

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Special Meeting

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Catherine Roemer, Vice Chairman
Roger Morley, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 7:03 P.M. in Room 306 of the County Courthouse.

INTERVIEW SHERIFF CANDIDATES

Sheriff candidates George Oppedyk, George Silver, and Gary Taylor were present. Also present were Chad Kingsland, Linda Helms, Norm McGuire, Zach Rizard, Chuck Wiegard, A. Ben Crouch, Tom Zuiderveld, Glenneda Zuiderveld, and Teri Stokes.

Commissioner Howell welcomed those present and explained the format for the evening. He said public comment would be accepted only in written form and read aloud by the Commissioners and that each candidate would take turns answering the same questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Howell then asked each candidate to introduce himself.

George Oppedyk said he had been employed by the County for almost 14 years and had served as the chief deputy sheriff for two years.

Gary Taylor stated he was currently a patrol officer for the sheriff's office as well as a senior parole officer for the Idaho Department of Corrections.

George (Pee Wee) Silver told those present he had been a former Jerome County sheriff and had 30 years of law enforcement experience.

Commissioner Morley began with a question for all the candidates, followed by a question from Commissioner Roemer and one from Commissioner Howell. The questioning format continued until the Commissioners had asked all the questions they had prepared.

Commissioner Howell read comments and questions from the public, which the candidates answered.

Commissioner Howell called for a 10-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioner Howell read from ballots submitted by the Commissioners. He said he had voted for George Oppedyk because he had done a great job as chief deputy during the previous year. Commissioner Roemer voted for George Oppedyk, saying it was a difficult decision but that she wanted to honor the recommendation from the Republican Central Committee and had had good

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reports of Deputy Oppedyk's performance. Commissioner Morley said he voted for George Oppedyk because he thought continuity for the sheriff's department was critical.

Commissioner Howell thanked the public for participating.

Gary Taylor said the Commissioners made the right choice, and George Silver said George Oppedyk was an excellent choice.

George Oppedyk stated all three candidates were worthy and that he would fulfill his duties to the best of his ability. He was to be sworn into the office of sheriff on March 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Catherine M. Roemer, Commissioner

Roger M. Morley, Commissioner