

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met for a public hearing on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oregon Trail Center in Montpelier, Idaho. Purpose of the hearing was to hear comments regarding the property request from School District #33 for a portion of Allinger Park to build a new middle school on. Members present were Commissioners Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Commissioner Rasmussen stated they would begin the public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code #67-2322. Commissioner Rasmussen gave instructions to the group on how the process for a public hearing works, there was a sign-up sheet and if wishing to make a comment, would be allowed approximately 5 minutes. Rasmussen stated no decision has been made or will be made at this meeting, also emphasized this meeting was not meant to discuss the bond. Rasmussen gave a bit of history on the land being discussed, stating that the school district had purchased the property from the State of Idaho in 1980 for \$50,000. In 2010 they quit claimed the property to the county. The portion of the property requested would take out the sand volleyball pit and one (1) of the picnic areas, but it would not affect the skateboard park. The desired area is just under three (3) acres. Commissioner Rasmussen showed several pictures of the property and exactly where it was located. The question was asked why the school gave it to the county and Rasmussen stated the school could not maintain it, the county did not request it, but had been maintaining it anyway. Stauffer Chemical Co. did some in-kind work to help also. Years ago the county did an M.O.U. with the state and city, the maintenance of Allinger Park is done by the city and the golf course was taken care of by the county.

Roy Bunderson, 165 S. Main, Bloomington, Idaho asked about the stability of the ground, as it came up at the school district meeting the night before. Rasmussen stated it does slope, but it has not been filled or backfilled. Rasmussen also stated they will wait till after the election to make any decisions. The reason to hold the public hearing was to be transparent and as the Allinger Park property has had a lot of public use, wanted to get input and comments from the public.

Kirk C. Pugmire, 295 Jefferson St., Montpelier, Idaho, had no comment.

Michelle Higley, 705 N. 6th, Montpelier, Idaho, wanted to comment at the end.

Dave Higley, 705 N. 6th, Montpelier, Idaho, stated his question had been answered that no decision would be made until after the election.

Paul Alleman, 6342 Nounan Road, Bennington, Idaho, stated even if the bond does not pass, that does not mean the school would not still be interested.

Pamela Harmon, 133 N. 1st E., Bennington, Idaho, there for reporting purposes only.

Tiffany Wright, 17323 Hwy. 30, Montpelier, Idaho had no comment.

Assessor Heber Dunford, 309 N. 1st W., Bloomington, Idaho had no comment.

Angela Grunig, 115 Canyon Rd., Montpelier, Idaho had no comment.

Brittany Coulson, 48 N. 1st W., Paris, Idaho, had no comment.

Roy Bunderson mentioned that Stauffer Chemical Co. had lots of investment in the property for recreation purposes which was instigated by Duncan King and he felt King would be supportive as long as it was adding to the community.

Commissioner Rasmussen asked if there were any additional comments and reminded the group once the meeting was closed, the commissioner could not take any more comments. Commissioner Payne made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.