

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: January 11, 2011 Time: 10:30 a.m. Length: 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Justice Court Alternate Pro Tem Justice of the Peace

Department: Justice Court

Presenter: Kristin Twenge

POLICY QUESTION

Should the Board of County Commissioners approve an additional pro-tem Justice of the Peace for Clackamas County Justice Court?

HISTORY & ISSUE: Approval of Alternate Pro-Tem Justice of the Peace

Justice Court operations require the occasional use of a pro-tem Justice of the Peace in the event that the presiding Justice is unavailable or has a conflict of interest in a pending case. On June 29, 2010, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved Marion County Justice of the Peace Janice Zyryanoff as a pro-tem Justice of the Peace for the Clackamas County Justice Court. As with the presiding Justice, the pro-tem Justice may also be unavailable or have a conflict of interest in a pending case creating a need for an alternate pro-tem Justice of the Peace.

County Counsel has advised Justice Court staff that the presiding Justice of the Peace should submit to the Board, for their review, any recommendation for a pro-tem Justice of the Peace. At this time, presiding Justice of the Peace, Karen Brisbin, is recommending Clackamas County attorney Jonathan Gilroy to be approved by the Board as an alternate Clackamas County Justice Court pro-tem Justice of the Peace.

Earning his Juris Doctorate in 1998, Mr. Gilroy works in private practice as a personal injury and criminal defense lawyer and is co-founder of Gilroy & Napoli, LLC in Lake Oswego. He is a former Washington County Deputy District Attorney and is also the son of the late Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge, Patrick D. Gilroy.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Should the Board of County Commissioners approve Clackamas County attorney Jonathan Gilroy as an alternate Clackamas County Justice Court pro-tem Justice of the Peace?

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1. The Board of County Commissioners could approve appointment of Clackamas County attorney Jonathan Gilroy as an alternate Clackamas County Justice Court pro-tem Justice of the Peace.
2. The Board of County Commissioners could defer a decision regarding the appointment of an alternate pro-tem Clackamas County Justice of the Peace to a later date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Staff respectfully requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve option 1, the appointment of Clackamas County attorney Jonathan Gilroy as an alternate Clackamas County Justice Court pro-tem Justice of the Peace.

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION

Division Director/Head Approval Karen Brisbane

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County Administrator Approval Steve Wheeler

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