

The Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a public hearing for the budget and special meeting on August 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Chairman Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board.

Also present were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Brent Bunn, Chief Deputy Amy Bishop, Jackie Price, Bobbi Leonhardt, Roy Bunderson and Dan Bishop, Reporter for The News-Examiner.

Commissioner Payne made a motion to go into a public hearing to discuss the county budget, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Chairman Rasmussen stated the rules, if any want to speak, you need to sign the sheet, state name, address and whether 'For', 'Against', 'Neutral'. County budget looks about \$2 million higher, however approximately \$1.8 million is a pass through grant amount, so it is actually lower than last year. The Chairman read a letter as testimony (copy included) from 10 businesses stating that they do support the Bear Lake County Senior Center, however, they felt the center shouldn't compete with other businesses on their meals and taking tax dollars is an unfair advantage. They also feel they should charge a competitive rate if they are producing food for people other than seniors. Commissioner Payne met with the Community Center board and got information regarding meals and cost. He also checked with Caribou County and Franklin County and they are both charging an additional dollar or two more for those under 60 years of age. Chairman Rasmussen stated as he looked at other Community Centers, the objective is for the benefit of the senior population, one guest or others with disabilities and homebound people to be sure they get a good meal. Commissioner Payne stated the center cannot request a price as some of the food is donated, the suggested price is \$5.00/meal, some pay and some do not. He suggested possibly cutting down on the delivery or increasing the price, William Stock stated they would keep it the same price and go until they have to shut the doors. As Commissioners, they have no problem funding them, but the delivery of meals of 6,700 per year are not all going to homebound citizens and it was never set up for that. The money needs to be earmarked specifically for the seniors, at this point the money this year will go to the maintenance of the building as it does need help. Jackie Price, Community/Senior Center Director, stated they are classified as a 'Soup Kitchen' and could not turn anyone away. They joined the Idaho Food Bank about 6 years ago, part of that ruling was they are classified as a community center, thus the change in name to Community/Senior Center. The fund raising the center does is coming out of their own pocket, not out of the food bank. The fund raisers they do have given them almost the same amount of money as the food. It was suggested their auditor help them with the budgeting aspect of the center. The Commissioners all support and feel the Center is a valuable asset for the senior and homebound population.

Roy Bunderson stated as a taxpayer he would like to see more help for law enforcement in the county. With the influx of people in the summer, the drug traffic and all the area the law enforcement has to cover, the sheriff and staff should be commended. He also stated concerns with paying the same wage for an employee with zero experience verses one with 20 years of experience and wondered about the potential high cost for that inexperience. He would request the Commissioners to consider re-evaluating and pay based on qualifications as has been done in the past. Chairman Rasmussen did state they had increased the Sheriff's budget for the marine deputies as is needed. Bunderson also stated he appreciates the Sheriff working with them to allow an officer to be hired for several days by Bloomington City in the summer. There are issues with traffic, especially on canyon road, garbage, etc., that could be talked about with the Forest Service also, but appreciate the county for what they do.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Minutes from the public hearing can be heard in their entirety upon request from the Clerk's office. Commissioner Payne made a motion to go into a special meeting to discuss Resolution 2016-05 for excess funds and the Community/Senior Center, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Payne made a motion for the \$6,000 budgeted this year to be used for maintenance of the Community/Senior Center, with the stipulation the receipts are sent in to the county, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion for adjusting the 2017 budget for the Community/Senior Center to put \$6,000 into the building with the same requirements and restrictions, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The Commissioners request for the 2018 budget year that Jackie come with some figures and data and present a budget request for additional funds above and beyond as needed.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented the resolution for the excess funds pursuant to Idaho Code #31-808. Chairman Rasmussen read Resolution #2016-05 entitled "Resolution of the Bear Lake County Commissioners Authorizing Transfer Of Excess Sale Proceeds To The State Treasurer Pursuant To Idaho Code #31-808". Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-05 authorizing transfer of excess sale proceeds to the state treasurer pursuant to Idaho Code #31-808, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the special meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b) to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, each Commissioner voted '1' in a roll call vote. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. No action was taken. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

