

PA Update

September 21, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, County Manager Erik Martin, Brittani Bonahoom, Eric Eisenberg, Cullen Gatten, Daleyn Coleman, Becky Butler, Megan Eastman, Jonathan Meyer, Taylor Albright, Steve Wohld, Scott Tinney, Amber Smith, Josh Metcalf

Guests: Lindsey Pollock

Zoom: Commissioner Fund, Natalie Dunlap, Bill Teitzel, Lara, McRea, Katie Conradi, Suzette Smith, Tawni Shepherd, Claudia Yaw, Aimee Albright, Kevin McDowell, Kaity Nissell, Lee Napier, Frank Corbin

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Jonathan:

Salaries – Jonathan has been working with Megan Eastman for some step increases based on the 2020 budget and going into 2021. Jonathan made a proposal to the county based on surrounding counties' pay rates. The blue column from the provided spreadsheet is Jonathan's recommendation of steps and increases. The gray column from the provided spreadsheet is how HR would anticipate steps or increases without Jonathan's recommendations. Jonathan Meyer feels this is something that can be absorbed into the PA's Office Budget. His intent is for zero add to the 2021 budget.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the results from the salary survey for the prosecuting attorney's office resulting in the grade and step increase noted in the center blue column provided by HR. Commissioner Fund seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Training and schooling – Jonathan has been working with Becky Butler, Erik Martin and the ESC for a countywide training option. There are approximately 110 people interested in the training options Brian King (trainer) has to offer. Jonathan Meyer would like to make a proposal to make a separate budget to pay for training possibly using COVID funds.

Contract – PA's Office entered into a contract with JNET. There will be additional revenues to the budget based on seizures.

Tuition Reimbursement – asked to table the conversation.

Cullen:

- OPMA case West v. Seattle City Council- There was evidence of vote counting in private, approvals of drafts, small pocket meetings, and Council knowingly violated the OPMA.

Amber/ Kevin:

- Fire District 18 annexation – BOCC can go through the process, but Kevin McDowell and Amber Smith recommended the annexation go before the Boundary Review Board. Kevin McDowell said there is a 45-day review process and if no petitions are presented, the citizen can be annexed in.

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Items:

- COVID-19 planning
- Notice of Violations/Communications
- South Prairie Road
- Exempt wells in the Middle Fork Water-Sewer System area (executive session under RCW 42.30.110[1][i])

Notice of Violations/Communications - The Board has asked if the Notice of Violation is too harsh. Eric Eisenberg said it is just a notice and suggested that we still issue a notice, but there could be additional information as to the next step in a more inviting way.

At 5:00 p.m., Commissioner Stamper announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 10 minutes to discuss exempt wells in the Middle Fork Water-Sewer System area

At 5:10 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 10 minutes.

At 5:21 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

At 5:26 p.m., the Board extended Executive Session for 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 5:31 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Fund left or lost connection in executive session.

The Board discussed exempt wells within the Middle Fork Water-Sewer System boundary. The direction to Community Development was to proceed reviewing the two completed Master Site Plan Review applications. It was their understanding that one has a completed well and the other well is scheduled to be drilled later in the week. For the two complete applications, the county should determine that water is legally available, even if it results in the quantity of water from those wells being subtracted from the county's water right for this system. At this time, there will be no consent from Community Development for more permits beyond the two active Master Site Plan Reviews mentioned. Amber suggested that she and Eric Eisenberg continue to work with the Department of Ecology to get a final answer about water right issues.

Adjourned 5:45 p.m.