

## BEAR LAKE COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

JUNE 22, 2021

### COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS – PARIS, IDAHO

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a special meeting on June 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners' Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

**MOTION: Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda for June 22, 2021, as posted, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried**

#### BID OPENING – AIRPORT SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT BUILDING

Jared Norton, Aviation Project Manager, appeared by Zoom and with no bids coming in would talk with the FAA and select a contractor and look at early fall or next year if allowed. The bidding had been extended and with the extreme demand for contractors, still could not get anyone. Commissioner Payne explained they need to call contractors to try to move forward as working with grants, try to request to negotiate with the FAA. Norton will get with Commissioner Payne on pricing. Norton informed the Commissioner they are locked in on pricing and some now are double what the price should be.

**MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion for Jared Norton to work with contactors to see what could be done this year, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.**

#### AIRPORT RUNWAY REHAB – CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned need to move forward with the amendment which will reconfigure the existing Airport layout plan, did have money in the budget left over on it, so it is good to go.

**MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve signing of the Amendment to Rehabilitate Runway 10-28, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.**

#### COUNTY VEHICLE

Clerk Garner contacted Brad Wilks, Wilks Welding & Repair, on a vehicle which engine had seized up and been there for years, would call it even if the County wanted to sign the title over.

**MOTION: Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign and give the title of the 1999 Dodge Durango to Brad Wilks with Wilks Welding & Repair, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.**

#### SIGNATURE – CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS

Clerk Garner presented two (2) of the three (3) signed conflict public defender contracts which need also to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and copies forwarded on to the Public Defense Commission to be in compliance with their standards.

**MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign the contracts for Attorneys' Jared Coburn and Craig Parrish, also sign Preston Rutter pending receipt of his signed contract, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.**

**DROUGHT DISASTER DECLARATION**

Commissioner Payne urged the Commission to sign a letter to request a Drought Disaster Declaration. Due to the low snow and participation this year, the springs are dry, many are hauling water to livestock, the hay is production is cut back to zero (0) to 50%. The cattle prices are down also. There is Federal help with funds through USDA. They have also worked with Emergency Services Coordinator, Alan Eborn.

**MOTION: Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign the letter requesting the Drought Disaster Declaration, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.**

Fire Chief, Mark Parker, informed the Commissioners he would be imposing a fire ban beginning on June 27, 2021 at 12:01 p.m., a Stage 1 Burn Ban until conditions change. Forest Service is maybe looking at July 1<sup>st</sup> to ban fires.

**JAYSON LOWER – IDAWY – BUDGET REVIEW**

Jayson Lower, Executive Director, IDAWY Solid Waste District, met with the Commission to discuss budget matters and working with four (4) counties, feels Bear Lake County is doing very well and does not feel the need for a rate change this year. Receiving lots of tires, DEQ is working with them on this transaction. Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned it would have cost Bear Lake County \$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000 to take care of all that we needed to keep our small landfill, the move to the district was the most economical decision.

**BUDGET WORK MEETING**

Chief Deputy, Amy Bishop, met with the Commission for a discussion on each budget item, will have a separate meeting for Covid monies specifically.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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**VAUGHN N. RASMUSSEN, Chairman**

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**Date Approved**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CINDY GARNER, Clerk**

