

PA Update

January 17, 2023

2:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Amber Smith, Lee Napier, Kate Chatterton, Nic Scott, Robert Bradley, Jonathan Meyer

Guest(s):

Recorder: Lara McRea

Public comment: No comments.

Executive session

At 2:03 p.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 4 minutes to discuss: Brittany Evers v. Lewis County et al.

Executive session started at 2:04 p.m.

Executive session ended at 2:08 p.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

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Erik Martin said he spoke to Josh Weiss about the senior citizen sales tax support program. Erik sent Josh comments and asked that the provisions be incorporated into the bill. Erik also noted that Josh said this is not a new tax that will impact the consumer in Lewis County.

Commissioner Swope discussed SB 5361 which would collect a 10% tax for law enforcement for cities and counties. He said it would provide more funding that would go back into the community.

Erik noted that Josh Weiss felt this bill had some bi-partisan support.

Commissioner Swope discussed SB 5224 which would establish performance requirements of homelessness service providers. He felt this bill would ensure that money was being spent on homeless services.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.