MONDAY

9:50 P.M

AUGUST 12, 2013

Board members present: Chairman Obie O’Brien; Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell & Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Greg Zempel, Prosecutor; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board.

REGULAR MEETING

DEPARTMENT HEAD

PROSECUTOR

Greg Zempel, Prosecutor explained that he was back to further discuss with the Board the Victim Witness Fund shortage and the Deputy Prosecutor for the Civil Division, at the Boards direction from the Monday August 5, 2013 Department Head Meeting.

Commissioner Jewell reviewed the Board’s policy for filling Grant funded positions and how when it runs out the position goes away. He stressed the importance of the Board remaining consistent with this as they continue to receive requests from other Departments and Elected Officials that have been understaffed much longer than the Prosecutors Office. Commissioner Berndt questioned what happens to the work that gets dropped if the position goes away. Commissioner Jewell questioned if there was a way to add a fee to pay for the position. Mr. Zempel explained that the problem is the clients they are trying to collect from are not paying as it is and if they do pay, it’s extremely minimal.

Commissioner Berndt suggested the possibility of filling the one Deputy Prosecutor, and with those savings it should cover or be close to covering the funds needed to get through the rest of this year and then plan to discuss the position and funding during the 2014 budget cycle. Commissioner Jewell indicated that he would support that direction and authorize the Prosecutor to move the savings into the Victim Witness Fund. Chairman O’Brien also agreed that he was comfortable with the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Mandy Buchholz

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