

PA Update

January 19, 2021

2 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Amber Smith, Brittani Bonahoom, Chris Panush, Eric Eisenberg, Natalie Dunlap, Taylor Albright, Steve Wohld, Jonathan Meyer

Guest: Former Commissioner Edna J. Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Eric Eisenberg said he believes the state has continued its ban on in-person meetings.

Jonathan Meyer discussed increased expenses linked to the use of interpreters, noting that changes at the state level require the use a back-up interpreter.

Jonathan discussed staffing, noting that a new DPA started Jan. 15, which also was Cullen Gatten's last day. Eric Eisenberg said he will be leaving likely within the next year. Jonathan said he would like to begin advertising for Eric's replacement now so there could be some overlap with his successor.

Jonathan stressed the need for the county to hire a records manager.

Commissioner Stamper said he is concerned about the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's plan to acquire 9,600 acres of TransAlta land, which would take the property off the county's tax rolls.

Jonathan discussed costs associated with using interpreters.

At 2:38 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 7 minutes to discuss northern spotted owl litigation and comment.

Executive Session started at 2:39 p.m.

At 2:46 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 2:51 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock discussed a letter sent out by a lone commissioner the previous week regarding COVID-19 and directed staff to create individual letterhead for such instances.

Eric recapped his thoughts on in-person meetings.

Meeting ended at 2:57 p.m.