

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a regular meeting on August 8, 2016 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 present were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Brent Bunn, Dan Bishop, reporter for The News-Examiner, Tom & Kay Morgan and John Olson.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Treasurer Poulsen stated she had just returned from the Treasurer's conference and it will be here next year. She had one tax cancellation on a mobile home. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel the taxes on Receipt #60095 of \$8.64, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Poulsen also mentioned the new legislation regarding excess funds.

Clerk Garner presented a letter from the Caribou County Commissioners requesting a letter of support for the Caribou Loop Bridge and \$5,000 for the Caribou Loop Trail, which is part of the Great Western Trail Loop. After discussion and feeling they need more information on the trail and if it goes through Bear Lake County, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to write a letter of support for the Caribou Loop Bridge, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Sheriff Brent Bunn presented his monthly report, mentioned the interference of the EMS radio coming from an old amp on the M Hill site and the system needs to be upgraded. The Commissioners will request a survey for the property lines and easement on M Hill. They also need to upgrade the computer memory at the Sheriff's office & a new external hard drive should do the job. Sheriff Bunn stated it had been better than past years with Raspberry Days and appreciated the extra officers and feels the police presence is having an effect.

Commissioner Jensen reported that the garbage collection has gone from 7 tons a week to 7 tons a day for the summer. He also reported a county truck rolled off an incline & hit an employee's truck. He stated the Road & Bridge crew had finished this year's chipping projects.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Crane Mutliplex cover had been replaced and thanks to the many volunteers the fairgrounds would be ready for the fair. He also informed the board that he would be meeting with the Grace Thiel Community Center board and talk about funding and meal costs. Commissioner Payne also said the Airport project was still on-going and the airport would be closed August 19 through the 31st to allow work on the runways.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report stating that there are new homes being built all over the county. The Sheriff had asked him to check on Pamela Harrison's home, trying to get better access through the Hot Springs road and issues with the extra crowds. He also stated Greg, Road & Bridge supervisor, was having problems with people watering the road causing them to be soggy and easily damaged. He had a couple of roads needing to be clarified and named. First road is off from Stauffer Canyon road, wanting to name it Nickel Drive, the second road is near Little Valley Reservoir and the name suggested as it had been called for years would be Beck Road, which is a county road. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to declare Nickel Drive as a private road, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to declare Beck Road, based on past history and Google Earth, as a county road, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

PARIS CANYON ROAD

Spencer and Laurie Rich addressed the Commissioners about the traffic problem up Paris Canyon. Rich would like to see more law enforcement in the canyon to prevent the inevitable accidents. The Commissioners understand their concerns and the same problem exists in all the canyon roads and there is no extra funding for that enforcement.

P & Z – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WATER QUALITY GRANT

Mitch Poulsen asked the Commissioners for a letter of support for a Water Quality grant to fix three thousand linear feet of the Bear River. Commissioner Payne made a motion to write a letter of support for the stream bank stabilization, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. The P & Z is working on a campground ordinance.

SOUTHEAST IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH

Leslie Talbot, Tiffany Preston and Jesse Anglesey presented their quarterly report. In response to a question from Commissioner Vaughn Rasmussen, they said that non-profits need to go to the public health office to get an exemption for a food license when doing a food involved fundraiser. They will be moving their office to the new location on Clay Street soon and the office will be closed on September 21st through the 23rd for their move.

MINUTES APPROVED /CLAIMS RATIFIED

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11th regular meeting, also the July 11th BOE, July 26th and August 1, 2016 budget work meetings, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

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

BEER & WINE LICENSE

The Commissioners ratified a state approved beer & wine license for Vines & Steins.

IDAHO STATE TRANSPORTATION DETOUR

The Idaho Transportation Department announced a road closure west of Ovid one day for three hours sometime between September 12 and 16. The detour will be through Lanark.

PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT

Commissioners tabled the P & Z appointment until the September 12th meeting.

LANDFILL ISSUES

Commissioner Jensen expressed he would like to get bids out on the building project addition approximately 30' x 40' lean-to for the spray truck & the materials. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve Commissioner Jensen to work with the clerk in getting the specs ready for a bid for a lean-to addition, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Cindy Teuscher introduced Les Nunn as the new Extension Agent and Ben Eborn, the new Ag officer, both having offices in the Allred building. Chairman Rasmussen stated he is working on getting an air rifle club started in our county for 4-H. He is also helping write a grant with Friends of NRA, several other counties are getting a club going and we could have competitions, teaching gun safety, etc., it would be fun for both the boys and girls & could lead to scholarships later.

PARIS CANYON ISSUES

John Carter readdressed the Paris Canyon safety issue, also bringing up the dust problem and the noise problem. There is also a road drainage issue and would like the county to help find a solution. Commissioner Jensen, Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge Supervisor will get with Keller Engineers to review this issue.

TOM MORGAN – SOUTH OF ST. CHARLES PROPERTY

Tom & Kay Morgan presented a plan to create a possible subdivision in the impact zone of St. Charles on the lake side of the highway. Gary McKee was also present to help with the presentation. Tom was presenting his idea to the Commissioners to get them in the loop, but

will present additional plans to Planning & Zoning. The property is in the county and the county will work with the city on their impact area. Chairman Rasmussen recommended that they get with St. Charles City, then to the P & Z and then they will all work on it.

GREAT WESTERN TRAIL LOOP

Bill Brower discussed with the Commissioners his ideas about the Caribou Loop Trail feeling that the county should do nothing as the trail will not affect the county. The Great Western Trail will come through Bear Lake County but the Caribou Loop Trail doesn't.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

During public comments John Olsen, Prosecutor Elect, asked the Commissioners why they were not involved with the Regional U.S. Attorney as it is a good thing for the county. Chairman Rasmussen stated they were involved, he had been to three meetings, Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich had been to two meetings and they go when they are informed about the meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (b,d) to discuss personnel and indigent issues, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Deputy Clerk Jamie Humpherys and Clerk Cindy Garner were also invited to attend. All Commissioners voted 'Here' in a roll call vote. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to vacate the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to deny Medical Claim #2017-01, as claimant did not appear, and put Medical Claim #2014-04 back on suspension, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion to move ahead hiring a local contractor to get the bleachers roof finished before the fair, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the addition to the Personnel Policy on overtime and comp time, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget. Clerk Garner and Chief Deputy Amy Bishop explained the changes that had been made as requested from the last budget work meeting. With taking out the amount of the airport grants of \$1.8 million, the budget amount is actually less than last year. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to publish the proposed budget prior to the August 22nd public hearing on the budget, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The final levy rate will not be calculated until operating

property values are received from the state, but the levy rate is expected to remain close to last year's rate of 0.0044, with the highest possible rate around 0.0046.

BOND ORDINANCE

After reviewing the ordinance for the bond election, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-01, ordering a special bond election to be held on the question of the issuance of general obligation bonds of the county in an amount not to exceed \$4,100,000 for the purpose of the construction of a courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The election will be held on November 8th, 2016. For record, the Commissioners are working with an attorney out of Boise, Stephanie Bonney as she has helped us in the past.

WASTE TIRE ORDINANCE

Chairman Rasmussen stated we would review the Waste Tire Ordinance next month and move forward from there.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting till August 22, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.