

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a special meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in School District #33 board room, in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Others attending were Sheriff Bart Heslington, Building Inspector Wayne Davidson, Mike Knapp, Rich Smart and Patrick Johnson.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### MIKE KNAPP

Mike Knapp and Rich Smart came to express, as they previously put together figures, how they desired to build the new courthouse and would like to be considered. Some reasons to consider them is they felt they could save money and keep more money in the county. Another reason is they would put off other jobs to build the courthouse, the lumber prices seem to be dropping and the tide is turning on labor. Commissioners asked if they had a public works license, they do not at this point, but they feel they could acquire one. Commissioners stated they appreciated their comments and wished they would have put their bid in the proper time frame, and they need to be fair to Bid D's contract and are still in the process of going over it. The reason the Commissioners went to them was Big D's preliminary cost was out of what they could accept. This was all prior to the bidding process. Commissioners have selected a construction manager (CMAR) and would have to break the contract and pay them off. Knapp realizes Big D has done a lot of work at this point, if the county were to reject their bid, they would be interested in purchasing the work that has been done. Commissioner Rasmussen stated legally they are not sure if that is possible. Commissioner Payne expressed appreciation for their interest in trying to help the county. Commissioners need to go forward with going over the bids prior to making any decisions.

#### WORK MEETING

Sheriff Bart Heslington discussed options with bids on the antennas needed, he has been speaking with Scott Saunders, High Altitude Communications, and the estimate they give is \$24,050, if everything goes wrong, but \$15,000 - \$20,000 otherwise. The Commissioners stated there would need to be conversation with the architects or electrical engineer.

Commissioners and Davidson further discussed each item in the proposed bids to go over options so they will be ready to have final items and figures to give to Bid D on the courthouse.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (1) (f) 'To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement', seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Others invited to attend

were Building Inspector Wayne Davidson, Deputy Clerk Amy Bishop, Clerk Garner and would get Prosecutor Adam McKenzie on the phone.

A roll call vote was taken, and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Board in Executive Session

Board out of Executive Session

Reminder of the public hearing on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Center for more discussion on the portion of property School District #33 would like to obtain from the county to build a new middle school. Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.