

Bear Lake County Commissioners' Special Meeting
April 22, 2024
Commissioners' Chambers – Paris, Idaho

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met for a special meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Commissioners' Chambers in Paris, Idaho. Video access to the meeting also was available via Zoom. Members present were Board Chairman Bradley D. Jensen, Commissioner Rex L. Payne, Commissioner Wynn S. Olsen and Amy Bishop, Clerk of the Board. Deputy Clerk Paul Christiansen also was in attendance.

County Attorney Adam McKenzie was excused due to other obligations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olsen. The motion carried.

EXTENSION OFFICE ELECTRICAL ISSUE IN MEN'S RESTROOM – ACTION ITEM

Tyson Boehme, who serves as the maintenance professional for Bear Lake County, reported that during the renovation work being performed at the Bear Lake County Extension Office, a previously unknown electrical problem had been identified.

The men's restroom at the facility is equipped with a heater that is built into the wall. When the restroom entrance door is open, the heater has just 3 inches of clearance between itself and the back of the door. This lack of clearance has, at some point, led the back of the door to be scorched by the heater, Boehme said.

The heater can be moved from behind the door on the room's north wall to the west wall. By moving the heater from its current location, the device will be free of obstruction and have about 3 feet of clearance, thus eliminating the potential fire hazard, Boehme said. Electrician Dennis Bills of AD Electric, who was hired to perform the other needed electrical work at the office, has supplied a comprehensive bid – which includes all the electrical work, drywall installation and other project facets – of \$385.00 to remedy the issue in the men's restroom. Whereas this was previously unforeseen work that had not been included in the original extension office project bid, Boehme now presented the additional expense to the Bear Lake Board of County Commissioners for approval.

Commissioner Olsen said this work sounded essential. Commissioner Jensen agreed, adding it would be a shame to complete this in-depth renovation project at the Bear Lake County Extension Office only to leave it in danger of burning down.

Boehme told the Board the heater in the neighboring women's restroom originally had been installed in a manner that left it clear of obstruction, so no similar issues had been identified with it. Additionally, he said, Bear Lake County Fire Chief Mark Parker had been the person to first identify the scorch marks in

the men's restroom. At that time, Parker planned to red tag the heater – a mark that would deem it a fire danger that was impaired, faulty or inoperable – if the issue was not addressed through the renovation project, Boehme said.

Commissioner Payne asked Boehme to confirm the pending approval of this work would now complete the scope of work for the overall extension office renovation project. Boehme said he had checked the other project facets and, if the Board approved this \$385.00 bid, the project needs all will have been addressed.

MOTION: Commissioner Olsen made a motion to approve the \$385.00 bid from AD Electric for the entire scope of the work – including electrical and otherwise – needed to be completed on the men's restroom at the Bear Lake County Extension Office. The motion received a second from Commissioner Payne. The motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



BRADLEY D. JENSEN, Chairman

5/13/2024
Date Approved

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