

County Manager succession planning

June 21, 2023

10:36 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Interim County Manager Steve Wohld, Greg Prothman, Josh Metcalf, Becky Butler, Matt Jaeger, Nic Scott

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

At 10:37 a.m., Commissioner Swope announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for 15 minutes to evaluate the county manager applicants' qualifications.

Executive session started at 10:37 a.m.

- At 10:52 a.m., the Board extended executive session 10 minutes.
- At 11:02 a.m., the Board extended executive session 5 minutes.

Executive Session ended at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Swope noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope said the commissioners would like to interview candidates 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Greg Prothman said he will work with staff to create a press release about the candidates.

Greg Prothman suggested the commissioners create two panels to provide information about the candidates' strengths and weaknesses. He suggested two or three panels of roughly seven individuals apiece who would ask 12-14 questions per panel.

The commissioners discussed who to ask to sit on the panels:

- **Electeds:** Prosecutor, Sheriff, Auditor, Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk, Superior Court, District Court and Coroner.
- **Directors:** Becky Butler, Steve Wohld, Meja Handlen, Matt Jaeger, Amber Smith, Jenn Libby-Jones, Lee Napier, BJ Kuykendall, Alex Murray and Doug Carey.

The group said they will hold a meet and greet from 4 to 7 p.m. July 11 and then conduct interviews on July 12. They discussed holding an executive session interview from 4 to 5 p.m. July 11.

The commissioners said they would decline to provide travel reimbursements for candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.