

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2014, beginning at 9:00 A.M., in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, DeMar Romrell, Bradley D. Jensen and Kerry Haddock, Clerk of the Board.

Brent Bunn, Sheriff, Lynn Lewis, Assessor, Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Wayne Davidson and Bill Stock also attended the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

Items added to the agenda were a rural community overlay zone and a building inspector MOU with the City of Montpelier. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly report. There was an average jail population in the Caribou County jail of 5.4 per day. He reported that the patrol car laptops would be here this month. Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented a tax cancellation for property that had been sold to the State Fish and Game Department. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by commissioner Romrell to approve the tax cancellation. Motion carried. Assessor Lynn Lewis reported on the property tax reduction program.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson updated the Commissioners on building activity. He was spending a lot of time on the Hospital and the Tabernacle projects in Montpelier. The Commissioners discussed a proposed contract to perform inspections for the city of Montpelier. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve and sign the Montpelier contract. Motion carried. He presented another plan to upgrade the Courthouse and discussed the need to hire an architect to work on the project.

KUNZ REZONE APPLICATION

Wade Olorenshaw presented a rezone application of Kelly Kunz to rezone a parcel of land bordering the city of Bern from Agriculture to Rural Community. Planning and Zoning had held a public hearing and agreed that the request was consistent with existing policies of the Commission. They recommended approval of the application. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the rezone. Motion carried.

BACK TAXES

Bill Pettis asked the Commissioners to cancel some back taxes on an old theater that was donated to the City of Paris to become part of the city museum. In considering the matter the Commissioners expressed concern over setting a precedent and didn't approve the request. They did cancel the penalty and interest that had accrued.

DINGLE ADDRESS CHANGES

Shelly Diviesti and other Dingle residents asked the Commissioners to rename several roads in Dingle to avoid confusion with streets in Montpelier and Bennington. These towns were in the same zip code causing problems with mail delivery. The Commissioners agreed to change the street names.

RENTAL PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Shelly Diviesti and a group of Dingle residents again discussed the possibility of an Ordinance to control short term rental property in the County. The Commissioners noted that Rich County was still working on one. The Commissioners noted the need for such an Ordinance and agreed to continue working on the project.

AUDIT APPROVAL

After reviewing the annual audit which was presented at the last meeting Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the audit. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 regular meeting with a minor correction. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the March, 2014 bills. Motion carried.

TRANSLATOR DISTRICT

Gene Johnson, President of the Bear Lake County Translator District, informed the Commissioners with a letter of an opening on the Translator Board. He noted that Mr. Chris Bruce was willing to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to appoint Mr. Chris Bruce to the board. Motion carried.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN GRANT

The Commissioners considered a grant proposal to update the Airport Master Plan. The Master Plan was last updated in 1996. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve and sign the grant application. Motion carried.

SNOW PLOWING POLICY

The Commissioners considered the snow plowing policy that they had been working on for a while. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to adopt the final version as a policy of the County. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Greg Skinner and Jim Betty reported on problems with an old grader. Repair costs would be at least \$22,000. Mr. Betty presented a lease proposal taking the old grader as a trade-in. Following a discussion of the matter Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to accept the lease proposal and order the new grader.

AG APPRAISAL REPORT

Assessor Lynn Lewis met with the Commissioners to discuss the agricultural appraisal report done by a consultant for the County. He reported that the ag values were up this year. Most of the increase was due to a change in the capitalization rate. Mr. Lewis answered questions and explained other parts of the report.

SOLID WASTE ISSUES

Todd Transtrum presented a report on the suitability of local material for landfill cover. He noted that a lot of the local material was suitable but we might have to haul some additional material from Georgetown. There was a lot of variability in the local material due to the elevation.

RURAL OVERLAY ZONE

Commissioner Jensen discussed expanding the area covered by the Rural Community Overlay. The other Commissioners felt that this request should come from Planning and Zoning Board.