

Prosecutor's Update

April 3, 2018

2 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Stamper, Archie Smith, Ross Petersen, David Fine, Jonathan Meyer, Tom Stanton, Eric Eisenberg

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Jonathan Meyer discussed staffing, including applications received for vacant positions.

Jonathan clarified discussed a request for a DPA III position. He said the initial request was for a DPA II but that he is moving a current employee to the position, which will require that it be a DPA III.

The group discussed the new ITA court.

David Fine, representing the freeholders, said on behalf of his potential clients, he is indicating items the freeholders will need, including meeting sites, minute takers, audio and video recordings, photo copies, etc. He said he believes it will cost at least \$60,000. He requested that the county plan accordingly for budgetary purposes.

Commissioner Fund discussed the need to address the need to backfill staff positions to accommodate the use of existing county staff.

David suggested sending a large copy of the subdistrict precinct map to the local libraries.

Commissioner Fund suggested having presentations at the area schools. Eric Eisenberg said he would ask about the possibly of adding precinct "layers" to the county's Parcels page.

Eric said the Secretary of State discussed the need for term limits for ballot programming purposes only. He said the SOS indicated the county could use a placeholder term limit. Eric discussed Clark County's use of a one-year term limit, which he said was used because Clark County placed the item on the ballot. Eric said the Supreme Court indicates there should be no term limit. He recommended having a "fake" term limit for election programming purposes only. Jonathan said the Auditor's Office recommended going with an artificial term of four years. David suggested an obviously artificial term, such as 99 years.

Commissioner Fund left at 2:37 p.m. and returned at 2:39 p.m.

Commissioner Fund and Commissioner Stamper agreed to set the artificial number at 99 years.

Jonathan said the PA's Office can rework the bylaws for the .09 committee to allow for alternates if the commissioners so desire.

Tom Stanton left at 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Stamper said he is not in favor of having alternates.

David left at 2:41 p.m.

Ross discussed the upcoming transportation improvement conference. He said there is a 60-day period during which entities that voted in favor of the transit could opt out. He said it's possible an entity that originally voted in opposition could go through an annexation process to later change its mind. He said the 60-day clock would then start over.

Eric discussed correspondence received regarding the conference. He suggested adding the correspondence to the minute folder for the conference.

David Fine returned at 2:48 p.m.

Ross Peterson discussed Public Records Act rules regarding social media.

Ross said there was a whistleblower complaint was found to be unfounded.

Commissioner Fund asked about surety bonds. Jonathan said elected officials are required to have them. David said it's required by statute.

At 3:04 p.m., Commissioner Fund announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 10 minutes to discuss pending or potential litigation.

Executive Session ended at 3:14 p.m. No decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.