

PALMER LAKE (Cont. from 1)

not made public, so details of these discussions are not known.

At the March 13 board meeting, Scott Krob, the town's attorney, announced that the annexation request for the Buc-ee's travel center

had been withdrawn. He said the resolution passed by the board that declared the land eligible for annexation was null. Krob did not provide details about why the annexation request was withdrawn. There have been reports in other news outlets that the annexation petition will be resubmitted.

At the same board meeting, Mayor Glant Havenar asked the board to approve Resolution 25-2025, authorizing a contract with GovPro Consulting LLC, owned by Judy Egbert, to provide the town with election assistance. The memo from GovPro Consulting included in the board packet specifies that Egbert will advise the town regarding the potential recall elections of Trustees Shana Ball, Kevin Dreher, and Dennis Stern.

The scope of services includes reviewing all documents submitted by citizens, establishing a calendar for the recalls, providing a ballot security plan, overseeing the printing of ballots and envelopes, and training election judges. GovPro Consulting will charge \$80 an hour. If any of the three recall elections take place, the town will pay a lump sum of \$8,000 per election; if the recall elections do not take place, the hourly rate will be charged for the work done.

Town Administrator Dawn Collins estimated the cost to the town would be \$20,000 per election, including consulting costs.

Havenar said the recalls were "an abhorrent waste of taxpayers'

money."

Ball, Dreher, and Stern are the targets of recall petitions because some believe that procedural mistakes were made in the annexation eligibility hearing and those trustees might favor proceeding with the Buc-ee's travel center.

The Integrity Matters litigation was discussed in the executive session that preceded the March 27 board meeting.

At that meeting, Krob said the traffic study commissioned as part of the Buc-ee's annexation request had been posted. The fiscal impact study and the water study were in draft form and would be available in about a week, Krob said.

At the same meeting, in her administrative report, Collins said the petitions to recall Ball, Dreher, and Stern had been approved as to their legal form. The petitioners will have 60 days from the date of approval to collect at least 275 names of registered voters that live in Palmer Lake. If the names are verified, a recall election date will be set. Collins said the recall election would need to be scheduled within 90 days following the verification of the signatures; she asked to have the entire 90 days to plan and organize the election.

Later in the March 27 meeting, the board voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 28-2025, which rescinds an earlier resolution that declared the property proposed for the travel center eligible for annexation.

In the public comments portion of March 27 meeting, resident

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