

## PA Update

January 18, 2022

2:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Jonathan Meyer, Amber Smith, Eric Eisenberg, Robert Bradley, Andrew Logerwell, Steve Wohld, Chris Panush, Connie Riker, Judge Lawler, Judge Toynbee, Brittni Rogers, Lee Napier, Susie Palmateer, Natalie Dunlap, Tiffanie Morgan

Guests: Emily Fitzgerald, Eric Rosane

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Planning Commission:** Amber Smith said the commissioners have four quasi-judicial matters on the rezone docket for 2022:

- YMCA in Mineral
- Good mining in Ethel
- Adna Grocery Store
- Geode in Mossyrock

**Staffing:** Jonathan Meyer said he is fully staffed. He said one attorney will be working from home. Jonathan said his office has been working on the MOU for the bodycams.

**State v. Blake:** Jonathan said the PA's Office is pausing its general review but will review them on a case-by-case basis.

**Court use of fairgrounds:** Jonathan said he has concerns regarding the county's contract with Superior Court for the use of the fairgrounds. He said Superior Court is paying \$1,000 a month to use the RE Bennet grade school in Chehalis and that the \$6,000 a month price tag for the use of the fairgrounds seems exorbitant.

Judge Lawler said the mosaic building did not have adequate bathroom and parking amenities.

Jonathan said the RCW indicates "the county shall provide" the court facilities. He and Judge Lawler said they would rather the county contract with itself rather than contract with Superior Court for the use of the site.

Amber discussed the needed accounting practices for the use of the site. She said the contract could be considered an extension of Internal Services Fund.

Becky Butler noted that the BOCC authorized up to \$100,000 for costs associated with COVID-19. She noted that the rates for the Fairgrounds are set differently than ISF rates.

Susie Palmateer noted that both Superior Court and District Court are using the facilities.

Steve Wohld noted there is a rate for use of the building. He said the \$6,000 reflects a reduction (by roughly half) of the lowest rate the county would charge for use of the site.

Jonathan said the rub is that Superior Court is being asked to pay for something the county is obligated to provide. He said it seems like a paperwork shuffle that should not fall to Superior Court and District Court.

Susie said the question boils down to who should be signing off on the agreement.

Erik Martin said his understanding was that the agreement was in place to meet Superior Court's specific needs.

Jonathan said the county, not the courts, should sign the contract with the fairgrounds.

Becky suggested having Facilities oversee the use of the Fairgrounds and adjust their rates by \$6,000 per month.

**COVID impact on trials:** Jonathan Meyer said bench trials are taking place but that jury trials are on hold.

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) mandate:** Andrew Logerwell clarified recent developments regarding OSHA's vaccine mandate. He said the Supreme Court did not overturn OSHA's mandate. He said the justices have simply stayed enforcement.

### **Executive session**

At 3:11 p.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board was going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for 15 minutes to discuss the following.

- Point Blank sale appeal
- ESHB 1054 – Snaza et al. v. State of Washington
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standard (EST)
- Jerrie O'Connor v. Lewis County

Executive session started at 3:15 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Grose made a motion to approve Lewis County intervening in the Point Blank Timber sale appeal in partnership with the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC). Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.