

## PA Update

February 16, 2021

2:03 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Eric Eisenberg, Amber Smith, Steve Wohld, Becky Butler, Kevin McDowell, Chris Panush, Natalie Dunlap, Lara McRea, Brittani Bonahoom, Commissioner Stamper (2:06 p.m.)

Guest: Edna Fund

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Amber Smith said the county is awaiting a contract for Providence's mass vaccination event at the Fairgrounds over the coming weekend.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a 2019 Department of Revenue audit of the 2018-19 levy certification process. He outlined the informal certification process through which the Clerk of the Board and the Assessor's Office certified the levies.

Commissioner Stamper joined at 2:06 p.m.

Eric discussed a memo through which the Board of County Commissioners directed the Clerk of the Board to document the process.

Eric proposed that the commissioners approve sending a response letter to the DOR in response to its one-year follow-up regarding the 2018-19 audit and to also approve sending a memo to the Clerk of the Board directing a process through which to certify the levies.

Eric noted that the RCW creates an impossible situation under which taxing districts have until Nov. 30 to certify their levies and the county must certify the levies by Nov. 30.

The commissioners said they would review the two documents Eric was proposing.

At 2:23 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 25 minutes, with discussion topics listed as the following:

- Any relevant Cortland/Green/Hupy Public Records Act (PRA) litigation
- Northern Spotted Owl litigation and comment
- O'Connor v. Lewis County, PRA litigation
- Middle Fork Water and Sewer System
- Opioid litigation
- 201 Hannah Lane
- O'Connor v. Lewis County: update re: litigation status and strategy

Executive Session started at 2:24 p.m.

At 2:49 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 10 minutes.

At 2:59 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 3:04 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 3:09 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 2 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 3:11 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct Eric Eisenberg to reach out to U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell regarding rule-making surrounding the northern spotted owl.

Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to have the county's outside counsel begin litigation efforts against McKinsey parallel to the county's current opioid litigation.

Commissioner Swope seconded.

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.