

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

Also present were Sheriff Brent Bunn, Assessor Lynn Lewis, Lynn Howell and Dan Bishop, News-Examiner Reporter.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from both the June 13 & June 27, 2016 meetings, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Sheriff Brent Bunn presented his monthly report without the billing from Caribou at this point. He is preparing to bring in the extra officers to assist over the Raspberry Days weekend in August and has secured some hotel rooms to house them in. Sheriff Bunn had spoken with Fire Marshall Don Burdick regarding a possible burn ban. It was also discussed about a clear designation regarding state lands & Chairman Rasmussen instructed the clerk to contact Idaho Department of Lands along with State Parks & Recreation to be on the agenda at next month's meeting.

Chairman Rasmussen also mentioned a gate on Bear Hollow Road and damage done on the North Stauffer Canyon Road and asked Prosecutor Wuthrich to send a letter out regarding the damage on the county right of way.

Commissioner Jensen discussed our ranking on getting funding for the Dingle to Hot Springs road paving is looking good, it would still be in approximately 4 years. He also mentioned the Road & Bridge would be chip sealing the next three weeks and the new garbage truck with the advertising has gotten a lot of compliments and is working well. They would like to paint one of the other trucks.

Prosecutor Steven Wuthrich stated he had reviewed the airport agreement and it would be okay to sign.

Commissioner Payne mentioned everything is looking good for the fair again this year, they will use the old bleachers for parts.

Clerk Garner mentioned PERSI will be here for employees on the 19<sup>th</sup>, also presented a Joint Quarterly Report, and other housekeeping items. The Commissioners set July 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for a Budget Workshop at the School District #33 Board Room in Paris.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson was not able to appear.

#### MARINE DEPUTIES

The Commissioners presented Marine Deputies Ryan Larsen and Dave Lindsay with a commendation for heroic service rendered last summer. The two were responsible for rescuing two people from a capsized sail boat in high winds and 6-8 foot waves with the rigging of the boat in the water creating a hazard. As Larsen and Lindsay were attempting the rescue, one engine on the rescue boat stalled. Lindsay continued to steer in rough water while Larsen pulled both people aboard. Larsen treated them for hypothermia and coordinated the EMS transfer. Larsen and Lindsay's actions were instrumental in saving both subjects lives. Their professionalism, devotion to duty and heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards of the law enforcement and rescue profession. Sheriff Bunn had two beautiful plaques for them and he and Commissioner Rasmussen commended them for going above and beyond and they stated how they appreciated their service.

#### NEW COURTHOUSE/HELMET FACTORY BUILDING

Mike Derricott addressed the Commissioners about using the old helmet factory as the new courthouse. He gave a list of reasons he thought that the building would be a better choice than building a new building. The County had looked into this option about five years ago and had decided then that the cost of remodeling the helmet factory was compatible to remodeling the old courthouse. Commissioner Rasmussen agreed that it was worth looking at again but believed that a new courthouse was still the better option.

#### HWY 89 SHOULDERS PROJECT

David and Claudia Cottle addressed the Commissioners about the Hwy 89 Shoulder Project. They believe that the project should be a high priority. They talked about several instances where dangerous situations arose when bicycles and other vehicles were on the road together.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

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

The policy on county employees using cellphones while driving was discussed. The full policy is in the Personnel Handbook.

#### GRANT OFFER – AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Commissioners and Attorney Wuthrich reviewed the Airport Improvement Program Grant offer and Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept and approve the grant agreement for the Airport #3-16-0027-013-2016 for a signature, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### CORONER DEPUTIES

Coroner Chad Walker presented Shasta Mae Critchlow and Austin Reed Budge to the Commissioners as deputy county coroners. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to make Shasta Mae Critchlow and

Austin Reed Budge deputy coroners for Bear Lake County , seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Rasmussen swore them in.

#### COUNTY BOND ELECTION – DATE & ORDINANCE # FOR BOND ATTORNEY

The Commissioners set August 8<sup>th</sup> to review the County Bond Election Ordinance in preparation to put the bond on the ballot for a new courthouse.

#### GRACE THIEL COMMUNITY CENTER REQUEST

The Commissioners received a request from the Grace Thiel Community Center for annual support of \$12,000. The Commissioners reviewed the request and asked for additional information on the number of meals served to senior citizens.

#### SHORESIDE SUBDIVISION RE-PLAT

Mitch Poulsen presented the Shoreside Subdivision re-plat for the Commissioners approval. He reported that the problems with the driveway and the open space had been fixed. Before the Commissioners voted on the plat, Lynn Howell who owns the property to the north of the subdivision, addressed the Commissioners about some of his concerns with the project. He was concerned about the road (which is being called a driveway) being too close to his property line. He also gave a list of other concerns the biggest of which was the fact that work on the project began before the public hearing was held. Poulsen was asked to inspect the project to see if it was in compliance with the plat. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Shoreside Subdivision Amendment 1 with the stipulation that Mitch Poulsen check the footage on the driveway, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

#### GUIDELINES FOR BEACH & ACCESS

Dave and Vanessa Longfellow addressed the Commissioners about guidelines for beach use. They are concerned about the number of people allowed on North Beach and at the Bear Lake Hot Springs. They feel there are not enough restroom facilities and they are too far away to prevent the lake from becoming a toilet. They suggested more restrooms be added and a cap should be set on how many people can be on the beach. They want the Commissioners to beware of the abuses on the lake. The Commissioners said they would discuss the concern with Idaho Public Lands & State Parks next meeting.

#### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to go back into the Board of Equalization to consider requests to adjust the property valuation by some taxpayers. Assessor Lynn Lewis and Deputy Assessor Dale Thornock were present to present their valuation information. The minutes from the Board of Equalization are separate and can be obtained from the clerk's office.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to close the Board of Equalization and go back into the regular session.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bret Oxborrow stated he was concerned with the construction of a home up Stauffer Canyon. He said it was not a home but a lodge for rent pointing out that it is being advertised as a lodge online. The Commissioners thanked him for his comments and informed him that they were aware of the situation.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen was unable to attend but had sent with Clerk Garner taxes to be cancelled for the Mill Canyon Snowmobile parking lot as it was owned by the county at that point and also a tax penalty needed to be cancelled as the taxpayer was able to show evidence that her bill pay payment was post marked before the deadline but delivery was delayed. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel the taxes on parcel #'s 03720.01 and #05997.11, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (b,d) to discuss personnel and indigent issues, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. All Commissioners voted 'Here' in a roll call vote. Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich, Sheriff Brent Bunn, Deputy Clerk's Jamie Humpherys, Mindy Williamson and Clerk Garner were also invited to the meeting.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Two items came out of the executive session, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Medical Liens #2B-2016-10013, #2014-14, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion to deny Medical Lien #2B-2016-10014, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to create a policy & procedure on comp time, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

## NATIONWIDE

Greg Greive from Nationwide came to present their retirement program to the Commissioners. The Commissioners stated they are very happy with the PERSI program at this time.

## APPROVE CLAIMS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to ratify the claims, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen abstained from voting.

Clerk Garner gave the Commissioners some information on data for I-pads. The Public Health Department has decided to move to a different building so there was discussion about allowing Bear Lake Memorial Hospital to use the building. Chairman Rasmussen asked Clerk Garner to apply for the Indigent Defense Grant, along with the Joint County Public Defenders Grant. After some other housekeeping items Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.