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Bronson picks temp agency in 3-0 vote;

** Updated - Clerk Applicants From Levy, Dixie And Gilchrist Counties*



Town Councilwoman Katie Parks is seen at the special meeting on June 12. She wants to be the next town clerk and will resign her job as a Town Council leader if appointed to the post.

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Story and Photos

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BRONSON – Due to former Bronson Town Clerk Pamela Whitehead choosing to no longer serve as town clerk, three Bronson Town Council members on Tuesday night (June 12) chose to engage one of two contending temporary office worker agencies to provide a temp for the post.



Mayor Bruce Greenlee is seen at the special meeting on June 12.

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Vice Mayor Beatrice Roberts is seen at the special meeting on June 12.



Town Councilman Robert Partin is seen at the special meeting on June 12. Town Councilman Jason Hunt was absent from the special meeting on June 12.

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Bronson Public Works Director Erik Wise sits in the town clerk seat during the special meeting on Tuesday night (June 12). Wise, and Parks and Recreation Director Curtis Stacy are pitching in to help with office duties in the absence of a town clerk or deputy town clerk. Former Bronson Town Clerk Pamela Whitehead and former Deputy Town Clerk Susie Robinson both quit recently. The town leaders are a bit perplexed because this is the time of year for budget workshops, as well as for sending Truth In Millage statements to the town's taxpayers.

Bronson Town Councilwoman Katie Parks chose against participating in the discussion about Whitehead's replacement, because she decided to be among the candidates for that job.

Town Councilman Jason Hunt was absent from the special meeting of the night of June 12.

Mayor Bruce Greenlee, Vice Mayor Beatrice Roberts and Town Councilman Robert Partin, on a motion by Partin, seconded by Roberts, chose to hire Express Employment Professionals, which had owner Jason Carr appear to present reasons to accept his firm for the temporary placement of a worker in the place where Whitehead formerly performed duties.

The other firm being considered was Wal-Staf. Both companies are based in Gainesville.

Another confirmed new employee for the Town of Bronson is recently accepted Deputy Town Clerk Melisa Thompson, who has a salary of \$13.50 an hour when she stars. Former Bronson Deputy Town Clerk Susie Robinson has agreed to help Thompson understand some aspects of that job. Robinson recently quit working for the Town of Bronson too.

The current suggested salary range for the future Bronson town clerk will be \$32,000 to \$42,000 depending on applicant's level of experience.

The job description is reportedly available on the website for the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Greenlee said he has been in discussion with FLC in regard to bonding for

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a temp, who might sit in the clerk's seat for some period of time.

Meanwhile, even though it may take until June 28 to find a temp, the Town Council is seeking a full-time, "permanent" town clerk.

The current deadline for applications for the Bronson town clerk job is June 28.

Councilwoman Parks' letter dated June 11 notes her intent to seek the job. As part of that letter, she notes she will not participate in discussion or voting on matters related to the temporary or permanent placement of a person in that post.

If selected, Parks said she will resign her job as a member of Bronson Town Council, Seat 2.

After the meeting, Parks told *HardisonInk.com* that she plans to take any courses required to bring her skill set up to the proper level to be the next town clerk. She believes the FLC offers a set of courses for clerks.

* According to the applications that are public record, on the list of candidates so far as of June 18 are Kathleen E. "Katie" Parks, Bronson town councilwoman and surgical tech at North Florida Regional Medical Center, from (Bronson) Levy County; Shirley Ann Miller, an administrative assistant II with the Levy County Department of Public Safety, from Bell (Gilchrist County); and Joannie M. Morse, a care coordinator with the Florida Department of Health, from Old Town (Dixie County).

After all of the applicants submit their resumes, the Town Council (except Parks) will choose the next clerk. **The deadline to submit applications is June 28.**

Applicants should visit Town Hall during regular business hours Monday through Thursday.