

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 18, 2009

TIME: 9:40 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Alan Crankovich; Vice Chairman Paul Jewell;
Commissioner Mark McClain

DEPARTMENT: WSU Extension Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Tip Hudson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mandy Robinson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Lisa Young, HR Manager

TOPIC:	Secretary Vacancy Permission to post
DISCUSSION:	Tip indicated that he had received final word there would not be cuts to this County's funding. He indicated his desire to fill the Office Assistant position in his office that was recently vacated. He indicated that the funding would not change this year and will not likely change next year. Commissioner Jewell questioned if we could fill the position with someone that was laid off or at least give priority to those individuals. Commissioner McClain questioned if they could hold off on hiring until next year. He explained that he was concerned with having to possibly do more lay-offs next year. He also questioned the job description and indicated that it refers to supporting the Master Gardner Program since the position has been moved under Solid Waste. He questioned if the position could possibly even be filled as seasonal. Lisa Young indicated that if they change the position from full-time then it has to go before the Union and that usually faces challenges. She indicated that she has been mailing applications to all employees that were laid off but they don't all apply.
ACTION:	Commissioner Jewell moved to approve the request to post and fill the Office Assistant position in the WSU Extension Office. Chairman Crankovich seconded. He noted that they should be made aware when interviewing that this position is for the remainder of 2009 and is subject to funding in 2010. Motion carried 2-0 (Commissioner McClain abstained).