

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 2015, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the Board.

Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Sheriff Brent R. Bunn, Prosecuting Attorney Steven A. Wuthrich and Daniel Bishop, representing The News-Examiner were also in attendance.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Payne made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the agenda with the addition of designating polling places for the March 10th election. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly report and stated the new vehicle had not arrived yet. Concealed weapon permits were discussed, legislation being proposed to not require permits, however Sheriff Bunn feels at least now we can regulate and in Bear Lake we do not really have problems as most have grown up with handling guns.

Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer was working on outstanding taxes.

Prosecuting Attorney Steven A. Wuthrich stated he had been to the training meetings in Boise, learned a lot about the new electronics used in Ada County.

Chairman Rasmussen also stated we had good meetings in Boise with some specific information regarding planning & designing buildings which will be helpful regarding our upcoming courthouse issues and will be useful in the meetings that will be scheduled in the near future.

Clerk Garner brought up the preliminary SRS payments which are so much lower and will have an effect on the budget. Also there was a letter from Planning & Zoning regarding an upcoming subdivision submitted by Linda Willis which would be called "White Beaches at Bear Lake".

Commissioner Payne stated he went to the State Fair Meeting regarding the budget leaving it the same as last year, also on the local fair board, he wanted to publically thank those who had served in the past. The fair this year will be August 10-15, with the theme "Fun for the Whole Herd". They would also like to have the Commissioners look at the grandstand, maybe set up a long term plan of replacing it, it is in poor condition. The estimated cost would be \$150,000 to \$175,000. The current fair board is staffed with Jennifer Keetch as Chairman, Glen Williamson, Wynn Olsen, Sonja Bassett and Kevin Matthews.

Commissioner Jensen met with Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge Supervisor on the road inspections, specifically Fish Haven Canyon Road to Fish Haven Cemetery Road and have the reports by Keller Engineering. Also met with Bear Lake West H.O.A. & Bear Lake West and gave copies of reports of the two roads they were asking about. Bear Lake West H.O.A. also asked if they had extra money, could the H.O.A. pay the county to do extra dust retardant, chip seal, etc., and Chairman Rasmussen felt as long as they paid, while the equipment was up there he couldn't see a problem. Chairman Rasmussen also

stated there were some legal issues he was working on with the gates bordering Utah-Idaho border near the Elk Meadows Subdivision.

MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes with the bid amounts added, Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Wayne Davidson, Building Inspector presented his Fiscal year permit report. It was asked last meeting how many homes have been built on the overlay, there were 6 applications, 1 home is being built in Nounan, the other applications were submitted with intent on building soon, spring will tell. He did meet with Montpelier City and they did approve the code changes. Plan on moving forward with getting the courthouse information out and will plan on meetings in April & May. Wording for the ballot on the courthouse for the May election has to be done by the 30th of March. Working on the 911 system with Diane and Lee and hope to have that working around the week of the 16th with the new map and get pictometry on at the same time.

FINAL PLAT – 3 MILE RIDGE ESTATES

ReeAnn Jensen, ReMax brought in the final plat for 3 Mile Ridge Estates on Smith Lane for approval and signatures of the Treasurer and the Chairman. They gave approval and signed.

CLAIMS

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

REVIEW PERSONNEL POLICY

Personnel policy was adopted in 2011, needs to be updated so we need to review and look through so we can make changes or updates needed. A question came up on 'per diem' and it was previously stated all expenses would be paid according to per diem so it will be kept this way for now.

POLLING PLACES

Commissioner Jensen made the motion to designate polling places for the March 10th, 2015 school levy election to be as follows: Montpelier 1, 2, 3, Bern, Bennington & Dingle to vote at the Allred Center; Georgetown – Georgetown City Hall; Paris, Liberty & Bloomington – Paris Tabernacle Rear Annex; St. Charles & Fish Haven – St. Charles City Hall; Geneva/Pegram – Mail Ballot Precinct. Commissioner Payne seconded.

SWCD

Lisa Transtrum, Administrative Assistant for the Soil & Water Conservation District along with Chris Banks, a contract employee with the Conservation Basics presented a M.O.U. from the State of Idaho, Dept. of Lands to the county in support of Paris Hills Fuels Reduction project. A copy will be kept in the Clerk's office. Lisa submitted a fiscal assistance request to be approved in the budget. District 4 anticipates bringing in 1.3 million into the county with the projects they anticipate.

KELLER ENGINEERING – ROAD STANDARDS

Kevin C. Poole, Project Manager gave an introduction on the development of road standards to protect the county on liability on substandard roads, sets standards for liability for safety with emergency vehicles, etc. Also present was Kyle Jones along with Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge Supervisor to review the draft presented to the Commissioners. There was much discussion, it was decided that as the time got short it would be beneficial to have a work meeting to have enough time to go over all that was necessary at a later date which will be advertised.

Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge Supervisor, discussed monthly work report and also the application for the Western Federal Lands grant monies for road help is due by April 3rd. This would help with approximately 4 miles of graveled road. Commissioners agreed they should apply and go from there.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Cottle mentioned the dispute with Idaho Department of Lands, also he & Claudia are going to Boise to discuss who takes care of cost for state lands. Update on the turn lanes, the Reserve said they did not have money to help but would donate land on the west side of the road, just starting to talk with Bear Lake West. It was mentioned the need for a turn lane for Loveland Lane also.

Jeremy Fields, Aide for Senator Risch, talked about the SRS funds that are down, but PILT funds are still there. Commissioners questioned use of forest lands, timber and how it's managed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Payne made a motion to convene in an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1, a, c) seconded by Commissioner Jensen to discuss personnel and legal issues. All Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote on both issues. Commissioner Payne motioned to vacate the executive session and go back into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to present the MOU to Montpelier City for the swap of the golf course with Allinger Park, seconded by Commissioner Payne. They also presented names for golf board members to be appointed, Kerry Haddock, Ricki Kunz, Jill Kunz, Dennis Duehren & Lynn Perkes. The clerk will send out letters to each name suggested.

LANDFILL CLOSURE PLAN

Todd Transtrum, Landfill Supervisor, stated the need to follow through on a plan for the closure of the landfill cell and CES (Cascade Earth Science) has been consulted, he presented their proposal. Commissioners feel this is a continuation of what they were doing. DEQ has been asking if we have started on this, they have been patient. Commissioner Jensen made a motion for CES to continue on with what they are doing based on the last proposal that was approved for closure funds, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Todd stated how this cell has served us well for the past 30 years but it does have to be closed.

He also stated the need for more garbage containers especially for the summer, the metal ones which last much longer. Commissioner Jensen asked for him to get bids and on different sizes also. They also have the need for a new garbage truck as the older trucks are wearing out & maintenance & repair fees are very expensive. Would be nice to get on a cycle for replacement or lease option. Commissioners suggested getting amounts ready to present for the budget.

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