

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a regular session on June 13, 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 Clerk of the Board Cindy Garner.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Assessor Lynn Lewis, News Reporter Daniel Bishop & John Olson also were present. Building Inspector Wayne Davidson & Sheriff Brent R. Bunn & Chief Deputy Amy Bishop also joined the meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & BUDGET REVIEWS

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen presented her budget stating bank fees had been raised. She also mentioned paying bills with corporate cards and getting a return on those amounts which could amount to additional revenue. She mentioned using an outsource service for mailers, would need to try for a year and see how it works. Treasurer Poulsen also presented a deed transferring mineral rights back to the owner, and has one tax deed for August. Commissioner Payne made a motion for approval to sign the mineral rights deed, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Assessor Lynn Lewis presented a contract amendment with Access Idaho. Access Idaho is increasing the fee for renewing license plates over the internet an additional \$1.00, making the fee \$2.00 + 3%. The fee does not apply to those who renew in-person or by mail. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign the amended contract increasing the renewal fee for internet users an additional \$1.00, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioners excused Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich as he was due in court, they did review his budget and agreed to leave it the same as last year.

In other Committee reports, Commissioner Payne reported the new metal is now at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Payne had attended the Commissioners & Clerks meetings in Burley where they discussed a proposal to allow the universities to study growing, hemp. It would be used as a fiber. It did get voted down. There was also a proposal to increase the truck weight to 29,000 lbs. and as he looked further into it and was concerned about the impact on county roads. The proposal would require the heavier trucks to have ten axles so it would not increase the pounds per square inch so he felt it was okay. There were also some presentations on Planning & Zoning which he would like the commissioners to review further. He also looked into the agricultural exemption to the building code and wondered about the wording and Wayne Davidson was able to answer the question.

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on the Board of Health meetings he attended in northern Idaho. There is some discussion at the state level on how the funds should be allocated. The new allocation would result in a decrease to our local health district. The proposal was changed to a recommendation

and was voted to leave it as is. There will be continued discussion on the issue. Mental health was also discussed. Access to mental health care needs to be improved.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT & ROAD NAME UPDATES

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report, having twice as many residence permits as this time last year. There was discussion on permits that are border line between private and commercial residences, also a possible policy regarding renting private residences and how to regulate this type of use. They also discussed placement of trailers on private lands. There is no county statute. As long as waste is properly taken care of they don't see a problem at this time. Davidson presented two road names that needed to be updated: Listed as Dry Fork Bloomington and Dry Fork St. Charles but have always been called Bloomington Dry Canyon Road and St. Charles Dry Canyon Road. These other roads need to be updated so it is clear on our maps as follows: McArthur Road, Adams Road past Stauffer Road, Reichard Lane private road near Nounan, a private lane in Bloomington, should be Painter Lane. Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the following road names: Bloomington Dry Canyon Road, St. Charles Dry Canyon Road, McArthur Road, Adams Road, Reichard Lane and Painter Lane, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Davidson also presented a flier for the new courthouse vote that will be sent out.

PLANNING & ZONING

Mitch Poulsen presented a proposal for new bike paths to be built along North Beach Road. They will be applying for grants to pay for the paths.

T.O. ENGINEERS – AIRPORT UPDATES, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT & BUDGET

Nathan Cuvala presented an update on the airport upgrades. The airport is working to get an instrument approach, upgrades are being made to the aprons, the runways will all be seal coated and the lighting will be updated so everything is up to date. This will help secure funding for the instrumentation system. They are working towards having an AWOS III system which will include a sensor that measures the cloud height off the ground. This is especially important to the EMS operators as it helps in conditions of low visibility. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve signing the engineering services contract based on FAA approval, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. The commissioners also reviewed the general airport budget which had few changes. Chief Deputy Clerk Amy Bishop will create some extra line items to keep track of these grants easier.

SMITH CLAN TRUST SUBDIVISION

Dale Thornock, Deputy Assessor, discussed the Smith Clan Trust Subdivision, he felt the name of the subdivision was too close to another subdivision. The commissioners were not sure if the statute that Thornock cited would allow them to change the name applied to the county or only the cities. Commissioner Jensen made a motion as they were not aware of this statute Title 50, Chapter 13, (50-1307) and had already approved and accepted the Smith Clan Trust Subdivision so it will stay as is and can be recorded, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Chairman Rasmussen will still

contact Jerry Mason and discuss if this statute applies to counties as there is some confusion on how it is written.

Sheriff Brent R. Bunn addressed a letter of appreciation received from Marine Deputy Dave Lindsay and discussed with the commissioners about also doing a letter, which will be done & presented at the July meeting for both deputies for their actions and service involving an incident at an earlier date.

MUTUAL AGREEMENT

Alan Eborn, EMS Director presented a draft of the mutual aid agreement between the four counties in southeast Idaho. The agreement will be reviewed by legal counsel then presented to the other county commissioners. The agreement states that if a county needs assistance, the chairman of the county commissioners will speak and give approval, then response will occur. The emergency services coordinators will handle the logistics. Assistance will be provided for 12 hours at no cost, then the county needing assistance will reimburse the assisting counties. Some coordination is needed with the fire districts. Also on June 30, there will be a webinar to get more input from the cities of Paris and St. Charles for the hazard and mitigation plan. The last public meeting will be July 20.

EIGHT MILE BRIDGE STRUCTURE & CONSTRUCTION BID OPENING

Bids were opened for the Eight Mile Bridge Structure and Construction project. Greg Skinner & Cory Lyman joined the meeting. There was only one bid for the material from Old Castle Precast for \$56,235. There were two bids for the construction portion, MGM Construction for \$57,400 and Boehme Construction for \$53,825. Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the only bid from Old Castle Precast for \$56,235 for the material, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the low bid from Boehme Construction for \$53,825 for construction, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioners stated they would have the Steve Wuthrich, Prosecutor write a letter to the railroad regarding taking care of the bridge area.

MINUTES & CLAIMS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9th, 2016 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to ratify the claims, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Chairman Rasmussen asked Road & Bridge Supervisor to change a speed limit sign in Nounan by Bret Oxborrow's property from 35 mph to 25 mph. They also addressed a concern about backup cameras on the garbage trucks. Skinner talked about the update on the Parker gravel pit. There is a cattle guard that needs to be set up Paris canyon also.

PERSONNEL POLICY

After review the proposed changes in the County Personnel Policy and stating it is a live document, Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the County Personnel Policy as it is at this point, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code #74-206(b,d), seconded by Commissioner Payne, all voted 'Yes' in a roll call vote. Prosecutor Steve Wuthrich and Clerk Cindy Garner were invited to attend also. Commissioner Payne made a motion to leave the executive session, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

The only items coming out of the executive session were medical claims. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Medical Claim #2016-10 for a 10 day prior based upon medical review, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Medical Claim #2014-4, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the release of Medical Claim #2013-17, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

BUDGET WORKSHOP CONTINUED

The Commissioners also then reviewed more budget requests for the departments as follows: Kirk Rich, Waterways; Sheriff Brent Bunn; Bart Heslington, Ambulance Service; Alan Eborn, Snowmobile and Emergency Services; Assessor Lynn Lewis; Kerry Haddock, Golf Course; Todd Transtrum, Noxious Weeds, Solid Waste and Landfill; Ron Harper, Juvenile Justice and Misdemeanor Probation; Glen Williamson, Fair Board; Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge. Major items discussed were the increasing cost to house prisoners, the cost sharing between departments for the Marine Deputy. The assessor presented a proposal to eliminate some contractors and add an employee. Benefit costs were not included in his proposal so the Commissioners asked him to look at ways to complete the proposal without increasing benefit costs. The Road & Bridge department has been paying for some weed spraying costs and the Commissioners discussed eliminating this payment to help the Road & Bridge fund. They are in need of some equipment, including a new dump truck. The budget workshop will continue at a later date.

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