

Friday Five

Your weekly Thurston County update



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#1 - Coffee with a Commissioner - Pretrial Services



What does pretrial mean? What are the pretrial services Thurston County offers? What are some of the biggest challenges pretrial system leaders face in our county? In our latest Coffee with a Commissioner episode, Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser sat down and had coffee with Superior Court Judge, Schaller, Prosecuting Attorney, Jon Tunheim, Public Defense Director, Patrick O'Connor, and Carrie Hennen, Pretrial Services Director, to discuss Thurston County's pretrial system. You can find this episode, along with other Coffee with a Commissioner interviews, and county work sessions and board meetings, on the [Thurston County Youtube channel](#).

#2 - Multiple Public Hearings Scheduled Next Week. Here's How You Can Participate!

Thurston County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing



More information on public hearings:

www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas

Next week, the Board of County Commissioners will hold multiple public hearings to receive public comment on December 3 & 4 regarding the county budget. There are many ways you can participate at a public hearing. You can submit a written comment, attend in-person, participate via Zoom, or watch live on the Thurston County YouTube channel.

Learn more about how you can participate and view next week's public hearing schedule on the [Thurston County website](http://www.thurstoncountywa.gov).

#3 - Thurston County Board of County Commissioners Welcomes Newly Elected County Commissioners



Commissioner Wayne Fournier and Commissioner Carolina Mejia



Commissioner Emily Clouse and Commissioner Carolina Mejia

Thurston County Commissioners-Elect Wayne Fournier of District 4, and Emily Clouse of District 5, were sworn in on Tuesday, November 28, increasing the board from three to five commissioners.

Following the 2023 general election certification, on Tuesday, November 28, at approximately 12:45 p.m., Commissioner Carolina Mejia, Chair of the Board, swore in Commissioner Clouse. Clouse began her role immediately, participating in the November 28 afternoon board meetings.



"I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust placed in me by the residents of Thurston County, and I pledge to serve with unwavering dedication and integrity," said Commissioner Clouse. "As we move forward, I am committed to bringing our community's vision to life, fostering a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable future for all."

Later that evening, Commissioner Fournier was sworn-in by Commissioner Mejia following his resignation as Mayor of Tenino at Tuesday's Tenino City Council meeting. Commissioner Fournier began his new role the following morning.

"I am excited to get to work as the commissioner for our newly created District 4," said Commissioner Fournier. "We live in one of the most amazing places in the country and I am ready to be part of a team that wants to make it even better."

"We are pleased to welcome the two commissioners to the board," said Chair of Board, Commissioner Carolina Mejia. "Their addition enhances our ability to make impactful decisions and drive our county forward."



#4 - All Blood Types Needed! Donate Blood on December 5





American Red Cross


All blood types needed!

Scan QR code or click [here](#) to schedule your blood donation appointment!



 **Thurston County Emergency Management**
9521 Tilley Rd SW

 **Tuesday Dec. 5**
10am-3pm

 **For assistance registering contact Emily:**
(360) 890-5173 or
emily.schoendorf@co.thurston.wa.us

Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in our country. Join Thurston County Emergency Management and the American Red Cross next Tuesday for a blood drive! The blood drive will be at Thurston County Emergency Management on Tuesday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 9521 Tilley Rd SW, Olympia.

Schedule your [blood drive appointment](#). Walk-ins are also welcome.

#5 - The Commissioners Proclaimed November 16 as Adoption Day in Thurston County



On Tuesday, November 21, the Board of County Commissioners recognized November 16 as National Adoption Day in Thurston County. The proclamation emphasizes the importance of finding a permanent and caring family for every child in need and supporting the families who care for them.

Watch the proclamation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6k7roFtDFE>



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