

Minutes of the Board of Ward County Commissioners Special Meeting

May 8, 2018

A special meeting of the Ward County Commission was called to order by Chairman Walter at 9:00 a.m. with Comm. Wepler present. Comms. Fjeldahl, Louser and Rostad joined the meeting by phone. Also present were department heads: Dana Larsen, Devra Smestad, Leona Lochthowe, Roza Larson, Ryan Kamrowski.

Roza Larson appeared to present her findings on the background check for one of the HR Director candidates. She was unable to reach one employer. Another employer has not returned two phone calls. One of the employers would only verify dates of employment and would not speak to the reason this candidate was no longer with the company. Ms. Larson felt like that conversation raised a red flag. She did talk to a person who worked with the candidate and said she had received good reviews.

Comm. Rostad spoke with a colleague who advised him it might be a good idea to bring back the top three candidates and conduct second interviews. All commissioners were in agreement. After additional discussion, it was decided that two candidates, Robin and Kolette, will be brought in for second interviews on either Thursday, May 10th or Friday, May 11th. Roza Larson was tasked with starting background checks for each candidate and be provided with full application packages.

Moved by Comm. Rostad, seconded by Comm. Louser to bring in Robin and Kolette for second interviews on May 10 or 11, 2018. Roll call; Comm. Walter voted no; motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.