

April 11, 2016 9:00 a.m.

Clerk Cindy Garner was excused. Chief Deputy Clerk Amy Bishop was in attendance in her place.

### **Elected Officials Meeting/ Approval of Minutes**

The meeting opened at 9:00 am. There were two changes to the agenda. The airport project bid opening that was scheduled for 2:00 will be delayed to Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in the clerk's office. The Airport Grant was added under unfinished business. Brad Jensen motioned to approve the agenda with the changes, Rex Payne seconded. Voting Unanimous.

### **Tricia Poulsen**

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented a fee cancellation. There was a house that had been sold. The previous owner had a commercial garbage can with the associated fee. The owner took the can to his new residence, but the fee was never taken off. She took off \$336 for the current year. Commissioner Brad Jensen moved to cancel the presented garbage fee, Rex seconded. All in favor.

### **Sheriff Bunn**

Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly report. Commissioner Vaughn Rasmussen mentioned that jail prices were being discussed with the Caribou County Jail. The sheriff mentioned that some officers had been using up comp time. Rasmussen mentioned that the Governor will be here on April 29<sup>th</sup> for Capitol for a Day in Paris. They can discuss funding for prisoners at that time.

The Sheriff said that he had received a call from the Department of Ag asking if a deputy could spend 16 hours a week doing enforcement on those who do not stop at the quagga mussel check station. The Sheriff stated that he does not have manpower to support that and the commissioners agreed.

The Sheriff's office has been trying a new schedule for the office and it seems to be working well for both the staff and the public.

The Sheriff gave a 6 month budget review. There continues to be a high prisoner population, with an average of 8.8 per day. Numbers are up a bit. The B budget may be OK, but will be close depending on prisoner days. They also spent over \$1600 for prisoner medical expense for an ER visit.

Bunn asked if the commissioners want him to attend the 4 county meetings. They responded that he should usually when it's in our county, but otherwise they will let him know if there is an issue when he should attend.

### **Steve Wuthrich**

Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich addressed funding for drug users treatment. Judges were trained to try to send drug users to treatment rather than to prison to try to alleviate pressure on the prisons. However no additional funding was received for treatment. Bannock County had more demand for treatment, so they did not have enough slots in the SHARE program for Bear Lake County offenders. As a result, Bear

Lake County lost the ability to send offenders to SHARE In Bannock County. The SHARE program in Caribou County was defunded. Wuthrich asked for 14 slots when the Bear Lake County Drug Court was added, but got only 5, and these were taken away from other areas. The program is over capacity with 7 offenders, and has a long waiting list. Judges are more likely to do a retained jurisdiction, but retained jurisdiction is less effective than SHARE and sees more repeat offenders. Repeat offenders cause judges to keep the offenders in jail longer prior to disposition when they violate probation. In short, we didn't get the funding or the treatment programs needed to go along with the shift away from sending drug offenders to prison. Commissioner Rasmussen stated that the commissioners need to work with the other counties to see if we can get the SHARE program funded. The Sheriff said that he would favor bringing the SHARE program back or drug court over reducing the per diem cost at the jail, because it would reduce overall costs long term.

### **Committee Assignments**

No items were discussed under Committee Assignments at this time in the meeting.

### **Building Inspector Report**

Building Inspector Wayne Davidson reported that building permits are picking up. A couple of houses have started. Montpelier will have 2 houses built. He has heard few complaints. Everyone in the courthouse has viewed the active shooter training. The commissioners will view the training video also. The office staff at the Sheriff's office needs to view it as well. We need to establish meeting place for our active shooter exit plan. Elected officials need a good understanding of who is in the building at all times.

Wayne is beginning to work on fliers and think about advertising for the November Courthouse Bond. The commissioners may work to get the fliers delivered door to door, at least in the larger towns. News Examiner ads will be used again, probably one in the shopper, and two in the newspaper. Preliminary advertising will begin in July and August, then ramp up in September and October. There should be a big turnout in the November Presidential Election. Vaughn will be on the radio.

**Steve Wuthrich left the meeting at this time.**

### **Mitch Poulsen: Recommendation on McKay Crane re-zone and Keller and Associates contract**

Planning and Zoning Administrator Mitch Poulsen recommended a Re-Zone and lot split for McKay Crane. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing last month. No one spoke at the hearing either in favor or opposed. Kristie Crane abstained because she is an adjacent property owner. The administrator also did not receive any phone calls regarding the petition. McKay Crane submitted the request for a re-zone and a lot split of 2.5 off of 20 acres. The property meets all the requirements for rezoning. Maple road meets all the standards. Red Pine Road is not on the list of approve roads. Poulsen discussed it with Road Superintendent, Greg Skinner, who felt it is reasonable to approve the rezone, the road is not expected to grow, gets year-round maintenance, and has a turn around. The Planning Commission recommended the proposed rezone and recommended the lot split subject to the

rezone. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the re-zone and lot split as recommended, Commissioner Jensen seconded. All in favor.

### **Derek Rider: Changing the County Seat to Montpelier**

Derek wanted to voice his opinion on moving the county seat to Montpelier. He felt that if the county is going to build a new courthouse they should move it to where the population is and the jobs are. He feels that over time Montpelier will continue to grow and it would be more feasible to put a courthouse in Montpelier. He feels that sheriffs vehicles are driving back and forth and other vehicles are driving back and forth and possibly other county vehicles as well. ½ the population is in Montpelier. Vaughn noted that 60% of the taxes are paid near the lake and that area is growing the most. The commissioners do not feel that Montpelier is growing. Rex noted the expense of buying land would be added. Commissioner Rasmussen gave Rider the legal provisions needed to make the change. The commissioners thanked Mr. Rider for sharing his idea.

### **Greg Skinner: Hawks Lane in Pegram**

Greg Skinner, Road Superintendent, and Dale Thornock from the assessor's office presented a map of Hawks Lane. The road is in the wrong place on the county map. Roy Hawks asked Mr. Skinner what the county map showed for that road. Greg had heard from previous superintendents that the road was deeded to the county. It has been maintained for a long time and garbage service is there. There is a road as marked on the map that is not a county road (Stocker Road) and is gated. The two were mixed up on the map. The county intended for Hawks Road to be a county road. The railroad wants the private owners to pay to update the crossing on the road.

Thornock addressed a second road that may also be incorrect on the map near The Reserve / South Canyon Road. There is confusion on a few other roads in the area as well. Greg will go check those roads.

Commissioner Jensen asked about the signs on Sharon Loop and Old Saw Mill Road. Some people are having trouble with package delivery. Skinner will check on this and get the signs corrected.

At the May meeting, the commissioners will further discuss the road issues and will plan to hold a public hearing in June.

Skinner discussed the lease for the gravel pit. There were a few changes to the lease with Archie Parker and Mary Erma Carter by the attorney. Brad moved to ratify the lease based on review from Wuthrich. Rex seconded. All in favor. The Department of Lands also sent a letter regarding the Reclamation Plan. Greg will coordinate this with Brad.

The Road crew is attending the T2 classes.

The county received a ticket for not having the road accessible so the crusher could be inspected. The permit states that the crusher will be used intermittently. The safety consortium person recommended

the ticket be contested. The inspector did not try to contact Skinner. The commissioners directed Skinner to work with Wuthrich to contest the ticket.

### **Bruce Olenick – DEQ update**

Bruce Olenick, from the Department of Environmental Quality asked if there was anything needed regarding the Paris Hills Project. DEQ has tried to provide support. The project is on hold right now due to economic feasibility. The landfill is an ongoing issue. Bruce can provide support as needed. The landfill is pursuing daily cover spray. DEQ will help to continue to ensure groundwater records are up to date. They may add a shooting range down lower at the landfill. Lead recovery is important. DEQ is working with entities on the East Side on some legacy issues, trying to get them on the right path going forward. Vaughn expressed appreciation for the good communication from Mr. Olenick.

### **Ron Harper and Lennart Nivegard – Juvenile Justice Program**

Lennart Nivegard and Ron Harper presented a juvenile justice update. Juvenile arrests are down. Juvenile petitions are up. Most offenses are misdemeanors. There are fewer felonies and status offenses. There were 54 intakes and 33 releases. The average age is 14-16. The age groups for 11-13 and under 10 are growing. There are about 70% males and 30% females, which is normal for the state. There were 1490 community service hours performed, up significantly from last year. \$4664 of Restitution were collected. 85% successfully completed probation. The recidivism rate is 20%. There were 26 juveniles on probation on September 30 and 0 in custody on that date. There were 0 suspended commitments. 31% of the Juvenile Justice budget is from state funding. SUDS (substance abuse funds) were \$13,820. SUDS funds can be used for outpatient treatment. One juvenile treated for one month in an inpatient treatment would be \$9000, so outpatient is usually the first option. The Juvenile Justice program receives \$21,103 from JCA funds, \$14,401 from tobacco tax, and \$1,989 from lottery funds. The written report presented also included an ISP crime report and a Legislative Update.

The average cost to house juveniles are up, but all beds usually are not full. The state is experiencing staff turnover. The demographic picture is similar to last year. The average length of stay is up, at 19.7 months. Counties are doing better at holding kids in the community longer. Those who go need to stay longer. The State's Budget is \$52 million, including \$14 million that is distributed to counties based on population.

### **Hay Bids**

The following bids were received:

For the North Airport Hay:

\$2184 - Jason and Valerie Crane

\$3101 - Brad Woolstenhulme

\$3175 - Wade Payne

For the South Airport Hay:  
\$2772 - Jason and Valerie Crane  
\$3351 - Brad Woolstenhulme  
\$4420 - Wade Payne

For the Wardboro Gravel Pit – Farm 1186  
\$250 - Valerie and Jason Crane

Commissioner Jensen moved to accept the three high bids. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded.  
Commissioner Payne abstained. Motion carries.

### **Lisa Transtrum – Fuels Reduction Project**

Lisa Transtrum with the Soil and Water Conservation District presented an MOU for the Paris Hollows fuels reduction project. Modifications can be made if needed. Commissioner Payne moved to sign the MOU between the Idaho department of Lands and a Bear Lake County. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Transtrum also requested a signature on the operating plan with the contractors and land owners. Commissioner Jensen moved to sign the operating plan. Commissioner Payne seconded. All in favor. Norm Kidd is the contact with the land owners. Forest service is working on a possible expansion on their side. Remaining amount after the Hollows project is completed will hopefully be moved to Loveland lane.

Ms. Transtrum also mentioned that the district has a flow meter and a water jet steamer to plant willows available for used.

The District has applied for fuels reduction on everything south of Plat B and C at Bear Lake West to the state line for next year.

### **Polling Places**

Commissioner Payne moved to accept the precincts for the May election, with no changes from the previous election. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All in favor.

### **Budget hearing**

Commissioner Jensen moved to set the budget hearing for August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am at the Paris school. Commissioner Jensen seconded. All in favor.

### **Radio Ad**

The commissioner received a request to support the graduates on the radio. The commissioners declined to participate.

### **TV Translator District**

Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint Michael Sparks to the TV Translator District Board. Commissioner Payne seconded. All in favor.

### **Keller Contract**

Commissioner Jensen moved to sign the agreement with Keller and Associates for engineering services. Commissioner Payne seconded. All in favor.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the minutes with the addition of the name of Dennis Hunzeker as the person appointed to the predator control board. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **Claims**

Commissioner Jensen moved to ratify the bills for the month. Commissioner Payne seconded. All in Favor.

### **Public Comments**

No Public Comments were made.

### **Committee Assignments**

Commissioner Jensen noted that the spray truck for the landfill will be mounted on the flatbed truck currently being used by the Solid Waste Department to haul dumpsters. It was proposed to hand down the truck being used by Todd Transtrum for weed spraying to the landfill, for use in moving dumpsters. The landfill currently has a 95 Ford and a 1980 Dodge truck that is used to get fuel. The commissioners directed Mr. Transtrum to get quotes from dealers to see if a quality weed spraying truck can be obtained for under \$25,000. The cost will be split between solid waste and weed. Commissioner Jensen also stated that the county needs to get rid of old garbage trucks that we don't use anymore. They should be put up for bids for excess equipment.

Ron Harper with probation is now using the vehicle handed down from the Sheriff. The old vehicle runs OK and has fair tires. He would like it put up for sale for excess equipment with a \$500 minimum bid.

Mr. Skinner stated that there are some old snowplows need to be put up for bid as well.

The commissioners asked to have excess equipment put on the agenda for the May meeting.

Mr. Transtrum stated that there were 47 customers at the landfill on Saturday. He asked to hire summer help as they have done in the past, and said they would need to advertise for the position soon. The commissioners directed him to go ahead and advertise for the position.

Mr. Skinner stated that his department is in need of a cleaning person to help take care of the bathrooms and others areas of the building. He also stated that there are several things that the secretary had done that were no longer getting done. Mr. Transtrum was also concerned about the lack of a secretary/office staff person, especially this summer when people need to purchase things from the weed department.

**Commissioner Payne left the meeting at this time.**

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Rasmussen moved to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Roll call Vote: Commissioner Jensen: Yes. Commissioner Rasmussen: Yes. Sheriff Brent Bunn, Deputy Clerk Mindy Williamson, and Chief Deputy Clerk Amy Bishop were invited to join the meeting. Following the executive session business, Commissioner Rasmussen moved to leave executive session and return to the regular meeting. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion Carried.

### **Kathy Ray 4-CASI - Funding for Four County Alliance - Economic Development**

Kathy Ray with the Four County Alliance of Southeast Idaho is requesting \$6,000 in funding for 2017 FY. New leadership in the Department of Commerce has necessitated her submitting match funding earlier than usual. Commitment letters need to be submitted by Friday. Funding for the Rural Economic Development Professional program has been reduced at Commerce.

She has been working with the Montpelier economic development group, attending chamber meetings, and working with the mayor on getting businesses into industrial park. She has also been working with Joseph Jess who is renting the Johnson Building for a plastics business. He may need a turning lane, and she is working with ITD on that. The Alliance and their partners also just completed YourFit program, which was hosted in all the counties in the area to address upcoming and current workforce gaps. ISU has created training programs to help train people to meet the workforce needs. The alliance is taking the approach of educating high school students and parents, letting them know of the demand for positions. The local meeting had 300 attendees, the highest in the area.

Commissioner Jensen moved to approve commitment of \$6000, based on 2017 budget approval. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded. All in favor.

### **David Cottle - Bear Lake Sovereign Land**

David Cottle from Bear Lake Watch said that he had received an e-mail from Idaho Department of Lands regarding upcoming discussions about forming a comprehensive management plan for Bear Lake. Some of his thoughts about the process were that Utah's comprehensive management plan covers only one division, and would like to see Idaho's plan go further. He was impressed with the Great Salt Lake management plan which specifically states what purposes are needed and thinks it's a great skeleton. We should make sure our plan reflects what Idaho wants Bear Lake to be. It should at least include a fisheries plan, sovereign lands plan, and a state parks plan. We all need to work together and have

stakeholder buy in. He feels this is an opportunity for the county. The county has been given responsibility to manage the lake for recreation. They could choose to hand off that responsibility or develop recreation and possibly form a future department of Parks and Rec. If county wants to be proactive managing the beaches fits with recreation. He also asked if a group gets together to start working on the plan, does the county want to have a position in place before they start meeting? The commissioners stated that they definitely want to participate in forming the plan and manage the lake. Commissioner Rasmussen stated that he met with the Department of AG about quagga mussels, but would have liked to be more involved. Commissioner Rasmussen expressed appreciation for Cottle's work.

### **Airport Project**

The application for federal assistance for the airport project was presented. The objectives of the project are the layout design, acquisition and installation of precision approach path indicator (PAPI) and automated weather observation system (AWOS). The requested federal funding is \$342,000, with \$28,500 local match and \$9,500 state match. Commissioner Jensen moved to sign the application for federal assistance. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded. All in favor.

The commissioners briefly discussed the personnel policy they would like the some of the wording updated to match the ICRPM sample policy. They do a final review and approve the policy next month.

Commissioner Jensen moved to adjourn. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded. All in Favor. The meeting concluded at 2:04.