

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:)	
)	
SKAMANIA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT)	
GUILD)	CASE 14172-E-98-2365
)	
)	DECISION 6511 - PECB
Involving certain employees of:)	
)	INTERIM CERTIFICATION
SKAMANIA COUNTY)	
)	Representation Election
)	By Agreement of Parties
)	

Hoag, Garrettson, Goldberg, Finch and Makler, by Mark Makler, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson and Daheim, by Warren E. Martin, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The above-named petitioner timely filed a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation with the Public Employment Relations Commission, involving certain employees of the above-named employer. The showing of interest filed in support of the petition was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient. The employer declined voluntarily to recognize the petitioner as the exclusive bargaining representative of its employees.
2. As a result of preliminary processing of the petition, the Commission proceeded with determination of the question concerning representation, and issues framed concerning the eligibility of certain employees for inclusion in the bargaining unit were reserved for subsequent determination.
3. These representation proceedings were conducted in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL FULL-TIME AND REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE SKAMANIA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, EXCLUDING THE SHERIFF, UNDERSHERIFF, CHIEF CRIMINAL DEPUTY, CHIEF CIVIL CLERK, JAIL SUPERINTENDENT, SUPERVISORS, AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES.

4. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission, in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the selection of a bargaining representative. A tally of the result was previously furnished to the parties, and is attached hereto. The reserved eligibility issues do not affect the outcome of the question concerning representation. No meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The bargaining unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing findings of fact is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining.
2. All conditions precedent to issuance of an interim certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

1. The employees of the above-named employer in the appropriate bargaining unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing findings of fact have chosen:

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and that organization is certified as their exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

2. The above-captioned matter is remanded for further proceedings on the eligibility issues previously reserved, as described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing findings of fact.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 14th day of December, 1998.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION


MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director



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Applicable Rule: WAC 391-25-550

CASE NUMBER 14172-E-98-2365 EMPLOYER Skamania County

The Public Employment Relations Commission has tabulated the ballots cast in the election conducted in this case, and certifies that the results of the election are as follows:

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| 1. | APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS | <u>29</u> |
| 2. | VOID BALLOTS | <u>0</u> |
| 3. | VOTES CAST FOR <u>Skamania Co Law Enforcement Guild</u> | <u>21</u> |
| 4. | VOTES CAST FOR | |
| 5. | VOTES CAST FOR | |
| 6. | VOTES CAST FOR <u>NO REPRESENTATION</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 7. | VALID BALLOTS COUNTED (Total of lines 3 through 6) | <u>21</u> |
| 8. | CHALLENGED BALLOTS CAST | <u>2</u> |
| 9. | VALID BALLOTS COUNTED PLUS CHALLENGED BALLOTS (Total of lines 7 and 8) | <u>23</u> |
| 10. | NUMBER OF VALID BALLOTS NEEDED TO DETERMINE ELECTION | <u>12</u> |
| 11. | CHALLENGED BALLOTS (check one): | |
| | [] - ARE SUFFICIENT IN NUMBER TO AFFECT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - DO NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION. | |
| 12. | THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION APPEAR TO BE (check one): | |
| | [] - INCONCLUSIVE, SO THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION WILL BE NECESSARY. | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - CONCLUSIVE, FAVORING THE CHOICE LISTED ON LINE <u>3</u> , ABOVE. | |

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DATE ISSUED Dec 1, 1998BY Sally Iwerson

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OBSERVERS

The undersigned acted as authorized observers for the parties, and acknowledge service of a copy of this tally of ballots.

For the Employer	Title	Date
For organization listed on Line 3	Title	Date
For organization listed on Line 4	Title	Date
For organization listed on Line 5	Title	Date
For decertification petitioner	Title	Date