

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 11, 2014, beginning at 9:A.M. in the 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.

Sheriff Brent Bunn, Attorney Steve Wuthrich and Rex Payne also attended the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

A discussion of Thomas Fork Lane was added to the order. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the agenda with the update. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly report. He stated that the Raspberry Days weekend was very busy with Bannock and Bingham Counties sending several officers to assist him. There were also State Police, Forest Service people and a marine deputy from Caribou. He is going to pay for motel rooms for Bingham County deputies.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson presented a report on building permits. He discussed an application for a house on Thomas Fork Lane. We would probably need the applicant to sign a deed restriction acknowledging that no County services would be available at that location.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mitch Poulsen presented request for a rezone on Smith Lane between Bennington and Georgetown. Planning and Zoning had held a hearing with no opposition. They felt that it met the needed requirements and recommended approval of the rezone. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the rezone per Planning and Zoning's recommendation. Motion carried. Mr. Poulsen discussed other projects he was working on. He presented a scope of work for Keller Engineering's upgrade of the County's road standards.

MINUTES APPROVED

The Commissioners pointed out some omissions from the August 1 meeting minutes. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 regular meeting and the August 1, 2014 special meeting with the corrections. Motion carried.

DINGLE DUMPSTER PROJECT

Ammon Holmquist stated that for his Eagle Scout project he wanted to get two additional dumpsters placed in convenient locations in the summer seasons. One would be in the Dingle Park and the other on the south end of Dingle for traffic coming from the Lake. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the project. Motion carried.

PARIS WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Brent Lewis and representatives of Sunrise Engineering and Whitaker Construction met with the Commissioners to discuss progress on the Paris City water project. They noted that the project was behind schedule and wanted to extend the hours. They had tried a new process and were able to keep the traffic delay to a maximum of 6 minutes. They requested to work on Friday for a few weeks. They also informed the commissioners that they would need to have 3 day long road closures at some point. Following a discussion it was agreed that they would work the next two Fridays but take August 29 off. They would try to hold delays to 6 to 10 minutes. The 3 closure days would not be on Friday. Closure days would close at 7:00 A.M. and reopen at 6:00 P.M. with two time periods during the day to let traffic through.

BEAR LAKE FIRE DISTRICT

Ash Phelps and Craig Bunn asked the Commissioners for an update on the status of a bill received from the Forest Service for the Worm Creek fire. The County and Fire District insurance carrier is handling the invoice. Clerk Haddock will check with them. The Fire District expressed a desire to pay the bill. They also asked if the County would share PILT money with them. The Commissioners were not likely to do that. Commissioners thanked Mr. Bunn for meeting with Bear Lake West homeowners recently.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Keller Engineering representatives met with the Commissioners to discuss updating our transportation plan. They noted that our LHTAC application for a grant to pave the road from Dingle to the lake had improved the past few years due to Road and Bridge personnel taking classes and a few other things. Another thing that would improve the application would be to update our Transportation Plan. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to have Keller begin the Transportation Plan update. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kathy Ray, 4-County Economic Development Director, explained a tax reimbursement incentive of the State of Idaho. This is a new program to help attract businesses to Idaho. She suggested that Paris Hills could possibly qualify for some of these programs.

SET BACK VARIANCE

Rhett Phelps requested a variance on a setback on a shed that he wanted to place 15 feet closer to a right of way than code requires. Following discussion Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the variance. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

COURTHOUSE DISCUSSION

Pete Anderson and Jerry Myers, architects, met with the Commissioners to discuss plans they had drawn to update the courthouse. They also talked about the cost of a new Courthouse. There was very little difference in cost of the two alternatives. The Commissioners set August 2 and August 4 as dates to hold public hearings on the various proposals. They discussed the possibility of getting a proposal for a bond on the November ballot. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to retain a bond attorney to get the proper wording on a ballot for the November election. Motion carried.

TAX CANCELLATION

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented a tax cancellation on garbage and translator fees that were charged to a vacant lot in error. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the cancellation. Motion Carried.

PUBLISHED BUDGET APPROVAL

The Commissioners discussed the budget that was proposed by Clerk Haddock. They changed the wage increase from 3% to 2-1/2%. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to publish the proposed budget with that and a few other minor changes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the July bills. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene in an executive session per Idaho code 67-2345(b) to discuss a personnel issue. All Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote.

Following the executive session the meeting was adjourned.

