

August 26, 2022
Special Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 26th day of August 2022.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Donna Atwood, Clerk, called roll call: Kirk Chandler, absent; Lyndon Haines, present and Nate Marvin, present. Also present was Prosecuting Attorney, Delton Walker; Information Technology Director, Robert Peterson; and Payette County Deputy Prosecutor, Josh Dolton.

IN THE MATTER OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY)

Delton Walker, Prosecuting Attorney, met with the Board. Walker stated that the City of Weiser awarded Walker Law a contract for services earlier this week. Walker informed the Board that Josh Dolton has been handling the Contract through the Payette County Prosecutor's office for the past four years. Payette County has determined that their Prosecutor's office can no longer handle the workload for the City of Weiser. Walker informed the Board that his office had submitted a bid for services to the City of Weiser and Walker explained the process of presenting a bid to the City of Weiser. Walker informed the Board that Idaho Code does allow Prosecutors to contract with Cities. Walker stated the County is responsible for all felonies. Code violations and any misdemeanors or infraction that occur within the city limits are the responsibility of the City to prosecute. Walker said some cities do hire outside counsel.

Walker discussed hiring an additional deputy. Walker provided information regarding expenditures for public defense verses the prosecutor's office over the past 10 years with the Board. Walker discussed the case load that has increased over time.

Walker stated he has spoke with Brian Taylor who contracts with the City of Parma. Walker discussed proposed salary increases to the deputy prosecutor's wage. Walker informed the Board that the increased costs would be covered through funding received through the contract. A portion of the funding would be used to cover increased wages and benefits. The remaining funds could be used for increased office expenses. Walker proposed adding \$15,000.00 to Dolton's proposed County salary. Walker stated to the Board that he anticipates a possible increase of wages of \$5,000.00 to a second deputy prosecutor. There was discussion regarding opening the budget through a public hearing to increase the need to the budget lines with funds received from the contract.

Dolton reviewed his experience as a prosecuting attorney with the Board. Dolton also discussed the process of contracting with other entities and tracking of the contracted work

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Walker informed the Board that in order to contract with the City of the Weiser, it has to be a unanimous decision by the Board.

Nate Marvin moved, seconded by Lyndon Haines to go into executive session at 10:15 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 74-206 (a & b) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office, (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Motion carried unanimous. Kirk Chandler, Absent; Lyndon Haines, Aye; Nate Marvin, Aye.

Nate Marvin stated they were out of executive session at 10:34 a.m.

Motion by Nate Marvin, seconded by Lyndon Haines and unanimously carried to recess at 10:35 a.m. until August 29, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk

A full audio recording of the Commissioner Meeting is available at the Clerk's Office upon request.