

April 17, 2020, Special Board Meeting

T-485

On Friday, April 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Upstairs Courtroom A of the Courthouse. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Tim Aho, Sharon Leonoff and Mike Stafford. Absent: Commissioner Ray Coates.

Also present: Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Powell, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Judge Donald S. Powell, Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz and Mary Dalpra, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Emergency Manager/911 Director Vernon Jones, Equalization Director Amy Marinoff, Deputy Equalization Director Julie Harp, Deputy Clerk Tara Peterson, Friend of the Court Heidi VanSlooten, Caseworker Leah Antilla, Probation Officer Amelia Arcand, Court Administrator Lori Willman, Probate Registrar Amanda Bett, Legal Secretary Sara Starr, Victim Advocate Amy Donati, District Court Clerk Christine Valesano, Construction Code Inspector Jerry Anderson, Construction Code Secretary Ana Valesano, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Lindsay Arcand, Juvenile Register Stephanie Nichols, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to approve the agenda as submitted. Voice vote, motion carried.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment.

Prosecutor Powell had questions about the lay-off policy and questions about screening employees when they enter the building amid the COVID-19 crisis.

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment two more times. No other comments voiced.

New Business:

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was lengthy discussion back and forth regarding courthouse employees' hours and which employees are essential and which employees are non-essential. Several employees will be taking a temporary leave and will only come in and work the hours as needed and other employees will be returning to their regular work hours. It was then moved by Aho, supported by Stafford, that we follow the guidance of the Department Heads and adopt Courthouse Policy 4-20-20 thru 4-30-20, and issue layoff notices. Roll call vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Coates absent. Motion carried.

There was discussion for clarification purposes regarding the motion that was passed at the April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting regarding the Elected Officials salaries for term beginning 2021. The elected would start at the base rate, but an experience supplemental increase would be given to anyone who has been working within that department for 5 years would start at year 4 salary. No action is needed.

Public Comment:

Chairperson Peretto called for Public Comment three times. No comments voiced.

Moved by Leonoff, supported by Aho, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle