

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in their regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017 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 in attendance were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Bart Heslington, Assessor Lynn Lewis, County Supervisor/Planner Scott Esquibel, Prosecutor John Olson, The News-Examiner Reporter, Daniel Bishop, and citizens Jean Alleman and Robin Owsley .

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of two items, Paris Fire Station & Parks & Recreation buildings and American Forest Resource Council, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### ELECTED OFFICIAL MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Payne mentioned the concerns with the water issues, with 85% snowpack and precipitation was 159% of normal, citizens asking about reservoir and excessive water coming down to Montpelier. He also stated that the airport manager will stay a bit longer so no need to post for that position at this time. They are still moving forward on getting the instrumental landing. He was also working on getting some of the county boards updated. He mentioned they are getting some work done at the fairgrounds and this year's theme is 'Nothing Can Compare to the County Fair'.

Commissioner Jensen stated that the Road and Bridge crew had been working extra hard with all the water and road issues, felt they were handling issues as quickly as possibly when they were brought to their attention. They have worked a lot on the Fish Haven Cemetery Canyon Road and that is open now. He also has been working trying to get some of the county boards updated.

Chairman Rasmussen mentioned a special meeting in Garden City, Utah, regarding the invasive species, namely quagga mussels. They had in attendance representatives, senators, directors from department of ag and wildlife from both Utah and Idaho and came to the conclusion they should work together and get the best inspection stations needed, but not need to be checked numerous times within a designated area. There is some state funding to help with this and they need to stay on top of it. The best way to police this is the boaters police it themselves, which they seem to be doing. He did mention the amount of snow at Sherman's Peak was seven feet and the two weeks added two more feet for a total of nine feet and it will all be coming down soon.

Sheriff Bart Heslington presented his monthly report and mentioned they were gearing up for the summer and focusing on scheduling and soliciting extra help, with saturation being the successful component in keeping number of incidents down. He also stated the new vehicle was ready, so the spare was available. The airport was the next on the list to obtain the vehicle. Sheriff Heslington mentioned the shooting range at the landfill has become a problem and it is not visible to the public and is a policing headache. Several have tried to work at it and make it better, just to have it destroyed within minutes. He talked with the Fish and Game and their board is looking and southeast Idaho has

been dubbed as an area of high interest, specifically Montpelier. Fish and Game is wanting to invest in the area and we need to find the location best suited. Chairman Rasmussen asked Scott Esquibel, County Supervisor/Planner to look into the life of a gravel pit and see if it could be a possible site.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen stated she had a couple of garbage cancellations per information from Bret Hansen at Solid Waste. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel two garbage fees, one being charged too many pickups, the other had no pickups and if they do need pickups again they will put them back on, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Commissioner Jensen reported as Wayne Davidson was unavailable. His report showed increased building. There were a couple of roads that needed to be officially named for addresses for new homes, Snow Hawk Road and Outback Road. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept Snow Hawk Road and Outback Road as official county roads, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Davidson had met with the City of Paris regarding removing the Fire Station building and also the Parks and Recreation building. The city would like to donate some adjacent property east of the post office and north of the courthouse to Clare Beck's property for relocation of those buildings. The city wondered about having salvage rights on the buildings. He will also look into what is needed to move the power poles. It would be good to get started on these projects ahead of time. Commissioner Payne made a motion to go to the City of Paris to acquire the land discussed from the City of Paris, pending approval of the courthouse.

#### TREASURER TRICIA POULSEN – PENDING TAX DEEDS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented eight pending properties up for tax deed, she feels that four will probably go to auction and that would take place in September. Anyone wanting information on these properties can check with her office.

#### MAGGIE & KIM – SE IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH – BUDGET FY2018

Maggie Mann, District Director of Southeast Idaho Public Health and Kathy Pucket, WIC Director, presented their proposed budget information. They appreciated Commissioner Rasmussen for being an advocate for them throughout the area.

#### LAILA KRAL – LHTAC – PRESENT ROAD SCHOLARS AND ROAD MASTERS AWARDS

Laila Kral with LHTAC (Local Highway Technical Assistance Council) presented Road Scholar awards and also Road Master awards to most of the Road and Bridge staff. The Road Scholar award requires participants to complete 80 hours of classes and exams and the Road Master requires participants to complete 160 hours. Road Scholar awards were presented to Mick Crockett, Troy DeClark, Wynn Olson, Jeff Talbott, Scott Wells and Jerry Humphreys. Road Master awards were presented to Greg Skinner, Todd Boehme and Richard Crane. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to them and the effort they made to achieve these awards while taking care of the county in the process.

## CHUCK WOOD – BEAR LAKE WEST COMMENTS/ROADS

Bear Lake West Homeowners Board, President George Lowry, Vice President Chuck Wood and Secretary Dan Campbell were present to express appreciation and also concerns and needs. Chuck Wood thanked the Commissioners, especially Commissioner Jensen for taking care of the needs of Bear Lake West. He also thanked Road and Bridge Supervisor, Greg Skinner, Landfill employee Bret Hansen and Building Inspector, Wayne Davidson for all of their help. Wood thanked the clerk's office and the sheriff's office for all they do. Wood then proceeded to address several issues and time frame. He asked about the mag chloride on the dirt roads and offered to purchase extra chemical again this year. Scott Esquibel, County Supervisor/Planner stated they are scheduled for the end of May, barring rain. He informed them that the county weed control is geared, at this point, to tackle invasive species and noxious weeds, rather than the grasses that are a problem in the subdivision. Wood also asked about extra help regarding the ATV traffic and garbage between them and the Utah border. Chairman Rasmussen stated he would speak with the Commissioners in Rich County and also inform the sheriff's office about patrolling the area. Bear Lake West will meet with the Sheriff to discuss ATV problems and also possibly have the county install speed limit signs. Wood mentioned a problem with an irrigation canal and flooding, Esquibel stated the county is aware had been working on cleaning it out for proper water flow. As the irrigation company is no longer around, the Commissioners will find out who owns the canal. George Lowry also expressed his appreciation for the Sheriff's department as several garage doors had been left open and dispatch had called and taken care of them.

## HAY BID – WARDBORO GRAVEL PIT

There were no hay bids that came in.

## PHIL PRATT – DIRECT COMMUNICATION – T-1, 911

Phil Pratt and Brenden Argyle from Direct Communications met with the Board to inform them that fiber optic cables do run parallel to the old copper cables that currently hold the T1 911 phone line. Damage and age to the copper cable is causing the 911 line to keep going down. They asked the Commissioners to contact CenturyLink and request that they roll the 911 lines to the fiber optic cable. The Commissioners were glad to hear a solution to the problem. Commissioner Payne will work get on top of it.

## LESLIE TALBOT – SE IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH – QUARTERLY REPORT

Leslie Talbot with our local Southeast Idaho Public Health office presented their quarterly report and also informed the Commissioners everything was working out well in the new location.

## SCOTT ESQUIBEL – COUNTY SUPERVISOR/PLANNER

Scott Esquibel, County Supervisor/Planner gave an update on all that is happening particularly with Road and Bridge and the Landfill at this point. They will bid for a bridge in Nounan to replace the culvert that washed out and repairs to the Fish Haven Cemetery Road which was washed out is near completion. Repairs on the East Shore Road will begin soon. The Thomas Fork area is also high priority. Esquibel

also reported that he is working with all parties to have the Montpelier Reservoir Dam inspection done soon due to the high water situation. He presented the signed lease renewal for the Parker Gravel pit, which was approved at an earlier date. Esquibel gave the Commissioners a list of April's regular road maintenance and a report of projected road work to be done in May. He had met with DEQ regarding the landfill's compliance requirements and the county needs to present a new plan by the end of May. Possible solution is to separate the household waste from the construction waste. A letter will be drafted to DEQ. He also discussed with the Commissioners extending the landfill on Saturdays till 4:00 p.m. and see how it goes. Esquibel presented them with a 5 year contract with CES for water testing. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept CES (Cascade Earth Sciences) to continue to do the water testing at the landfill, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Cotte with Bear Lake Watch inquired about any progress with a potential work group on the lakeshore issues. Commissioner Jensen stated that the Idaho Department of Lands is ready to put together a group.

Prosecutor John Olson introduced his new secretary, Brandy Quinn.

Jean Alleman asked when the airport board meets and Commissioner Payne stated that he would let her know as it is not a set date due to the schedule of the board members.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – INDIGENT, PERSONNEL AND LEGAL

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (b,d,f) for personnel, indigent and legal issues, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. All Commissioners stated "Here" in a roll call vote. Also invited to attend were Deputy Clerk Jamie Humpherys, County Supervisor/Planner Scott Esquibel, Prosecutor John Olson, Deputy Clerk Mindy Williamson (by phone) and Clerk Cindy Garner. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Several items came out of the executive session. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to release Medical Claim #2008-08 and approve Medical Claim #2017-10017, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve negotiating a stipend with the airport board for the on-site airport manager, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to send a letter to KM Ranch up Paris Canyon, along with the letter from Keller Associates regarding the findings regarding the road issues addressed, after review of the county's legal counsel, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – AMEND KEG ORDINANCE

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into a public hearing concerning the keg ordinance. Chairman Rasmussen stated the county attorney had reviewed and constructed the amended ordinance and it had been approved at an earlier meeting, however needed

to follow through with the hearing. There was no one there to discuss either for or against. The amendment to the ordinance would allow either an Idaho State license or a Bear Lake County license for a keg, rather than having to get two licenses. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the public hearing and go back to the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the amendment to Keg Ordinance #2017-01, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The ordinance can be copied or viewed at the clerk's office.

#### ALAN EBORN, EMERGENCY MANAGER – 4-COUNTY EXERCISE DISASTER DECLARATION SIGNATURE

Alan Eborn, Emergency Manager, discussed the mock disaster declaration and briefly discussed some of the events taking place in the mock earthquake exercise. He needed their signature to move forward and need to have the county's top 72 hour priorities. On the Emergency Relief Fund, they require the county's top priorities, the first two look to be about \$803,000.00 and he has applied for help to repair flood damage that has taken place this spring. He is not sure how much they may receive. The water levels are high along both the Bear River and Bear Lake and it is estimated that Bear Lake will reach the high water mark.

#### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

No one had presented appeals for the Board of Equalization so it was cancelled.

#### AIRPORT GRANT OVERSIGHT RISK ASSESSMENT

Clerk Garner presented them with the Risk Assessment checklist which required signatures to proceed with the airport grants previously approved.

The Commissioners reviewed a map that was presented at the ITD regional meeting that showed areas of extensive road work that will be taking place on I-15 soon. The Commissioners asked the clerk to send letters to our senators and representatives stating how they appreciate their continued support of the SRS and PILT funding for counties. The Commissioners will review the Pictometry software program and it will be addressed at their next regular meeting. The Commissioners were presented the quarterly financial report. Chairman Rasmussen informed the Commissioners he would meet with an attorney and get the date to the clerk to discuss the courthouse.

#### APPROVE BILLS

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

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### AIRPORT HAY BIDS

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the airport hay bid publication and determined there was some confusion on the acreage. They decided to not put in the acreage in the bid publication for any future bids, but to have the bidder go to the courthouse and have them look at the map on the property. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjust the airport hay bid by \$3,275 according to the adjusted acreage, which still did not change the highest bidder, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The Clerk will send the bidder a letter notifying him of the change.

#### AMERICAN FOREST RESOURCE COUNCIL

Chairman Rasmussen stated there had been a recommendation to look at becoming a member of the American Forest Resource Council and would like to table it until next month's meeting for the Commissioners to have time to review. One county has joined, but most of the others were businesses.

The golf course used to have a propane tank and would like to get one back out there and it would be under the contract.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.