

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on July 14, 2014, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the Bear Lake County School District #33 Board room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, DeMar Romrell, Bradley D. Jensen and Kerry Haddock, Clerk of the Board.

Brent Bunn, Sheriff, Steve Wuthrich, Attorney, Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Wayne Davidson, Cindy Garner and Rex Payne also attended the meeting.

AGENDA

A Fair Board issue and a legal item for executive session were added to the agenda. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular meeting, the June 23, 2014 special meeting and the July 2, 2014 special meeting. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented the tax deeded properties that needed to be sold. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to set September 8, 2014 as the auction date. Motion carried. She also presented a tax cancellation for garbage and TV fees that had been erroneously attached to a parcel with no buildings. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the cancellation. Motion carried. Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly report. He reported that the 911 budget may run over budget this year. Some of the cell phone companies were able to show location of 911 calls. He was working on the other companies and hoped to have most updated soon. Sheriff Bunn presented additional information on the possibility of a drug dog. He presented pictures and description of the congestion in the North Beach area over the 4th of July weekend. He again planned on additional help from other Sheriff's departments and ISP for Raspberry Days. A pre-event meeting was being held today at 1:00 p.m.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT

Wayne Davidson reported that building permits were steady. He reported that he had taken over rural addressing and maintaining the website for the County. He updated the Commissioners regarding the progress of Myers-Anderson work updating the Courthouse.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mitch Poulsen updated the Commissioners on planning and zoning activities. He noted that he was handling a lot of re-zone issues and questions. He had discussed the transportation plan with Keller Engineering. They could update our design standards for about \$15,000. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to retain Keller Engineering to update our road standards. Motion carried.

RESERVE BEACH PHASE PRELIMINARY PLAT

Mitch Poulsen presented information on the Reserve Beach Phase preliminary plat. They planned to build condos, duplexes and triplexes on their beach property across from the Fish Haven Cemetery. Access will be widened and improved. Planning and Zoning had held public hearings and recommended approving the preliminary plat. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the preliminary plat subject to staff review and engineering review. Motion carried.

SMITH-HILL ROAD

Mitch Poulsen presented an amended final plat for the Smith-Hill subdivision with the storm ponds not part of the right of way. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the Smith-Hill Road as a County Road. Motion carried.

AGRIUM

John Tippets presented an update on the Agrium activity. They were working on the environmental impact study for the new mine that would be near Bear Lake County. He noted that fertilizer prices were down some.

KENNY WEBB REZONE

Kenny Webb discussed a recent application to rezone property near the Sharon Loop Road from Ag to Rural Development. There were two parcels, a 9 acre piece and a 115 acre piece. Planning and Zoning determined that the 115 acre parcel did not boarder a County Road and therefore would not qualify for the Rural Development rezone. Mr. Webb stated that the Title Company said that the parcels touched at a corner. Mitch Poulsen presented a summary of Planning and Zoning action on the application. They concluded that the larger parcel did not boarder a County road and was therefore not eligible for the Rural Community Rezone. Their recommendation was to approve the smaller parcel for rezone and deny the larger parcel. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve the recommendation of Planning and Zoning. Motion carried with Commissioner Jensen abstaining as he was related to Mr. Webb. A neighbor, Wendell Brown, had asked to be on the agenda and stated that he approved of the Commissioners decision.

BILLS APPROVED

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve the June bills. Motion carried with Commissioner Jensen abstaining as bills from his company were included.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ISSUES

Commissioner Jensen reported that he had looked at Stauffer Canyon Road and it was in relatively good condition. The Commissioners discussed the Paris Canyon project. Sleigh Canyon had been improved to allow access to the Paris Canyon Campground. The Paris Canyon road should be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the summer.

BLM UPDATE

Dave Pachetory and Blain Newman thanked the Commissioners for the work the County did on the parking lot up Loveland Lane. They also discussed the Fish Haven pipeline project. The project was still in progress. The County needs to be sure the contractor has restored the road.

AIRPORT GRANT

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to sign a grant acceptance for updating the airport master plan for the next 20 years. Motion carried.

SWEETWATER ROAD

The Commissioners discussed a road that had been posted no trespassing on Robert Hawk's land near Pegram. Commissioner Romrell abstained from the discussion. The Commissioners felt that the Road was a County Road and needed to be open to the public. They noted years of maintenance and access to public land. The Commissioners expected the road to be put on the County road map in 2015.

BUDGET MEETINGS

The Commissioners met with various department heads and elected officials to discuss their proposed budgets for Fiscal year 2014-2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene in an executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345(b, d and e) to discuss indigent, legal and a personnel matters. All Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote.

Following the executive session Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to deny indigent case 2014-8 and to suspend case 2014-11. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to write a letter to the Bear Lake RV Park and set a hearing to discuss making a road through the RV Park a County road. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene as a Board of Equalization to hear appeals of property valuations. Motion carried.

Charles Rowland asked the Commissioners to reduce Parcels 1278.01, 1278.02, 1278.03 and 1278.04 from \$21,000 and \$29,526 to \$12,500 each. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to affirm the Assessor's values. Motion carried.

Michael Yantis asked the Commissioners to reduce values on parcel 2540.00 and parcel 2542.00. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to affirm the Assessors value on parcel 2540.00. Motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to reduce parcel 2542.00 from \$49,010 to \$35,054. Motion carried.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to close the Board of Equalization and return to regular session. Motion carried.

BUDGET MEETINGS

The Commissioners again met with several department heads to discuss their proposed budgets for fiscal year 2014-2015.

STAUFFER CANYON ROAD

Craig Golightly met with the Commissioners to discuss a road in Stauffer Canyon. The road was on the West Side investments property and they wanted to relocate the road. Commissioner Jensen and others had looked at the proposed route of the new road and suggested that was an inferior route for the County traffic.