

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a regular session on February 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 Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Also in attendance were Treasurer Trisha Poulsen, Prosecutor Steven A. Wuthrich, Sheriff Brent R. Bunn, Assessor Lynn T. Lewis, Weed/Solid Waste Supervisor Todd Transtrum and The News-Examiner reporter, Daniel Bishop.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

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

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen mentioned the hardship trying to pick up the pieces after having computer virus's for 2 weeks and being shut down.

Assessor Lynn Lewis stated they were getting ready for the Assessment rolls.

Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich stated he had been to the Prosecutor's conference in Boise.

Clerk Cindy Garner addressed the letter sent by Danny McClendon regarding the airport grant. Commissioner Jensen made a motion for them to continue to work on the instrumental requirements needed, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Sheriff Brent Bunn presented his monthly report, asked about status on hospital billing regarding prisoners and mentioned his old vehicle will be available for use for another department.

Commissioner Jensen and Todd Transtrum have been working together on cost of a building for a spray truck for the landfill, proposing an addition to the building already existing and they do have a vehicle they could put the sprayer on. They also discussed various new dumpsters that are needed and presented a cost sheet. Todd stated that it's required to present an updated operating plan every 3 years, this is the year and it should be posted for the public to review also and they can send comments to the Health Department. He will send the proposed plan when ready to the Health Department.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report noting it is a slow time of the year, also 911 is ready to be updated when Clark Wireless gets down here. He also asked about the naming of various roads and Chairman Rasmussen stated we would put it on next month's meeting so the public would be aware of those names also. Wayne did ask about the courthouse again, willing to do whatever he can to help.

ALAN EBORN – SNOWMOBILE/EMS DIRECTOR- ROAD CLOSURES, MILL CANYON PARKING LOT, SNOWMOBILE PARKING, ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

Alan addressed an issue with the Mill Canyon snowmobile parking lot and a landowner leaving vehicles there continually, one possibly not in working order. The Prosecutor stated they could do a letter stating he had so many days to move the vehicle then some action to have it towed could take place. He stated there is an abandoned vehicle code reference #49-1804 which they could fall back on. Alan also mentioned a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting which would include elected officials, first responders and other various entities in the valley. With the Commissioners, they set the date for February 24, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Oregon Trail Center, this will be posted as an open meeting. It will be about a 3 hour meeting. He also discuss doing an elected officials training in the future.

#### ERIN STRANGE – BLMH SCRAP METAL FUNDS

Erin Strange, Public Relations Director met to express appreciation for the past scrap metal donations and asked if the county would be willing to continue that donation. Prices are way down and Commissioner Jensen also suggested donating the used batteries also to help out. The hospital is looking at purchasing a diagnostic imaging machine and this would be helpful to them. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to continue donating the scrap metal funds, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

#### DRU STRANGE – NEW MONTPELIER CITY COUNCIL REP. FOR GOLF COURSE

Dru Strange introduced himself as a new member of the Montpelier City Council and also as a liaison for the golf course. He just attended one of their board meetings, is a volunteer fireman and offers services to the hospital and would like to work together with city and county on any projects or issues in the future.

#### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the addition of the following names added to the executive session, Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich, Deputy Clerk Jamie Humpherys, Roy Bunderson and Clerk Cindy Garner. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### APPROVE CLAIMS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the bills for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### LESLIE TALBOT, TIFFANY PRESTON, JESSE ANGLLESSEY – DEPT. OF HEALTH QUARTERLY REPORT

As they were not able to be present last month, Leslie, Tiffany and Jesse presented the quarterly reports for both the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for the Health Department. They have been busy with the flu season as usual and Jesse is being pulled to Bingham County also and busy there. He has also been helping out with some maintenance at our local building.

#### REGIONAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to appoint Albert Johnson to the Regional Commission Board as they do not think it had been taken care of earlier, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion to reappoint Ron Jensen to the Regional Commissioner Board, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Payne made a motion to appoint Cordell Passey to the Bear Lake Memorial Hospital Board, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

#### LIGHTING AT ALLRED BUILDING

Commissioner Payne was checking with Bear River Electric on a bid for lights, will check on the price of LED's and follow up next month.

#### JARED FARMER – WELLNESS PROGRAM

Jared Farmer asked the Commissioners if the county had a wellness program for the employees. They will check what some of the other counties are doing and follow up with him at a later date.

Chairman Rasmussen stated he had gone to the Eastern Idaho State Fair Annual Budget meeting and they also presented their annual request for our county donation of \$1,147.00 which has not changed in the last 7 years. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the annual donation amount of \$1,147.00 to the Eastern Idaho State Fair, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Chairman Rasmussen also mentioned he was still trying to work with Rich County on crossing the state line and stated that if we were called our officers would cross and assist. Mitch Poulsen, Planning & Zoning Director is also reviewing the Utah statutes and they are looking at possible new legislation. Our prosecutor is also working on this issue.

#### TOM KARREN – HOUSE ON MILL CREEK – TAX ISSUES

Tom Karren stated the property he purchased in the Mill Creek subdivision had went through a bankruptcy, been foreclosed on and working with a title company had thought the taxes were taken care of. He was willing to pay the taxes but asked that the penalty and interest be taken off because of the miscommunication. After a discussion, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to waive the 2014 penalty and interest fees amounting to \$123.26, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

#### PERSONNEL MANUAL

After discussion regarding time worked, Commissioner Payne made a motion that after working 4 days, taking a day off as comp time, asked to come to work on day off, it would be still be considered a 40 hour work week and they would receive comp time, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Sheriff's deputies will be looked at later as they come under different rules.

#### CHRIS JAMES – PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Chris James presented several years of case statistics and how the felonies have been increasing every year and the work load with the new Drug Court added also, he would request from the Commission and increase in his contract from \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00. The Commissioners will review and get back with him.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave & Claudia Cottle looking at the public notices regarding the contested hearing in Pocatello and issues with building contractors, they presented information hoping that this will help Bear Lake County in the future regarding building on the lakeside of the road. Chairman Rasmussen stated that Wayne has to sign off prior to getting approval to build and coordinate with Department of Lands. Mitch is also reviewing and they need to look at the set back on the water's edge, possible reviewing the wording regarding the high water mark.

Commissioner Payne stated he had met with the Fair Board and they stated Idaho Travel would like to come & spotlight the Bear Lake County Fair.

Chairman Rasmussen mentioned that the Gem Plan group should come next month to present a dental/vision plan for the employees. He mentioned he had attended the Hospital Board meeting, the State Fair Budget meeting, and the Midwinter conference brought up some issues with the Health Board and the additional pay period, also Medicare Expansion, Senate Bill #1205.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – INDIGENT, PERSONNEL AND LEGAL

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2345(b,d,f), seconded by Commissioner Jensen, all voted 'yes' in a roll call vote. Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich, Deputy Clerk Jamie Humpherys and Clerk Cindy Garner were also invited to join the meeting. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the executive meeting and go back into the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Several items came out of the executive session, they did discuss the contract for the public defender but decision will be made in the March meeting. They had notice of medical liens they reviewed, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign the Notice of Medical Liens, Commissioner Payne seconded the motion, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to amend for approval Medical Claim #2015-13, to approve Medical Claim #2015-04, #2016-04, to suspend both Medical Claims #2016-05 and #2016-03, seconded by Commission Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve 2 Martinez applications and 1 Keetch for payment for CSI, after approval from legal counsel, also approved many other applications for Dual Credit from the high school students, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

