

**Bear Lake County Commissioners' Special Meeting
August 28, 2023
Commissioners' Chambers – Paris, Idaho**

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met for a special meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, August 28, 2023, in the Commissioners' Chambers in Paris, Idaho. Video access to the meeting also was available via Zoom. Members present were Commission Chairman Bradley D. Jensen, Commissioner Rex L. Payne, Commissioner Wynn S. Olsen and Amy Bishop, Clerk of the Board. Also in attendance were Bear Lake County Fair Board Chairwoman Lisa Transtrum and Deputy Clerk Paul Christiansen.

APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olsen. The motion carried.

SET NEW DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING – ACTION ITEM

County Clerk Amy Bishop said the Board originally had set its Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Hearing for August 28, 2023; however, incorrect info had been submitted to and published in the local newspaper, The News-Examiner, that stated the hearing was scheduled for August 20, 2023. Because of this, the Board now needed to set a new hearing date and allow enough time to publish the proper notice, she said.

The Board discussed including this public hearing as part of the meeting agenda at its next regular meeting, to be held September 11, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to set the Bear Lake County Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Hearing for 9:15 a.m. on September 11, 2023. The motion received a second from Commissioner Payne. The motion carried.

FAIR BOARD DAIRY BARN – ACTION ITEM

Lisa Transtrum, the chairwoman of the Bear Lake County Fair Board, presented bid options for the replacement Bear Lake County Fairgrounds dairy barn – which sustained a roof collapse during winter/spring 2023 due to heavy snow accumulation. Transtrum said she previously had sent an email to each commissioner to present to them the information on three building bids and one electrical bid, from Bear River Electric, for the dairy barn project.

The three building bids presented included two wood buildings and one steel building, complete with steel sheeting. Cleary Buildings of Garland, Utah, provided a bid for an all-wood construction building measuring 9 feet high by 33 feet wide by 112 feet long at a cost of \$81,650. This option would not include any electrical, plumbing or panel installation costs.

Roper Building out of Ogden, Utah, provided a bid for a dairy barn building with all-wood construction and measuring 33 feet wide by 112 feet long. It would have a height of 9 feet 4 inches. The total cost for

this building would be \$85,380, but that figure did not include the costs of a moisture barrier, overhead doors, eave lights, concrete work or footings, Transtrum said.

The fair board recommended the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approve building bid No. 2 in conjunction with the electrical bid, she said. This bid was put in by local contractor Brad Skinner and CBD Steel of Brigham City and would see the erection of a 10-foot-tall steel building that measures 33 feet wide by 112 feet long. This building will feature a 5:12 roof pitch, in-ground foundation, off-set doors, 10 individual 4-foot-by-4-foot Louver windows and a total resiliency rating against wind gusts of up to 110 miles per hour. The total estimated cost of the building bid was \$91,285.

Alternatively, the same bid was offered with a different type of foundation at a lesser cost. The BOCC could authorize a foundation that includes 4-foot-by-4-foot spot footing supports for 20-inch Sonotube forms. If the BOCC went this route, the total cost would be reduced by \$6,000 – bringing the total building bid to \$85,285, Transtrum said.

Per the first version of bid No. 2, Transtrum said the estimated total cost of the fair board’s proposed dairy barn is \$121,971. The breakdown of the individual costs includes \$91,285 for the steel building, with in-ground foundation and included Louver windows; \$18,650 for the electrical bid; \$1,000 for the plumbing work; \$1,000 for ventilation fans; \$3,536 for panels; and \$6,500 for paving costs.

The Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), which provides Bear Lake County with its insurance package, has assessed the damage of the collapse damage to the original dairy barn and has supplied a reimbursement total of \$117,694, Transtrum said. This leaves only an estimated cost difference of \$4,277 which would have to be paid out of pocket by the county.

The bid provided only requires a 20-percent down payment to be used for supply procurement. The remaining cost will be paid at the time of completion, Transtrum said.

Commissioner Olsen said that, after looking over the bids, he was in support of the bid from Brad Skinner and CBD Steel. This bid includes the steel building – which Olsen personally felt would last longer and be more eye-catching – and the cost of the Louver windows. While the cost of the building construction itself might be more, the total cost of the dairy barn project might not be much higher than that of the other options when the expenses associated with ventilation, plumbing, pavement and other factors are considered, he said.

Commissioner Payne voiced concern that due to the size of the building, choosing to install Sonotube foundation supports at a lesser cost than an in-ground foundation would not be as structurally sound. He suggested the county should spend a little more money and err on the side of caution now rather than pay more for costly repairs in the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve Dairy Barn Project building bid No. 2 from Brad Skinner and CBD Steel and the electrical bid from Bear River Electric. The motion received a second from Commissioner Payne. The motion carried.

Clerk Amy Bishop asked the BOCC for direction from which county funding sources the remaining

project balance should be paid after the ICRMP compensation covers for what it can.

MOTION: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to direct the Bear Lake County Clerk to use money from the Bear Lake County Fair Fund Balance to pay for the costs of the Dairy Barn Project that are not covered by the county's insurance reimbursement made by ICRMP. The motion received a second from Commissioner Payne. The motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.



BRADLEY D. JENSEN, Chairman

9/11/2023
Date Approved

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