

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in their regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Rex L. Payne was out of the county.

Others in attendance were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Acting Prosecutor Adam McKenzie, Pamela Harmon, The News-Examiner reporter, citizens Jean Alleman and Robin Owsley.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of approving a Certificate of Residency, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Commissioner Rasmussen noted that there will be some changes that go into effect as of July 1, 2018 regarding the open meeting laws. Rasmussen also introduced Adam McKenzie as Bear Lake County's acting prosecutor for the next six (6) months and then it will be reviewed again. They will swear McKenzie in at the next meeting when Commissioner Payne is present.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen stated she had zero (0) tax deeds, however did take some minerals on a couple of properties. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sell the minerals back to the landowners, William Robison and Nate Dingle Ranch, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Poulsen stated Elizabeth Pringle has minerals of \$24.18, but the property is now a subdivision and it would not be cost effective to work out so better to absorb it and deed to county. Poulsen also stated that John Jacobsen was erroneously charged for two (2) garbage cans and never asked for it. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel the extra garbage fee for John Jacobsen and deed the mineral right of Elizabeth Pringle back to the county, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Poulsen reminded the Commissioners of Floyd Marshlain's letter from last month and he also filed a hardship application for them to review. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel the penalty and interest fees for 2014 with the agreement as stated for payments by October and November 2018 per his letter, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen met with Kim Erickson regarding the Swan Canal concerns regarding excess water and sediment going into the canal. Jensen stated the Homeowners Association agreed to make corrections needed and extend the culvert which should help. Jensen also met with the snowmobile committee and pled the case with Senator Mark Harris and Representative Marc Gibbs and they will be setting up another meeting with the snowmobile committee. Jensen stated the equipment building should be ready by the 4th of July. Road and Bridge did get their dust abatement truck back from repairs and scheduled work will proceed.

Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned the Gem Plan meeting went well and there will be no increase in insurance this year. Rasmussen also met with the Board of Health and will be meeting with the State Health Department. Commissioner Payne has been working hard on the courthouse with the architect and looking at the financing with Michael Tippetts, Assistant Vice President of Zions Public Finance, Inc., it will be bonded. Payne and Wayne Davidson also met with BIG D, the CMAR and after a little hiccup with funding, they would like to get framed in. Michael Tippetts will hope to be at the July meeting.

WAYNE DAVIDSON – BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT

Wayne Davidson, Building Official, presented his monthly report, working on finishing the equipment building and move. Commissioner Jensen stated the goal was to be in by July 4th, but they did have a concern regarding the walls and so he and Wayne will work with Bear Lake Construction to resolve that. Davidson stated the water line has also been ran. Davidson asked about serving on the board for the International Code Council where they evaluate every item and have three (3) face to face meetings. Commissioners felt it would be beneficial and signed the approval. Davidson stated how good it has been to work with Commissioner Payne on the courthouse project and did state they would need to move one big pine tree and Commissioner Jensen stated the need to notify the city also to get the two (2) buildings moved. Davidson mentioned he and Commissioner Payne will be meeting in Pocatello on June 18th with the Myers & Andersen to go over maximum guaranteed costs and timeline.

MITCH POULSEN – PLANNING & ZONING RECOMMENDATION ON JOE’S GAP PRELIMINARY PLAT

Mitch Poulsen, P & Z Director, presented the preliminary plat from Devin Skinner on behalf of Marvin Schwab which is up Joe’s Gap past the Evan’s home. It has eight (8) lots, a place for turnout for trash and mail in case, have done the soils testing, the road will be private but brought up to county standard with width and gravel and they are proposing septic tanks. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Joe’s Gap Subdivision preliminary plat based upon Planning & Zoning recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. He did not bring a monthly report.

CONSTRUCTION & STRUCTURE BIDS

Commissioners opened three (3) Construction bids as follows: Boehme Construction & Excavation - \$68,950.00, Bear Lake Construction, Inc. - \$29,800.00, Thomas Rocks, LLC - \$33,977.46. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to award the Construction bid to Bear Lake Construction, based upon review of Forest Service Engineer Corey Lyman, Superintendent Scott Esquibel and Commissioner Bradley Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Commissioners opened three (3) Structure bids as follows: Boehme Construction & Excavation - \$34,400.00, Bear Lake Construction, Inc. – \$29,600.00, Thomas Rocks, LLC - \$67,683.20. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to award the Structure bid to Bear Lake Construction, Inc. based upon review of Forest Service Engineer Corey Lyman, Superintendent Scott Esquibel and Commissioner Bradley Jensen, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes for May 14th, 17th and 21st, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

RATIFY CLAIMS

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to ratify the claims, with the exception of a Jensen Lumber claim, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

4-COUNTY ALLIANCE OF S.E. IDAHO PROGRAM REQUEST

Commissioner Rasmussen signed the 4-County Alliance request for FY2018/2019 of \$6,000 based upon the budget, as requested the previous month.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY

Commissioner Jensen made motion to approve the Certificate of Residency for Kaylie Payne, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

SCOTT ESQUIBEL – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Commissioner Jensen excused Scott as he was unable to make it. Commissioner Jensen presented Esquibel's reports, they are working on the grant for the St. Charles Creek Bridge, getting the designed construction from the engineer, need to sign and apply for the grant. Commissioner Jensen made a motion for Superintendent Esquibel to move forward with Keller Engineering to go forward with the grant for the St. Charles Creek Bridge, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Jensen stated there is an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and Bear Lake County to replace a culvert between Harris' on Eight Mile Road. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve work with the Forest Service on the Eight Mile Road Fish Project #2, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Jensen also stated that the county would need to send a \$9,000 check to Idaho Transportation Department to start the grant process for the Dingle-East Shore to Cemetery Road project that they have tried to get for years and it looks promising this year. The grant would fund 92.66% and the county would match with the remaining 7.34%, being about \$184,000. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign the Dingle-East Shore to Cemetery Road grant letter, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Jensen presented the landfill report and mentioned the possible regional landfill they are looking into as our small landfill numbers we are tracking are near the top.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (1) (b,d,f) for personnel, indigent and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen. Both Commissioners stated "Here" in a roll call vote. Acting Prosecutor, Adam McKenzie and Clerk Garner were asked to stay. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

A couple of items came out of the executive session, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adopt the Indigent Public Defense Agreement with the changes approved with review from the prosecuting attorney, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

Commissioners stated that a new invoice from the Forest Service had been given to the County Fire Department, however the Worm Creek Fire happened in 2012. It had been discussed with Senator Mike Crapo, correspondence was sent in 2014 to ICRMP, the county's legal contact, they had heard nothing else and so they will open it back up. The clerk will re-submit this new invoice to ICRMP.

It was decided for the meeting on June 26th that it become a 4-County meeting with Regional Landfill and Snowmobile Grooming be part of the agenda. Bear Lake County will host it and it will be held at the Oregon Trail Center at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. The clerk will get a notice out.

Commissioner Rasmussen asked that we wait for Commissioner Payne to get back to discuss the Range Improvement program.

Clerk Garner stated that Dennis Turner had resigned as the Republican Central Committee Chairman after serving longer than anyone in the state for that position. Austin Fisher is the new chairman, with Casey Humpherys as vice chairman and they would like to hold quarterly meetings.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.