

PA Update

November 2, 2021

2:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Austin Majors, Brittani Bonahoom, Andrew Logerwell, Lara McRea, Becky Butler, Eric Eisenberg, Amber Smith, Lee Napier, Natalie Dunlap, Katie Conradi, Graham Gowing, Mindy Brooks, Sherri Dokken, Doug Carey, Josh Metcalf

Guests: Nic Scott, Eric Rosane

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Eric Eisenberg said there are two Office of Public Defense (OPD) reimbursement contracts Lewis County has received for Blake-related defense costs. Eric said the debate is when each contract was eligible to be used for reimbursement during specific periods of time. He is partnering with OPD to determine if there is any overlapping in grant time period usage.

Andrew Logerwell asked if there were any questions or concerns about the District 3 Commissioner replacement. He also said the Prosecuting Attorney's Office is still in process of recruiting for a 4th civil deputy prosecuting attorney position and at this time and that criminal trials are no longer stayed and will resume.

At 2:06 p.m. Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session for 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss:

- Lewis County Water District No. 2 v. Lewis County
- Trans Alta litigation
- Blake litigations
- Jerrie O'Connor v. Lewis County
- Kyle Rohrig v. Lewis County

And to discuss two other matters under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

- Commissioner District 3 vacancy
- Fire District 4 vacancy (placeholder if needed)

Executive session started at 2:08 p.m. for 15 minutes.

At 2:23 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 2:29 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 2:34 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 2:39 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 10 minutes.

At 2:50 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 10 minutes.

At 3:00 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 3:05 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 3:10 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

At 3:13 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

At 3:15 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

At 3:17 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

At 3:20 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

At 3:25 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 2 minutes.

Executive session ended at 3:27 p.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made during executive session.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to appoint Roger Smith to the Fire District 4 vacancy as per RCW 42.12.070. Commissioner Pollock seconded. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Amber Smith suggested using a negotiator regarding Water District 2. Commissioner Pollock suggested Josh Metcalf as the negotiator. Commissioner Swope seconded that recommendation. Amber asked which option would the Commissioners would be willing to authorize from talks during executive session and both Commissioners agreed to use option #4.

Meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.