenes. He estimated the cost at \$68,000. Jonathan said his office also would like to purchase a drone to help with crime scenes, mapping suspect searches and search and rescue. Jonathan said the drone equipment cost is estimated at \$30,000.

Commissioner Stamper and Commissioner Jackson said they'd like the county to submit to Ecology the comment regarding Fire Mountain Farms.

Jonathan discussed a letter Kittitas County sent to the governor's office regarding the need to allow for local decision-making authority during the pandemic. Jonathan expressed his concern about blanket rules. He said there was nothing wrong with the letter and that Lewis County could send one, though he cautioned that it likely would not affect any change. Jonathan said actions like that taking place in Mossyrock and at Spiffy's likely will cast the county in a negative light and could hurt any potential phased re-openings.

In order to receive CRF from the county, Jonathan said, Mossyrock and Spiffy's would have had to provide an attestation that they will abide by the governor's order. Providing funding while knowing that those groups were not adhering to the rules could lead to an audit finding and possible trigger a repayment requirement.

Eric Eisenberg said not doing anything regarding the actions in Mossyrock and at Spiffy's could lead to stricter rules for others throughout the county.

The group further discussed the steps Mossyrock and Spiffy's have taken.

Commissioner Fund joined at 2:36 p.m.

Jonathan recapped his earlier discussions regarding Mossyrock and Spiffy's. He said the county should strongly consider whether any COVID-19 funding should go to Mossyrock or any entities that are not

complying. He said action regarding Mossyrock or Spiffy's would be a policy decision. He cautioned the board not to make any blanket statements regarding compliance.

Amber said she believes the agreements for all COVID-19 funding included clauses indicating the recipients must adhere to all guidelines.

At 2:47 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going to go into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 5 minutes to discuss Central Shop settlement negotiations with Great American. Executive Session started at 2:50 p.m.

At 2:55 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

At 2:57 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 1 minute.

At 2:58 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 1 minute.

At 2:59 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 3:01 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to reaffirm the County Manager's authority to negotiate a settlement with Great American Insurance as per the Board's executive session discussion regarding amounts.

Meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.