

PA Update

October 6, 2020

2 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, County Manager Erik Martin, Jonathan Meyer, Eric Eisenberg, Cullen Gatten, Amber Smith, Brittani Honahoom, Tailor Albright, Natalie Dunlap, Daleyn Coleman, Becky Butler, Commissioner Jackson (via Zoom), Steve Wohld

Guest: Peter Lahmann

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Training

Jonathan Meyer said he has been working with Becky Butler, Erik Martin and Lara McRea to bring training to Lewis County.

Port of Centralia

Jonathan said the Port of Centralia did not appoint a replacement within 90 days of its vacancy, so the decision now goes to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Jonathan said the newspaper has reported on potential conflicts of interest regarding past applicants. He outlined RCW and MRSC guidance regarding ethics and conflicts of interest.

Jonathan said the BOCC can review the applications the port already has received or reopen the entire application process.

The commissioners said they would reopen the entire process and would forward any applications received to the PA's Office for review regarding any potential conflicts of interest. They directed Rieva Lester to open the application process and to set an application deadline of Oct. 30.

Northern Spotted Owl

Eric Eisenberg discussed work the county's consultant is and has provided regarding the northern spotted owl comment.

North Prairie Road

Eric said the original road creation of North Prairie Road was 60 feet in width and that the road was never vacated. Eric said the county could choose to vacate the 60-foot right-of-way to 40 feet if it so chose, but he said it likely would be unwise to do so. Erik Martin and Jonathan Meyer echoed Eric's

sentiments, noting that the county must plan for the long-term and must take possible future ramifications into account.

Executive session

At 2:47 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 Cortland/Hupy/Green public records litigation and Central Shop settlement negotiations [Restorical Research]). Executive Session started at 2:49 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 2:59 p.m. Commissioner Stamper noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Fund made a motion to authorize the County Manager to negotiate with the adjuster for Greater American Insurance and to settle within the range as recommend by counsel.

Commissioner Jackson seconded

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 3:03 pm.