

STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

TYLER R. KNOWLES

Involving certain employees of:

FERRY COUNTY

CASE 131428-E-19

DECISION 13206 - PECB

DECISION OF COMMISSION

Tyler R. Knowles, the decertification petitioner.

Bill Keenan, Director of Organizing, for the Washington State Council of County and City Employees.

Lance King, Attorney at Law, The Wesley Group, for Ferry County.

On April 14, 2019, Tyler Knowles filed a petition to decertify the Washington State Council of County and City Employees (union) as the exclusive bargaining representative of employees of Ferry County.¹

On July 11, 2019, Representation Case Administrator Emily K. Whitney issued a notice of election. The agency conducted a mail ballot election. On August 6, 2019, Representation Case Administrator Dario de la Rosa tallied the election. Twenty-five employees were eligible to vote. Ten cast votes for the union. Ten cast votes for no representation. No challenged ballots were cast. “Where there are only two choices on the ballot, a tie vote shall result in a certification of no representative.” WAC 391-25-530(2).

¹ The bargaining unit consists of all full-time and regular part-time employees of the Road Department in the Maintenance Worker, Mechanic, MIS Technician, Foreman, Secretary, and Accounting Assistant job classes. *Ferry County*, Decision 12823-A (PECB, 2018).

On August 13, 2019, the union filed timely election objections. The employer responded to the union's objection. On September 12, 2019, the Commission issued a notice of hearing directing a hearing be conducted on the election objections.

On June 4, 2020, the parties requested that the agency conduct a new election. After reviewing their request, we remand the case to the Executive Director to conduct a new election.

ORDER

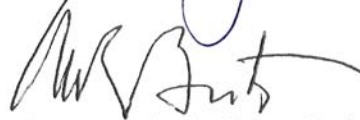
The results of the election conducted in the above-captioned matter are VACATED. This case is remanded to the Executive Director to conduct a new election.

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 11th day of June, 2020.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION



MARILYN GLENN SAYAN, Chairperson



MARK BUSTO, Commissioner



KENNETH J. PEDERSEN, Commissioner



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ISSUED ON 06/11/2020

DECISION 13206 - PECB has been served by mail and electronically by the Public Employment Relations Commission to the parties and their representatives listed below.

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