

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center, Kennewick, WA

Meeting provided in person, by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically

Present: Chairman Jerome Delvin
Commissioner Shon Small
Commissioner Will McKay
County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Robert Heard, IT Manager; Clerk Josie Delvin; Superior Court Judge Joseph Burrowes; HR Manager Lexi Wingfield.

Interviews and Possible Appointment of Benton County District Court Judge

Chairman Delvin said the Board had a series of questions to ask the applicants and asked each of the applicants to step out of the room until it was time for their interview, as a professional courtesy.

The Board interviewed the applicants in the following order: Jennifer Azure, James Bell, and Diana Ruff.

After review and consideration, Chairman Delvin said the Board would leave the room to go into executive session to evaluate the candidates.

Executive Session

Jerrod MacPherson announced at 2:41 p.m. the Board would go into executive session for up to 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office. The Board left the room to meet in a separate office with the following individuals present at times: Jerrod MacPherson, Matt Rasmussen, Cami McKenzie, Ryan Brown, and Lexi Wingfield.

The Board came out at 3:10 p.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Small moved to appoint James Bell as the District Court Judge. Commissioner McKay seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

2021-458: Appointing James Bell to the Nonpartisan Elective Office Vacancy of Benton County District Court Judge Position 2

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:12 pm.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman