

PA Update

August 3, 2021

2 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Jonathan Meyer, Eric Eisenberg, Amber Smith, Kevin McDowell, Brittani Bonahoom, Becky Butler, Kent Caputo, Lee Napier, Natalie Dunlap, Michelle Sauter, Lara McRea, Tammy Martin

Guest: Nic Scott

Jonathan Meyer said his office would like to hire additional staffing in response to changes in drug felonies / misdemeanors. He said the new law recommends a diversion process. He said he'd like to create a data analyst / diversion position to address the need.

Jonathan said a new attorney joined the staff the previous week and has interest from another potential attorney. He said he lost three positions (DPA I, II and III). He said he'd like to replace the three positions with two more seasoned attorneys.

The commissioners said they would like to review one PAF to freeze one position and another PAF to hire the new position.

Jonathan said he also is considering a move that would have Eric Eisenberg shift his role, splitting his time between regular deputy prosecuting attorney work and work on the housing summit.

At 2:13 p.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 30 minutes to discuss the following:

- TransAlta
- Northern spotted owl litigation
- Tear gas lawsuit
- Beenen lawsuit
- Hampton Lumber lawsuit
- Middle Fork Water Sewer System
- Living Waters Trust Injunction
- Hood v. Lewis County

Executive session started at 2:14 p.m.

At 2:44 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 10 minutes.

At 2:54 p.m., the Board extended executive session for 5 minutes.

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

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize Erik Martin to be the signer of a comment letter to the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation by Aug. 6.

Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting ended at 3:02 p.m.