

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in their regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 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, Rex L. Payne and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board.

Also attending were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Bart Heslington, Assessor Lynn Lewis, Prosecutor John Olson, The News-Examiner Reporter Daniel Bishop, citizens Jean Alleman, Robin Owsley and Charles Horikami.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Pictometry Agreement under unfinished business, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen stated she was geared up and prepared for hosting the upcoming State of Idaho Treasurer's Conference August 7th through the 10th with the welcome to Bear Lake County being the morning of the 8th and Commissioner Rasmussen was going to handle that portion.

Assessor Lynn Lewis presented an updated price schedule for the Commissioners approval. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the updated price schedule for maps and photocopies, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. They also discussed mailing vehicle registration renewal notices and because of state fees, there is a flat rate procession fee of \$1.50, whether received in person or by mail.

Sheriff Bart Heslington presented his monthly report and had not received the billing from the Caribou County Jail at this date. He reported that summer activities are in full force which brings more accidents. He stated with the high water this year, the issue with limited parking and those parking on the road and restricting access is creating a hazard. After discussion, it was decided it would be marked as a 'tow-away' zone and thought that might help solve the problem. If the problem continues, other action may need to be taken. Heslington also discussed a conference call he and Commissioner Payne had with CenturyLink concerning the 911 system and the copper wires connecting the system. He felt that nothing was resolved and is planning on a second call in which Direct Communications will also be invited to see if fiber optic lines can be utilized. Commissioner Rasmussen stated he also had a meeting at the end of the month and will speak with a member of the CenturyLink board.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – WAYNE DAVIDSON

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report and building permits are still increasing with new commercial buildings in Montpelier. He is working with homeowner associations to help fix building problems before they occur. Davidson also presented a preliminary blueprint for an equipment building to replace the Paris Fire Station and Park's and Recreation building. It will be a steel building and the Commissioners suggested adding a restroom, an outside hydrant, French drains and bollards. Davidson will also present the plans and changes to all of the entities involved prior to putting out the bid notice.

He also had been in touch with Attorney Steve Fuller on acquiring all the information needed for the judicial confirmation hearing.

JAMIE BARTSCHI – ROADS FOLLOW-UP

Jamie Bartschi approached the Commissioners on a follow-up on speed control on Nounan roads and also thanked them for the sincere interest in trying to find a solution to keep the citizens safe. The Commissioners stated that, on the advice of Ada County, they needed to check about the liability for the speed humps. Senator Harris had told the Commissioners that he was checking the state road standards on the issue. Bartschi wanted to clarify that these would be removable speed humps, not permanent speed bumps (a speed bump is a narrower, taller obstruction, generally used in parking lots; a speed hump is a broader, lower surface). Both Commissioners and Bartschi expressed that they have received a lot of phone calls on this issue, both in favor and against. The county, after checking legalities, will create a policy that will require a public hearing. Franklin County is looking at speed dips. The Commissioners expressed appreciation for the research that Bartschi has done and trying to help with an answer to the problem. It was mentioned also at this point that the bridge on Nounan Road should be done by the end of the month and the county had received some emergency grant money to help pay for it.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and return to the Board of Equalization, pursuant to Idaho Code #63-501 & 502. Chairman Rasmussen gave the instructions regarding the meeting. Several property tax valuation appeals were discussed. Assessor Lynn Lewis and Deputy Appraiser Paul Day explained to the Commissioners their assessments. The homeowners' appeals were presented and decisions have to be made in the regular session. Complete Board of Equalization minutes are available upon request in the Clerk's office, as they have to have their own minutes. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

BILL STOCK – P & Z

Bill Stock had some concerns including the overlay zone being reinstated without public hearing and Planning and Zoning not bringing issues before the Commissioners for final decision. He also addressed the issue of mobile homes not being placed on foundations. The International Building Code does not require mobile homes to be placed on foundations, but the current county ordinance does. Stock would like the stricter county standard enforced. The Commissioners stated they would look into that issue. He also was concerned with a campground in Fish Haven that was not in the proper zoning area.

COLONIAL LIFE (BILL) – VOLUNTARY BENEFITS

Bill Blair and Jeff P. Griffeth, representatives with Colonial Life Insurance presented a new plan for voluntary benefits for the county employees. They will be invited to the county employee benefit fair to present their ideas to individual employees. Commissioner Jensen made a motion for Clerk Garner to

sign the paperwork needed for setup with Colonial Life Insurance, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

MIKE ROBISON – VACATE ROAD REQUEST (1/4 Mile past residence on 4th South – Dingle)

Mike Robison presented a request for the county to vacate a road that only leads to his property in Dingle. After showing the Commissioners on the map, the Commissioners informed him of the road vacation process, which includes a public hearing where all landowners in the area are notified to voice their opinions. There will be notification as to when the public hearing will take place.

SCOTT ESQUIBEL – COUNTY SUPERVISOR/PLANNER

County Supervisor/Planner Scott Esquibel presented his monthly reports on the Road and Bridge and Landfill. He said that flood damage repairs are moving forward with several roads being completed in June, namely Dingle Cemetery Road, Stauffer Nounan Road and St. Charles Green Canyon Road. There are still some road areas that are too wet to fix, such as Geneva, Raymond and Skyline Road. The emergency funding was approved for several roads. Other roads will be evaluated in the third round of funding requests. Esquibel also reported that the landfill is working hard to keep their small-use exemption. He believes the problem is with the wording on the reports more than actual tonnage, so corrections are being made.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION DECISIONS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the changes or leave as is on Parcel #'s 01887.01, 01908.00, 45005.00, 24131.00, 24322.00, 02093.00, 01960.00 and 01930.00, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the hardship application for Parcel #02531.04 and remove the Homeowner's Exemption from Parcel #01811.00, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Full minutes of the Board of Equalization will be separate and can also be requested at the Clerk's office.

APPROVE CLAIMS

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, June 22 and June 26, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

PICTOMETRY AGREEMENT

Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the Pictometry Agreement, with them doing two fly overs vs. three, based upon review of the Prosecuting Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENT DEPOSIT

Commissioners agreed the money deposited for special events stays with the Bear Lake Regional Commission.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT FUND

Commissioners discussed some suggested uses for the Range Improvement funds. The Bear Lake Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors had a couple of suggested uses to help landowners on these projects. Commissioner Payne will go to their meeting and get input. The Commissioners thought it would be beneficial to give half of those funds to them. The clerk will get the amount to Commissioner Payne.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (b,d,f) for personnel, indigent and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. All Commissioners stated "Here" in a roll call vote. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

One item came out of the meeting regarding a payoff of a Medical Lien. Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign the Satisfaction of Lien on Medical Case #209-7, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.