

February 13, 2020
Special Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Idaho, does hereby meet this 13th day of February 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL)

Kirk Chandler opened the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was to correct the issue of not having an “Action Item” on the Commissioners Agenda.

Debbie Warren, Deputy Clerk, called roll call: Lisa Collini, present; Kirk Chandler, present and Nate Marvin, present by telephone.

Members of the public present were Dan Randleman, Jeri Soulier, George Soulier, Sandra Cooper, Dennis M. Cooper, Rick Michael, Rob Dickerson, Jim Harbard, Mike Warden, John Atnip, Alicia Cavasos, Mary Sue Roach, Robert Patrick, Linda Strain, Melanie Hickey, Dave Springer, Mike Fager, JR Bumgarner, Sabrina Young, Vernon Lolley, Joe Qualls, Sam Lancaster, and K. Kirby.

Washington County Prosecuting Attorney Delton Walker stated the meeting is to acknowledge that it was brought to the attention of the Commissioners on or about January 30, 2020 that on November 18, 2019 during the session with Planning and Zoning, an employee was terminated. Walker stated during that time, there was somewhat of a vote taken. There was not an “All in favor, say I” vote, but based on the meeting, two Commissioners decided to terminate the employee. Walker stated Commissioner Marvin was looking for alternatives which may have been considered a “No” vote. Walker stated even though the termination was done somewhat impromptu in the meeting, the Commissioners could have taken a better practice by putting the termination on the agenda at a later date and put the words “Action Item” as required per Open Meeting Law. If a vote is taken in an open meeting, the words “Action Item” are supposed to be listed. Walker stated, after review, the Commissioners Agenda does have “Action Item” listed in various places and as a general statement at the top saying “Action Items will be taken throughout the day as time allows”. As a best practice, because of what was taken during the specific time, it is advisable to put “Action Item” on that particular agenda item.

Walker stated this is a public acknowledgement that an Open Meeting Law violation has been made because a vote was taken without “Action Item” listed on the agenda. Walker advised the Commissioners to go through the process of a cure of the violation. The violation can be cured at a later meeting, but within fourteen days from today.

Walker stated public comment is not required for this type of violation.

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Chandler stated another meeting will be scheduled on the agenda during the Planning and Zoning appointment at 11:30 a.m. February 18, 2020 to cure the violation.

Motion by Kirk Chandler, seconded by Lisa Collini and unanimously carried to recess at 8:52 a.m. until February 18, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk

A full audio recording of the Commissioner meeting is available