

Commissioner Minutes

March 30, 2023 – 9:31 a.m. to 10:14 a.m.

**MEETING WITH COUNTY ATTORNEYS FOR A LEGAL STAFF UPDATE**

Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks

Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley

Deputy P.A. Alex Klempel

COO Greg Rast

Administrative Supervisor Monica Reeves joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross \_\_\_\_\_

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The Board met today at 9:31 a.m. for a legal staff update. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks, Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley, Deputy P.A. Alex Klempel, COO Greg Rast and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross. Administrative Supervisor Monica Reeves joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

*A request was made to go into Executive Session as follows:*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS, RECORDS EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND TO COMMUNICATE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING/IMMINENTLY LIKELY LITIGATION

Commissioner Van Beek made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 74-206(1) (b), (d) and (f) regarding personnel matters, records exempt from public disclosure and to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently likely litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks. A vote was taken on the motion with Commissioners Van Beek, Brooks and Holton voting in favor of the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. Present were: Commissioners Brad Holton, Zach Brooks and Leslie Van Beek, Deputy P.A. Zach Wesley and Deputy P.A. Alex Klempel. The Executive Session concluded at 10:05 a.m. with no decision being called for in open session.

After the executive session Mr. Rast asked about procedure for the legal staff meetings. He wondered if there could be a better way for everyone involved to be more on the same page regarding topics to be discussed (topics not agendized as action items). Ms. Klempel suggested that anyone on the meeting invite could add notes as a reminder of discussion topics.

Commissioner Van Beek asked about the vicious animal ordinance that has been brought to the Board's attention by a citizen (Amy Weidner). Mr. Wesley spoke about how this issue has been forwarded to the criminal side of the prosecutor's office and there needs to be a conversation

there. If there is still an issue regarding the interpretation of the ordinance the civil team can help the Board with updating if necessary.

In returning to the earlier conversation regarding the legal staff meeting, Mr. Rast will be in contact with the civil team each Monday and Friday to determine if there are any additional topics to be addressed during those meetings.

In regard to a question from Commissioner Holton about the vicious animal ordinance, Commissioner Van Beek said that based on Mr. Wesley's advice, if there is still a dispute on interpretation after Ms. Weidner's attorney and an attorney from the criminal legal team speak that there could possibly an amendment of ordinance for clarification.

The meeting concluded at 10:14 a.m. and an audio recording is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

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