

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 10, 2015 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 attending were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Prosecutor Steven A. Wuthrich and Daniel Bishop, reporting for The News-Examiner. Amy Bishop, Deputy Clerk also joined the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a vehicle bid opening, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Treasurer Poulsen presented a tax cancellation to be signed, previously approved. She also stated she was nominated as the new Treasurer for the Treasurer's Association at the meetings in Wallace this past week and as such, she will move up the chairs. She has 6 from our district coming to tour the area, do some walk-throughs and possibly host the August 2017 conference and would appreciate any help from the Commissioners & the community. She also reminded the Commissioners about the tax deed property coming up in September. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the cancellation of taxes due to the decision made at the Board of Equalization on parcel #02253.2, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Clerk Cindy Garner presented a couple of letters to the Commissioners, one to Road & Bridge Supervisor Greg Skinner and Landfill Garbage collector, Bret Hansen from Bear Lake Ranches, thanking them for the work and service they provide. She also mentioned a letter from Idaho Transportation Department regarding the Bear Lake Ped/Bike Path Contract No. 7504 stating that project had been completed and the letter was forwarded to Planning & Zoning Director, Mitch Poulsen.

Sheriff Bunn presented his report and stated there is new legislation on concealed weapons permits regarding fees and they are in alignment with the state. They did have a bunch of extra officers helping patrol over the Raspberry Day weekend, couldn't do it without them.

Commissioner Jensen stated that the Road & Bridge has Paris Canyon Road back in good condition, they will be putting the mag chloride on it soon, they are also helping the landfill as they have a truck broke down, also helping at the fair. Todd Transtrum, Landfill Supervisor will get together some prices on a new truck or lease option. They will put some more mag chloride up in the Bear Lake West area.

Commissioner Payne said they are getting ready for the fair, they appreciate the approval of getting the new bleachers in the future. It looks to be a great agenda for the fair, good outside entertainment as well as local, hope to have a good attendance. After the fair they will be looking at the cover on the Crane center.

Chairman Rasmussen mentioned a Bear Lake Regional meeting, Utah Representative Brown had been sent a letter and all the information concerning crossing state lines. Ken Brown, not related, who sits on

the Regional Commission is working with Representative Brown to see what the issues and concerns are. Bear Lake County has no problem crossing over, and will do so whenever requested. The lake level looks good with all the rain we've had, higher than they thought it would be. Woodruff Reservoir looks good even with the irrigation.

Commissioner Payne mentioned they are looking again at applications for a County Extension Agent.

Prosecutor Wuthrich said they have been busy dealing with Raspberry Days.

SE IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH - QUARTERLY

Leslie Talbot presented their quarterly report to the Commissioners.

CLAIMS APPROVED

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

BEAR LAKE WEST HOA

Laurie Jensen, President of the Bear Lake West HOA and Chuck Wood let the Commissioners know they were very pleased with the garbage pickup, stating Bret Hansen did a great job, also snow removal last winter was good, mosquito abatement also good, grading good, a few washboards up higher and wondered about a schedule for mowing the weeds. They asked about Elk Hollow and an access on the Utah side to deter so much traffic and possibly getting help from Rich County. The Commissioners suggested they go to the Rich County Commissioners and present their information and proposal. Commissioner Jensen will coordinate with Laurie Jensen regarding Ute Ave and build up on that road. Lakeside Circle cul-de-sac has no road at this point but there are not homes at this point, so no hurry. They requested a speed limit sign put up on the way down the hill. They have some concerns about buildings not allowed in their HOA and wondered if Wayne Davidson, Building Inspector, could help that issue. It will be in the HOA's court. They stated how good Wayne has been to work with.

RS2477 ROADS

Bill Brower presented the Commissioners with a 2 page 1877 map showing county roads. He also presented them with a copy of an invitation for a possible Federal Rule RS2477 meeting to be held in October, but will keep them informed as it gets closer.

PLANNING & ZONING

Director Mitch Poulsen stated the Planning & Zoning Board recommended the Commissioners approve the Bergholm rezone and talked about reviewing the P & Z ordinances to simplify and not duplicate the effort. They will create an exemption in their ordinance to allow people to divide up to 5 lots and record a survey on it verses a plat. Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the Bergholm rezone and accept the plat as submitted and allow it to be recorded as a survey, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. The P & Z Board have 2 of the board members appointments that have come up and

would like to re-appoint them, Albert Johnson and Sean Bartschi. Mark Harris and Jason Smith will be vacant seats. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to re-appoint Albert Johnson and Sean Bartschi to seats on the Planning & Zoning Board, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

BEAR HOLLOW ROAD – PUBLIC ABUSE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

Dan Keetch met with the Commissioners to discuss the destruction especially in the early spring on several access roads and it was suggested that he and Commissioner Payne would get a map and then go up and check these out and also get with the forest service.

GRANT LETTERS OF SUPPORT & FUEL REDUCTION GRANT

Lisa Transtrum with the Bear Lake Soil & Water Conservation District is applying for (3) 319 grants this year with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. She is requesting letters of support for each one. Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign the letters of support for each of these 3 grants, Bear Lake PDA, Geneva AFO and Sorensen Ditch, seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried. They will have the District Tour on September 3 and will look at the Paris Hollows Project.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report and also stated the health clinic purchased a change of use permit.

SAW MILL ROAD

Mark & Sheryl Pahler requested verification of getting snow maintenance the same as several other residents out in the Sharon area. They are putting up a snow fence and hope to have the road maintained as soon as possible after the priority roads, specifically the bus routes and weather permitting. The Commissioners stated they did make that decision and the Pahlers may have days in which they would not be able to get out. It was agreed upon by all parties.

VEHICLE BID

Commissioners received only one bid on 2007 Nissan Pathfinder from Denton Hansen for \$100.00. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET

Amy Bishop, Deputy Clerk assisted in presenting the proposed budget for the county. Commissioners reviewed and asked a few questions. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremy Field, Aide for Senator Risch, inquired about the Bear Lake Community Health Care Center , Paris Hills, crossing borders and our courthouse.

Amy Bishop also mentioned that the Ambulance grant was awarded with \$117,000 so they would need to have the Commissioners sign before September 1, 2015. Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign the ambulance grant for \$117,000, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and convene in an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 63-2345(b)(f) for personnel and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Commissioners all voted yes in a roll call vote. Prosecuting Attorney Steven A. Wuthrich was also present. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session & go back to the regular meeting, motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

SICOG – PROJECT UPDATE WITH TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT

David Doran, Project Manager for SICOG, discussed the goals and options with public transit and possibilities for Bear Lake County. They have provided service in the past from Montpelier to Garden City. The bus they have right now is primarily for serving those on Medicaid. They would look at a local match from city & county when the time comes to move forward on this matter.

USE OF SOVEREIGN LAND IN BEAR LAKE

David & Claudia Cottle presented information they acquired from the Land Board. They stated the land board suggested the need to look at the order and the county ordinance. They discussed possibly scheduling a meeting with the Land Board, the Cottles and the Commissioners to go over the lake and wetlands, etc. may be early in 2016.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Equalization meetings on June 22, 24, July 6, 13, 23 and August 6, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 13, 2015 and a special meeting for review of the budget on August 6, 2015, Commissioner Payne seconded the motion, motion carried.

HOSPITAL LOAN APPROVAL

A resolution was presented for the hospital to borrow money to finish the projects already started to get them finished in a timely manner. It is a 10 year lease from September 2015 – September 2025. After reviewing documents with the legal authority, Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign the Resolution 2015-4 for the Bear Lake County Hospital to borrow money for the purpose of finishing projects already started and to authorize the Chairman Rasmussen to sign the documents needed for the lease, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.