The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 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.

Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Wayne Davidson, Cindy Garner, Dale Thornock Rex Payne and Ken Alexander also attended the meeting.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter for Becky Smith. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Bunn was excused to attend meetings in Boise. He left copies of his monthly for the Commissioners. Clerk Haddock presented the Caribou County Jail contract for approval. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the contract for next year. Motion carried. Treasurer Poulsen presented a tax cancellation for a garbage fee that was put on in error. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the cancellation. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on a board of Health meeting. Commissioner Romrell reported that the Fair Board needed several new members.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Wayne Davidson presented his monthly report. He also reported on a Mink farm being built near Ovid. The Tabernacle project in Montpelier was nearly complete. Mr. Davidson presented updates to the Building Code Ordinance that were recently accepted by the State. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve Ordinance 2015-1 adopting the new code provisions. Motion carried. Mr. Davidson presented a proposal to purchase some computer software that will complete the addressing for the enhanced 911 system. Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the contract to purchase the software subject to a review of the Prosecuting Attorney. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Mitch Poulsen presented the Preliminary Plat for the Geesaman Subdivision. Planning had recommended approving the Subdivision. Mitch would like to approve the final plat at the same time. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the Preliminary and Final plat for the subdivision subject to obtaining all necessary signatures prior to the Commissioner's signatures. Motion carried. Mr. Poulsen also presented his monthly report for the last two months.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene as a Board of Equalization to hear any assessment appeals of properties on the sub-roll. Motion carried. Commissioner Rasmussen asked if there were any appeals. Hearing none, Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to close the Board of Equalization and reconvene in regular session. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Leslie Talbot, Tiffany Preston and Jesse Anglessey met with the Commissioners to report on the County Health Department issues. They reported being busy with flu vaccinations.

COURTHOUSE DISCUSSION

The Commissioners discussed alternatives to address Courthouse issues in light of the narrow defeat of the bond election in November. They will consider running the bond again in May.

BEAR LAKE WEST PROPERTIES OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Craig Schaar met with the Commissioners to discuss the snow plowing plats b and c. The Commissioners expressed concern that some residents were plowing snow across the road and plowing gravel off the road surface. Mr. Schaar will take the concerns back to the association and thank the Commissioners for doing a good job on the roads.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene in a public hearing to take comments on advertised increases in the 2014 budget due to unanticipated revenues and necessary expenses. Motion carried. Clerk Haddock explained the reasons for the needed changes. There were no public comments. Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve Resolutions 2014-3 and 2014-4 increasing the 2014 budget as discussed in the public hearing. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rasmussen reported on a meeting he had recently had with the members of the Montpelier Golf Commission. The meeting was very informative with the Golf Commission expressing support for the County to move ahead with the trade for Allinger Park. There was still a State Land issue which needed to be addressed.

ROAD AND BRIDGE ISSUES AND LHTAC RESOLUTION

Road and Bridge Supervisor Greg Skinner presented his monthly report. He noted that the Road and Bridge employees had recently completed some MSHA refresher training. He presented a road inspection report concerning some roads in Bear Lake West and the Reserve that was prepared by Keller Engineering. After discussing an LHTAC grant Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve Resolution 2014-5 approving an application for a grant to upgrade the road from Dingle to the Hot Springs. Motion carried.

OREGON TRAIL SIGNS

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to sign a letter to the Idaho Department of Transportation approving the placement of Oregon Trail signs on two parcels of land owned by the County. Motion carried. They also directed the Clerk to write a letter of support for the appointment of Becky Smith to the Idaho Travel Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to convene in an executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345(a) to discuss a personnel issue. All Commissioners voted yes in a roll call vote. Following discussion Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to leave the executive session and return to the regular session. Motion carried.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commissioners discussed several expiring terms of Hospital Board members. Following the discussion Commissioner Romrell made a motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen to reappoint Mary Bateman, Mark Harris and Steve Allred to new terms. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Romrell to approve the November bills. Motion carried.

DRUG COURT

Clerk Haddock discussed a meeting with representatives of the Supreme Court to discuss forming a Drug Court in the County. This meeting was attended by the Magistrate Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Law enforcement, Probation and Court Clerks. The consensus was to move forward with this project.