

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Chairman Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board.

Also attending were Prosecuting Attorney, Steve Wuthrich, Conrad Michaelson, Ron Jensen, Dorothea Harless, Prosecutor Elect, John Olson, Dave & Claudia Cottle, Bill Stock, Roy Bunderson and The News-Examiner Reporter, Daniel Bishop.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Payne made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Road & Bridge stop sign petition and record retention, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Sheriff Brent R. Bunn presented his monthly report stating he had received the prisoner costs for three months after being delayed with Caribou County having computer issues. He is advertising for a deputy and hoping to be able to hire by December as to train a month prior to his retirement.

Commissioner Jensen mentioned the Road & Bridge is needing another pickup truck and dump truck, the contractor should be starting on the building addition at the landfill. They have an engine out in one of our garbage trucks which they do use and plan on using for another 4 to 5 years and are waiting pricing on an in-frame overhaul where they change the pistons and bearings.

Commissioner Payne stated the airport is coming along well, thanked The News-Examiner for the nice article in the paper. The fair board had their meeting, need to check on the terms of the members, some coming due in a year. They stated they had over 1,400 entries this year. ITD is working on the old south Ovid bridge stating completion time is estimated to be 2018 to 2019 and the Georgetown bridge should be done this fall with paving.

Commissioner Jensen also mentioned one of the Planning & Zoning members resigned so they would need to replace a member.

Commissioner Payne also mentioned that the French Dutch project at the Reserve with the Fuels Reduction Program should be done by the 1st of November.

The Clerk presented them with a letter from ICRMP looking for a new trustee.

Chairman Rasmussen met with ITAC and mentioned there is additional money from federal grants for road projects the county should look at. Board of Health will be holding a meeting on October 27, 2016 in Pocatello, main item on the agenda will be called "Close the Gap" and how they divide the money for the health department.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Inspector Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report and stated permits are up, there have been 27 new houses built so far this year. He mentioned he was ready to send out a new flyer regarding the courthouse bond, another interview and ad on the radio, there will be an article in the paper, also hoping for statements from each commissioner. Davidson mentioned that Pictometry flew in May and the contract is to be renewed by December 21st. He wondered about the usage in different departments and discussed figuring a percentage for each to pay.

BEAR LAKE SHORELINE ISSUES

Dorothea Harless, Indian Spring HOA with Claudia Cottle, Bear Lake Watch brought up the northeast shoreline of Bear Lake and all the motorized traffic and how unsafe it is getting. Claudia stated they had a citizens group meeting on October 8th and most urgent items are to find funding to enforce laws on the books for the speed limit and also education regarding the speed limit. It was proposed to develop a working group to have a positive outcome. Chairman Rasmussen stated they would like a solution and would work all together with the state, county and citizens and have a balance for protection and safety. They would probably have one commissioner to represent that group.

IDAHO DEPT. OF LANDS-STATE LANDS UPDATE

Gary Billman, Senior Resource Specialist and Pat Brown with the State Board of Lands were present to discuss the lake management. Chairman Rasmussen read a state policy on land management. The Department of Lands representatives discussed how Bear Lake is unique in the state and has always presented a challenge for management because its geography is so different from the lakes in Northern Idaho. There is a long list of people and agencies that need to be involved in the team to get this solved. Everyone is willing to work together to better address the needs in our area.

The Clerk asked the Commissioners about dissolving a Flood Control District as discussed in a prior meeting and issuing a letter to be sent to the Department of Water Resources, requesting the Commissioners petition the court to dissolve an unused Flood Control District. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve writing a letter to dissolve Flood Control District #12, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

LAND BOARD ORDER

Chairman Rasmussen directed Attorney Wuthrich to write a letter to the Attorney General's office regarding lake management.

ORDINANCES AROUND BEAR LAKE

Conrad Michaelson appeared to discuss lake management. He made several suggestions for policies to manage the problems. He stated he didn't know there was already an organized group addressing these issues. He also mentioned people were getting access to the lake through trespassing on private property and is an increasing problem. Commissioner Jensen stated one person can own a piece of property on the lake shore, but there are 1,000 citizens who can use as it is public land.

BART HESLINGTON, CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF – VEHICLES

Chief Deputy Heslington discussed the program for purchasing sheriff's vehicles. Currently, the county buys one vehicle per year and rotates the vehicles. The vehicles get a lot of wear and tear and have high mileage. This causes concern about reliability of the older vehicles before they are replaced. He presented some information for the Commissioners to consider regarding leasing the vehicles instead. The Commissioners discussed several pros and cons of the plan. He has been talking with BanCorp Corporation regarding leasing a vehicle and how cost effective it could be. Heslington stated that a representative could come and answer some of the questions. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to have him contact a representative and have more information for next month.

PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT

Commissioner discussed reappointing Ron Jensen to the Planning & Zoning board.

IT SERVICES

The Commissioners discussed the county's IT services. They had one proposal from TJ Burbank in Preston. A second person showed interest. The Commissioners decided to wait until the next meeting to see if another proposal is received. They also discussed the Computer Arts software and suggestions that were made to improve it.

POLLING PLACES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the polling places, along with the new location for Bloomington voters at the Bloomington City Hall, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

MEMO. OF AGREEMENT W/DEPT. OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS

After looking at the agreement and noticing a discrepancy in dates, Chairman Rasmussen asked that the Clerk have Ron Harper, Juvenile Probation officer check into the dates and present the agreement at the next meeting.

COUNTY EXTENSION AGREEMENT

After reviewing the agreement, Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the annual County Extension Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. This agreement sets out the terms for the extension program with the University of Idaho.

RECORDS RETENTION

The Clerk presented the Commissioners the list of records needing to be destroyed according to the county's record retention policy. The records are primarily financial records that were reviewed and approved by the county attorney as required. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Records Retention Resolution #2016-07 to legally destroy those records mentioned, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED

Commissioner Payne made a motion to ratify the claims, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve minutes from the September 12th meeting with the correction of a 30 foot easement from the center of the road regarding the Skinner Right of Way, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roy Bunderson discussed the issue with crossing the border by emergency responders. He would like to see this issue resolved. He also discussed the Bloomington Sewer project and problems on the Bloomington Canyon Road with all the added traffic, speed, garbage, etc. He asked about the courthouse & asked if it was on the ballot and did not want to see any more money spent on an old building.

Bill Stock discussed the campground up Fish Haven Canyon and discussed some changes in the road to help solve the problem.

SKINNER EXCAVATION/Right of Way

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Skinner Right of Way Agreement , seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Payne stated he had received a petition for a stop sign at the intersections of Hillside Drive, Jefferson and Valley View Road. There was some discussion about whether the intersection was in the city or county. The Commissioners stated they would have Greg Skinner work with the City of Montpelier to get the situation fixed. Commissioner Payne also mentioned the meeting he had been to and all the opportunities for applying funds to help with various roads, bridges, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – INDIGENT, PERSONNEL AND LEGAL

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and to convene into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (d,f) to discuss personnel & legal issues, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. All Commissioners voted in a roll call vote of '1'. Also invited to the meeting were Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich, Clerk Cindy Garner, Deputy Clerk Mindy Williamson, Road & Bridge Supervisor Greg Skinner & Kyle Jones with Keller Engineering and Don Carnahan by phone.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to vacate the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Several items came out of the executive session. They did discuss conflict counsel billings.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the amended Personnel Policy for the employees, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to have Keller Engineering to move ahead with plans to do a study on drainage on Paris Canyon Road, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Rasmussen made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jensen to be the contact person for issues regarding lake and canyon management and work with Dept. of Lands, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed a cell phone allowance program and it will be based on an individual basis as it comes up.

Chairman Rasmussen stated they would ask for recommendations for a Planning & Zoning member to have ready for their next meeting.

Commissioners discussed a possible nominee for the ICRMP board but because of all the time commitments and other assignments at this time, they will not submit a nominee at this time so a nominee will come from one of the other counties.

Commissioner Jensen mentioned again about the pickup truck for Road & Bridge which has over 300,000 miles, possibly finding a used truck or maybe concentrate on a dump truck and get bids.

They will have a meeting on October 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's office for opening bids for surplus property, Juvenile Corrections and Junior College applications.

Chairman Rasmussen mentioned approving the minutes from September 14th & 21st meetings as there was some confusion in getting them to read prior to this meeting.

Chairman Rasmussen asked the Clerk to get together something regarding the Waste Tire Ordinance for the November meeting.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.