SPECIAL MEETING

STATE BUDGET

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman O'Brien reviewed the proposed addendums to various contracts with the State of Washington. He said he was concerned with the uncertainty of when the State budget would be passed and the potential impacts that could result to some County services.

Robin Read, Interim Public Health Director, said that there were potential impacts to their office, as a good portion of their funding comes through Consolidated Contracts.

William Holmes said that Department of Social & Health Services had sent out an email which states that they will not authorize Probation Services to incur any expenses until a budget has been approved.

Patti Johnson, Solid Waste Director, said she has contracts that expire at end of month and the Department of Ecology is waiting until Monday to send out the new ones depending on the budget. She said it would affect their entire litter crew, 5 staff members and they could no longer accept hazardous waste and the outside facility would be shut down.

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Paul Sanders, Deputy Prosecutor, spoke of federally funded employees and said they could keep them knowing the money would eventually come back, because those dollars are pass through dollars through the State. Chairman O'Brien said they should be prepared to take the risk and if something changed they would be responsible to find the funds within their budget. He said to be prepared for minimal staffing and to begin to inform contractors depending on pending budget.

Commissioner Berndt moved to approve and authorize the Chair’s signature on an Amendment to Agreement No. C1200141 and No. G1200054 with the Department of Ecology, regarding a Suspension of Performance and resumption of Performance. Chairman O’Brien seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board also gave instruction to the Public Health Director on how to respond relating to their contracts with the State.

Commissioner Berndt expressed his frustration that legislature can’t make simple budgetary decisions and holding those who are trying to do their job.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.