

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met on Monday, September 10, 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, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Also attending were Sheriff Bart Heslington, Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Prosecutor Adam McKenzie, County Superintendent Scott Esquibel, Fire Chief Mark Parker, Joan Maiosana, BLW HOA and Pamela Harmon, reporter for The News-Examiner.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Sheriff Bart Heslington presented his monthly report, but focus was on the frustration of the ITD system that has been out of service so they cannot issue drivers licenses and the sheriff's association is responsible for a product they have no control over. Commissioner Rasmussen stated he will express the frustration to the legislators. The Sheriff and Commissioner Payne have been working towards a better 911 system and a grant application and talking with other counties about being able to pick up others 911 calls if one of the counties is down, possibly with Syringa, that would have a network and eliminate the middle man. Heslington feels they should hold off on CenturyLink at this point. Heslington stated they are wrapping up the marine program, the school resource officer is back at school, they are mostly out of the old building, have been through a retirement and are working on hiring a new officer soon and have sent out notification. It has been a very busy summer. Commissioner Rasmussen stated Utah, Idaho and Pacificorp are talking about opening up the west end of the lake possibly for a swim only area. Sheriff Heslington is also looking at grants to put up signage on the buoys for the swimmers.

Commissioner Payne met with the ambulance board and it was mentioned about a program with AirMed help if needing an air ambulance. Payne met with the hospital and they have negotiated pricing on an annual fee for AirMed Advantage. An individual would be \$10 and a family \$25. The average cost of an air flight is \$40,000. Payne stated that Paul Nelson asked about the county gravel pit and went with Superintendent Esquibel and the concerns about being too close to the fences. Payne stated he also asked about signs on Bear Hollow Road, as well as cattleguards at Elk Valley Road. Don Jensen asked Payne about a permit to boar under a county road and the fee. In the past it has been \$5,600 if you cut through a county road and \$2,500. Need to discuss as those policies were put in place long ago and should be readdressed. Prosecutor McKenzie will look at putting together an agreement to be presented next month.

Commissioner Jensen met with the Bear Lake West POA and they discussed dedicating the last quarter mile section in the subdivision to the county, they will let the county know. Paris city can start moving the old sheriff boat building.

WAYNE DAVIDSON – COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Davidson stated there is some slowing on new home, but the Bennington area is growing and there is lots of demands for construction. He stated the Geotech testing results did not raise any red flags and

looks like it will be a savings of approximately \$26,000 and they should be able to have ground water just go into the ground. The new storage building has passed electrical and Davidson has framed the bathroom and are waiting for the electrical for it. Commissioners stated they need to insulate the building, the Sheriff is looking for chain link fencing. They need to work on more gravel. There was discussion on some of the interior design for the new courthouse. The county hired Zions Bank to acquire financing and Piper Jaffray was selected to be the underwriter for financing of the new courthouse. BIG D will be instructing on the site preparation so the grounds will be ready in the spring.

Commissioner Rasmussen stated they were going to discuss with the legislators about the judicial confirmation statute, Attorney Steve Fuller and Representative Gibbs are working on changes to the law to allow a levy, not just the authority to go into long term debt. For the new courthouse, the county will put up two (2) million and finance three (3) million.

MITCH POULSEN, DIRECTOR FROM P & Z ON EPHRIAM HODGE SUBDIVISION

Mitch Poulsen, Planning & Zoning Director, stated that the Ephraim Hoge Subdivision is now two (2) lots and the P & Z board recommendation to approve the subdivision with an increase of six (6) feet. There was some additional discussion and Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Ephraim Hoge Subdivision with a four (4) foot addition to the road when developing those lots, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

MIKE DUNCAN – NEW DISTRICT RANGER

Mike Duncan, District Ranger, wanted to introduce himself, coming with twenty years of experience and hoping to keep the same good working relationship as the previous ranger. They will be having prescribed burns, one in St. Charles canyon, also the left hand of Georgetown canyon the road is caving off on the west side and will be contacting citizens and wants to get the word out the best way possible. There is a draft on the impact of the future gas lines and public meetings are scheduled on October 3rd & 4th in Montpelier.

MITCH POULSEN – IDAHO PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS – UPDATE ON THE BEAR RIVER PROJECT

Mitch Poulsen, Planning & Zoning Director, mentioned the Bear River project near Rex Skinner's property and needing to re-create the channel with rock, rip wrap, willows and quaking aspen. He is looking at a 60/40 grant, the county being the 40 percent. Poulsen will take care of everything else and the county bringing in the rock, approximately 200 truckloads. The grant is for \$75,000. Grant numbers for the county with time, labor and material are approximately the rip wrap are \$44,836 and tow armor at \$28,000. Poulsen met with the engineers on the Joe's Gap project and they suggested the county adopt the Idaho Standardized Public Works Manual and the engineers and contractors deal with it. It was suggested they come down for the October meeting.

MARK PARKER – NEW FIRE BUILDING

Mark Parker, Fire Marshall, stated they would like to utilize and get one of the new bays in the new equipment building in Paris. They county will look at the billings for a year on the power and then decide how to fairly delegate those fees. The gas is already separated. Prosecutor McKenzie will draw up a letter for each entity occupying a bay.

LYNN LEWIS – INTERNET MAPPING

Assessor Lynn Lewis, Deputy Mapper Dale Thornock and Deputy Appraiser Paul Day came in support of internet mapping as forty of the counties in the state are already on board with the state and they then link to the state map and help maintain. They stated that there could be a disclaimer on the linked screen as everything is not always exactly perfect. Commissioners encouraged them to move forward.

MIKE ROBISON – COUNTY ROAD MAP – ACCESS PROPERTY

In trying to get title insurance on a new property, Mike Robison, showed on the county map near Sheep Creek Reservoir the map was in error showing the road in the wrong area. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to correct the map to show the right route used, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Prosecutor McKenzie will write a letter to that effect.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nicholas and Nicole Smith stated their concerns regarding the road they considered their road and the county doing some work, taking down their private property sign and why now being used as a county road. The county has it shown as a county road on the official county road map. The county Road & Bridge is working on the Paris Canyon Bridge and so they are using the alternate route and had done some upgrading prior.

Roy Bunderson stated he remembered the public hearings on the roads previously that if there had been used, it would be established. Commissioners were told to go to the forest boundary only. Weed Supervisor, Todd Transtrum was to update the road maps during the winter months. Bunderson also mentioned the R.S. 2477 roads and keeping up to date on those. He also asked about the financing for the courthouse and a contingency fee and Commissioner Payne stated it is being worked on and Piper Jaffray came in with the lower cost for the underwriter.

SCOTT ESQUIBEL – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

County Superintendent Scott Esquibel presented his Road & Bridge report, showing the various sites and the traffic and speeding reports from the recorded signage. Esquibel also presented the Landfill report and has done some research on leasing garbage trucks and asked if they do a district landfill, would the leases be taken over. Prosecutor McKenzie has not heard back on the regional landfill M.O.U. at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – INDIGENT, PERSONNEL & LEGAL

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive meeting pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206 (1) (b) (d) (f), for personnel, records and legal, seconded by Commissioner Payne. All Commissioners stated “Here” in a roll call vote. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

SET LEVIES

Deputy Clerk Amy Bishop presented the levies for the county and all other taxing districts, which were similar to last year. Commissioner Payne made a motion to certify the levies as presented, Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Rasmussen read Resolution #2018-10, County Budget Resolution in full, with a total budget of \$14,584,011. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Resolution #2018-10, County Budget Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The resolution can be reviewed or obtain a copy at the clerk's office in Paris.

Clerk Garner was instructed to bring the waste tire resolution to the next meeting to review the amounts.

Commissioner Jensen stated the last 2 (two) bills for the tire collections are up and would like have Waste Tires on the agenda for the next meeting.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO DROUGHT

Commissioner Payne stated he had been approached regarding a drought emergency, however with the CRP ground, it needs to be done by the Federal government, not the county.

RATIFY BILLS

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes for August 20, 2018, for the budget hearing, airport grant and Mountain Way discussion only, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Other minutes will be approved at a later date.

M.O.A. – DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the Juvenile Corrections M.O.A., seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

PERSONNEL AND VEHICLE POLICY UPDATE

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the recent updates on the Personnel Policy and the Vehicle Policy to be effective October 1, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Items coming out of the executive session were some indigent applications needing action.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to suspend Medical Claim #2018-10, deny Medical Claim #2019-02 and Medical Claim #2019-04, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioners stated to give back to Deputy Humpherys the Medical Claim #2007-27 to close Quick Books as there was no lien filed. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to release Medical Liens, Case #2012-27, #2009-26, #2012-23, #2009-23, #2014-8, #2005-35, #2008-12, #2009-33, #2007-05, #2011-11, #2012-25, #2007-06, #2009-11, #2005-46, #2009-05, #2006-17, #2011-15 and #2005-39, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioners decided to host the Four County meeting again but do it in October, rather than December and invite the legislators. The clerk will put the word out to get confirmation and also schedule the Oregon Trail Center.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.