

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 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; District Court Judge James Bell; 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: Shelley Ajax and Jennifer Azure.

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

Executive Session - Evaluate Qualifications of Candidates for Appointment to Elective Office

Chairman Delvin announced at 1:55 p.m. the Board would go into executive session for up to 25 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: Jerrod MacPherson, Matt Rasmussen, Cami McKenzie, Lexi Wingfield.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:16 p.m. No decisions were made in executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner McKay moved to appoint Jennifer Azure to the Nonpartisan Elective Office Vacancy of Benton County District Court Judge, Position 5. Commissioner Small seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution

2021-793: Appointing Jennifer Azure to the Nonpartisan Elective Office Vacancy of Benton County District Court Judge Position 5

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:18 pm.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman