

Bear Lake County Commissioners' Meeting
August 14, 2023
Commissioners' Chambers – Paris, Idaho

The Board of the Bear Lake County Commissioners met in its regular meeting at 9 a.m. Monday, August 14, 2023, in the Commissioners' Chambers in Paris, Idaho. Video access to the meeting was available via Zoom. Members present were Commission Chairman Bradley D. Jensen, Commissioner Rex L. Payne, and Board Clerk Amy Bishop. Commissioner Wynn S. Olsen was absent.

Also in attendance were Assessor Jannelle Jensen, Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Bart Heslington, County Superintendent Todd Boehme, County Building Inspector Wayne Davidson, Deputy Clerk Paul Christiansen and various members of the public. County Attorney Adam McKenzie conferenced into the meeting via Zoom.

APPROVE AGENDA – ACTION ITEM

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the meeting agenda for August 14, 2023. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATES / COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Payne reported he was contacted by Idaho Fish and Game and informed the agency was conducting a land trade with Norman and Crystal Kidd, who own 1.8 acres near the mouth of Montpelier Canyon. The only way this would affect Bear Lake County is if the property was affected by an indigent lien. County Attorney Adam McKenzie and County Clerk Amy Bishop had reviewed the case and found there was no such lien and no additional concern to the county, he said.

Marcia Wilson, who serves as secretary for the Bloomington Cemetery District, has been aware the local cemetery districts are not seeing much volunteer support, and there isn't enough tax coming in to handle those districts' needs, Commissioner Payne said. With these issues believed to persist, Wilson wondered if the county would eventually take over their management, taxation and levy efforts. Commissioner Payne reported he had told her the county would only take on those responsibilities as a last resort.

Bishop said the cemetery districts only get enough money to do basic maintenance, such as keeping their grassy areas mowed. There is not enough money in their budgets to even pay a bookkeeper. It is hard for these districts to find enough money to continue proper operation – especially whereas they are operating under the limits of a 3-percent annual tax growth cap set forth by Idaho statute.

She encourages all those volunteers in these taxing districts to continue working with their local communities to remind their citizens of the importance of these volunteer positions. Additionally, Bishop said, these individuals can submit a formal letter of resignation to their individual board, and the board can then find someone new to appoint to the position. While in the past there have been elections for these positions, these duties now are not highly sought after.

Commissioner Payne said he had attended a recent Airport Board meeting and they had asked if a letter of thanks had been sent to former board member Scott Naegle, who was released from his duties in May. Deputy Clerk Paul Christiansen reported the letter had been signed by Commissioner Jensen on May 8 at the Board of County Commissioners regular meeting and mailed thereafter.

The airport will hold a fly-in event on September 9 – coincidentally, the same day as the LoToJa bicycle race is held – and it is expected between 15 and 20 RVs will be on the premises, Commissioner Payne said. Additionally, construction on the airport snow removal equipment building is complete.

In July, the airport was site to 168 aircraft cycles, and this shows the small airport is host to a lot of activity. Space is a precious commodity on the grounds, Commissioner Payne said, adding that currently there are 11 aircraft owners on the airport's hanger build list. As it stands now, the airports hangers are full and construction on a fourth hanger is in the works. As soon as the county's contract with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is renewed, the county will be able to extend its building efforts and fill that need, he said.

Max Bunderson had warned Commissioner Payne of an increase in dust resulting from the travel of gravel trucks in the Worm Creek Canyon area.

Kari Ure has accepted the position of Bear Lake County Extension Agent. She and her husband – who recently accepted a job with the Bear Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District – will be a welcome addition to the community, Commissioner Payne said.

During its regular meeting on August 3, the Bear Lake County Ambulance Service had hosted Intermountain Life Flight, which now has a station based in Logan. The air medical response flew a helicopter into the area to provide information about the services it offers and reported that, if needed, it can fly a helicopter from Logan to Fish Haven in about 15 minutes.

Bear Lake County Treasurer Tricia Poulsen reported she had attended a treasurers' convention the week of August 7, and the meetings largely had been designed to help treasurers throughout the state prepare for the upcoming tax drive. Each of Idaho's 44 counties have to have levies approved and submitted before information will be available to show how much money will be available for exemptions, she said. Because each county's submissions have to be correct, each county has to wait for the other 43 – something that is a bigger problem than the state probably realizes, Poulsen said.

Because of these delays, the Idaho Association of County Treasurers will be releasing a press release to let taxpayers know their tax bills will be late this year. Poulsen said this will likely result in Bear Lake County showing some leniency with its due date. As more information is gathered it will be posted on the county website and published in other places.

The state technical support division is scheduled to install a new server at the courthouse on August 15, Poulsen said, adding that she has been working on a test environment remote server to get a feel for the effects on homeowner's exemptions. Additionally, once the server is installed, Poulsen will complete a mock tax drive in the testing environment. Still, she said she is nervous for the actual upcoming tax drive. She already has spoken to County Assessor Jannelle Jensen about using Assessor's Office employee Naaman Dolence to assist during this drive. He has assisted the treasurer's office in the past

and works well with Poulsen's team. This assistance also eliminates the need to hire an additional treasurer's office employee, she said.

Bear Lake County Assessor Janelle Jensen reported the motor vehicle department in July had conducted Idaho Transportation Department transactions that totaled \$152,719.96; Idaho Parks and Recreation transactions that totaled \$5,916.50; and renew by mail and QR code transactions that totaled \$140.50 in county reimbursement funds.

Jensen said she had received several complaints about the county's online parcel map not working appropriately. The Idaho State Tax Commission is in charge of the online parcel mapping system, and the license for the map itself had expired. This resulted in the program no longer operating on the county website. This is a problem that is affecting not only Bear Lake County but other counties as well, she said. With the exception of one employee, the tax commission recently lost all its GIS staff. Despite that, the commission is working to get the problem resolved and currently is testing the system to make sure it works correctly before it is restored to public use.

If any property owners need assistance with gathering parcel information or plat maps, they can contact or visit the Bear Lake County Assessor's Office. Jensen reminded the Board and the public that Bear Lake County is not required to put this parcel map online but does so as a courtesy to the public.

Jensen said she will attend an assessors' convention the week of August 21.

Sheriff Bart Heslington said his department's primary point of focus has been the location and identification of human remains – a mandible, complete with teeth – that were discovered on July 27 buried in the sand of a Bear Lake beach. The sheriff has been keeping in close contact with the anthropologist working to date and help identify the bones, and the anthropologist's analysis is ongoing. That official is conducting some dental analysis in order to determine if any modern dental procedures were conducted on the deceased individual. Locating these factors can help the sheriff's office determine a timeline of when the individual was living and can even help link them to any pending missing persons cases, Heslington said.

The anthropologist has not shared any findings at this point, he said. Because this is such a small portion of the skeleton, the existing data pool might not be very large. However, the sheriff's office has received many calls about potential individuals who are linked to missing persons cases. Many examples of potential evidence have been provided to the sheriff's office, including the return of Bones collected over the years by the public from Bear Lake and photographs of bones found in the area. All of these items have been analyzed and found to be remains that are not of human origin. Additionally, Heslington said, the sheriff's office is examining all the information that is known so far and preparing to match any linking factors with the anthropologist's analysis upon its completion.

The Raspberry Days celebration held annually in Garden City once again brought a bevy of visitors to the Bear Lake County area. During the weekend of August 4-6, Bear Lake County Sheriff's Office received assistance in the form of additional road deputies from Bigham and Jefferson Counties. Additionally, there were additional marine deputies and vessels on the water assisting with enforcement and safety efforts, Heslington said.

During the busy weekend – between Friday and Sunday morning – these additional law enforcement officers responded to incidents that resulted in two misdemeanor arrests. These extra officers issued 88 citations and 13 warnings, Heslington said.

The sheriff said his office is exploring grant funding possibilities through Idaho Public Safety. That funding, if awarded, is earmarked to be used for the department’s computer-assisted dispatch (CAD) system. That system currently is hosted by Bonneville County and requires ongoing maintenance and support costs to be paid by each county that is linked to it – including Bear Lake County. The grant application that Heslington has submitted can provide financial assistance to help with those ongoing costs over the next two years. The sheriff’s office has received a letter of support from each different entity serviced by the dispatch center, he said.

Sheriff Heslington said he was aware the Board would address the issue of the Bern Hill Communication Tower lease during its “General Business / Action Items” portion of the meeting, and he hoped to offer the commissioners his input. The land, upon which county communications equipment resides, is under active lease through 2030. The county has been working on a substantial upgrade project for its communication capabilities, and these advancements will include an expansion of the equipment on that property, as well as its capabilities.

The county recently received a letter from the property owner, Roger Kunz of Pocatello, in which Kunz indicated his desire to continue supporting Bear Lake County’s communications efforts through an extension of the lease through 2038, Heslington said. The proposal would begin upon acceptance and supersede the existing lease; however, he said, that proposal does include a monetary increase in the total lease payment. Kunz’s letter indicated the lease amount the county currently pays has been found to be below the market value. Because he has been unable to find any data to contradict that, and because the county will be making an investment with this project’s expansion, Heslington said he was in full support of a new superseding lease.

Commissioner Jensen asked if the state was involved at all in funding the cost of this lease. Heslington said the state does not participate in the lease itself but does keep some equipment at the site, maintaining and upgrading it as needed, but this effort is separate from the county’s communications equipment upgrade. However, he said, the state’s communications work in tandem with the county’s equipment and the two entities are reliant on each other.

Bishop said there is a clause in the current lease that provides the lease will continue in perpetuity unless the county should decide to do nothing at all with the communications site on the property. The only changes that appear on the proposed lease are reflected as an adjustment to the rate, annual increase and time period.

Commissioner Payne said Section 10 of the lease agreement provides either the lessor or lessee may terminate the agreement by providing written intent within one year prior to lease termination. Because the original lease includes a 2-percent escalation factor through the year 2030, he wondered if the proposed increase to a 5-percent escalation factor will raise in 2030 at the time when the original lease will expire, or if it will raise to that percentage now.

Heslington said, as he understood it, this new agreement will begin in 2024 and run through 2038,

reflecting the proposed increase to 5 percent from the start in an attempt for the agreement to meet the true market value.

Couty Attorney Adam McKenzie said he had looked at the current agreement and it contains no language providing for renegotiation talks prior to the end of the existing lease term in 2030. This new proposal will allow for the negotiation to occur without violating that original agreement.

The new agreement would help the county establish security for the needed equipment upgrade, Heslington said. In turn, there is a realistic expectation for appropriate market value to be paid to the property owner. If the county does not want to sign that new lease, it can exercise the option to continue to the end of the existing lease. However, under Section 10 of the lease, the property owner can exercise his option to cancel the lease.

Commissioner Jensen said the 5 percent should be added at the end of 2029, prior to the end of the lease term, rather than in the middle of the initial agreement period. Bishop advised the sheriff reach out to Kunz and see what terms can be agreed upon and negotiated. The Board directed Heslington to follow this course.

Bishop reported the Bear Lake County Clerk's Office had compiled and delivered the L-2 documents to all the taxing districts located in the county. These documents will be used by the individual taxing districts as they work on their budget processes for Fiscal Year 2024 and prepare levies to be certified in September. Additionally, she said her office already is preparing for the November election, which will see races in taxing districts and cities.

Following the Board of Equalization in July, the county received just one petition to be sent to the Board of Tax Appeals. Bishop said her office is working to get the requested documents compiled to be sent to the BTA.

An IT professional for the judicial courts spent some time working on the Bear Lake County Courthouse's public terminal and that is now available to the public. A court assistance professional to service counties in the Sixth District has been hired and will be housed in Power County. This professional will be a remote asset and will address civil issues – including divorces and child custody – with those individuals who are working through those situations without an attorney.

Lastly, Bishop said, Judge Mitchell Brown has announced his retirement in October. That will result in some major changes within the Bear Lake County Magistrate Court.

GENERAL BUSIENSS/ACTION ITEMS

RATIFY THE CLAIMS

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to ratify the claims before the Board. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board's regular meeting held July 10, 2023. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCY

Clerk Amy Bishop presented to the Board a certificate of residency for KaileyAne Argyle, whose parents are residents of Bern. Bishop recommended the Board approve the certificate of residency.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the certificate of residency for KaileyAne Argyle. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RATIFY ST. CHARLES CREEK BRIDGE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

At its July 10 regular meeting, the Board had been informed by county Superintendent Todd Boehme that some additional grant costs associated with the St. Charles Creek Bridge project could be expected, Bishop said. A number of circumstances had brought the total costs to a little over the project budget, but the state had approved the cost increase. The county's share of the expense had increased about \$3,000, she said.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to ratify the St. Charles Creek Bridge Supplemental Agreement. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

LIBERTY ROCK AGREEMENT

Bishop said County Attorney Adam McKenzie was actively working to get an agreement between Liberty Rock and Bear Lake County drafted and formally in place. The proposal will see Liberty Rock provide base gravel and topper gravel for the Mill Farm Roadway on which the Liberty Rock gravel pit is located. Additionally, the company will install a culvert in Mill Canyon. This installation will run from the existing Mill Canyon approach on the LLC's property and will proceed to the oiled roadway where Mill Farm Road meets Lanark Rd.

These improvements will be provided so Liberty Rock can achieve its goal of beginning commercial gravel sales. McKenzie said he had not been able to finish drafting that agreement and asked the item be tabled until the Board's next regular meeting on September 11. This will provide McKenzie ample time to complete the agreement and provide a copy to Liberty Rock.

Aaron Stafford of Liberty Rock expressed frustration that the agreement had not been completed since first discussed at the Board's July 10 meeting. He stated he has attempted to contact McKenzie multiple times, but communication has been difficult.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to table the Liberty Rock Agreement until the Board's meeting on September 11, 2023. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOSSIL CANYON INFO UPDATE

At its July 10 meeting, the Board had discussed an issue in Fossil Canyon. Concerned citizen Craig Shuler had told the Board he had long petitioned them to address an invalid "No Trespassing" sign that had been improperly erected by a neighboring property owner in the public right-of-way. Additionally, the post upon which public right-of-way signage had been located in previous years is now empty and appears to have been placed improperly. Shuler stated it needs to be relocated to the northside of the roadway.

At the July meeting, McKenzie had encouraged the Board to table the issue and allow him time to contact former-Commissioner Vaughn Rasmussen to inquire what had been done on this project. Prior to leaving office at the end of 2022, Rasmussen had been working to address this concern. McKenzie now reported he had made several attempts to contact Rasmussen but had been unable to reach him.

Shuler, an adamant champion of correcting this particular issue, said the Board seems to agree the sign is posted improperly in a public right-of-way. With hunting season fast approaching, there is concern many people will be dissuaded from going to that public area. Additionally, he said, the grass is high in that area and the roadway has not seen much use. That could also make it difficult to tell where the area is should the Board or any county employees visit the area to examine the situation for themselves. Because of those factors, Shuler said he will be happy to accompany any county investigator and show them where the issues are located.

McKenzie said he prefers to wait to speak with Rasmussen before any action is taken. This will allow him to determine what – if any – agreement was put in place. He said he is hesitant for the Board to take action without having that information first.

The Board again will discuss this at its September 11 meeting. Shuler said he also will return at that time.

FOOD BANK PARKING

Commissioner Payne reminded the Board that, due to limited parking, there had been a situation between the Bear Lake County Extension Office employees and the Montpelier Mobile Food Pantry staff. Once a month, the food bank brings a semi truck to the lot and delivers commodities to the public. With changes in lease agreements, city activities and an already limited parking area, this has led to some disagreements between the parties, he said.

Commissioner Payne said he had met with representatives from the food bank and the extension service and an agreement had been struck. During the months of June and July the food bank will move its delivery to the north parking lot at the Bear Lake County Fairgrounds. During the month of August, the food bank will relocate its delivery effort to the National Oregon/California Trail Center parking lot. By making these location changes, the food bank's deliveries not interfere with nor be inhibited by any of the many summer activities conducted at the fairgrounds and Allinger Park.

County Attorney Adam McKenzie will draft a written agreement to allow the food bank use of the north parking lot at the fairgrounds. This will free up space next to the Bear Lake County Extension Office and allow for continual maneuverability through the lot during the busier months of June and July.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to have County Attorney Adam McKenzie prepare an agreement between the County and the Montpelier Mobile Pantry Food Bank for use of the Bear Lake County Fairgrounds north parking lot. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Payne said the Bear Lake Historical Society wished to add two members to its board. Robyn Alleman and Pamela Wuthrich were chosen to fill those needs. These two women already are part of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) board and thus were already attending those meetings, he said.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to appoint Robyn Alleman and Pamela Wuthrich to serve on the Bear Lake Historical Society Board. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

CITY OF GEORGETOWN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Sheriff Heslington said the City of Georgetown had worked with County Attorney Adam McKenzie – who also serves as attorney for the City of Georgetown – to draft an agreement that will see Bear Lake County Sheriff’s Office provide city law enforcement in Georgetown.

Any incorporated city has a statutory responsibility to provide law enforcement to its citizens. Georgetown lies within Bear Lake County, so the sheriff’s office already conducts regular patrols and response to calls for service in that area, Heslington said. Without a contract, the sheriff’s office does not have the authority to enforce Georgetown City Ordinances and can only enforce Idaho state statute and Bear Lake County ordinances. Because Georgetown does not have an active police department at this time, it has no way to conduct that city enforcement, he said.

The drafted contract provides this authority for city enforcement to the Bear Lake County Sheriff’s Office. Whereas the office’s past response has been focused around eliminating any threat to life or property before referring these cases to a city officer, this agreement will assist with ensuring those City of Georgetown ordinance violations do not slip through the cracks, Heslington said.

The Bear Lake County Sheriff’s Office in the past has had agreements with some of the county’s incorporated cities and it will continue to work with those cities to find solutions for their law enforcement needs. Part of the agreement with the City of Georgetown allows for compensation to the county for additional request response.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign this law enforcement contract with the City of Georgetown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

WAYNE DAVIDSON – BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The steady increase in county building permit requests continued in July, Bear Lake County Building Inspector Wayne Davidson reported. These requests, as well as construction efforts, are increasing in

frequency and progression speed as winter approaches. There have been 43 new home starts in the county this year – making this the third consecutive year to reach numbers well above average, he said.

There are a lot of new builds that are taking advantage of government solar panel deals, and most building supply chain issues have improved, Davidson said. Additionally, prices for supplies, building materials and lumber have decreased, and that too is helping with expansion.

Davidson said he also helps keep the county's 911 mapping program up to date and helps ensure the data used is accurate. The next generation of 911 mapping programming will tie together neighboring counties and will even allow Idaho to interface with neighboring states, including Utah and Wyoming. Davidson said he has been contacted by the contractor for the system and was coordinating with them to get the info into the system.

Bear Lake County uses a geographic information system (GIS) and it is intended to mesh with state systems and the county's Geomedia mapping system. Davidson said he has spoken with County Assessor Janelle Jensen about possibly migrating to a system, known as Esri, that is used by some other counties in Idaho. The Esri system allows counties to pull information directly from the program and migrate it into its 911 mapping system, so that might be advantageous in the future, he said.

Davidson said there could be funding assistance for these systems through law enforcement grants. The Bear Lake County Sheriff's Office will undoubtedly have to update infrastructure as these programs progress, and Davidson said he encourages the county to keep pace with those advances.

The Board asked Davidson to explore this matter further. Davidson will put together some information to see if the Esri program is something the county wants to pursue as it gets connected with next generation 911 mapping efforts.

GENERAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

BERN HILLS COMMUNICATION TOWER LEASE

As had been discussed earlier in the meeting, the Board asked Sheriff Heslington to speak with Roger Kunz to see if there is room for any negotiation on the proposed new lease agreement for the Bern Hills Communication Tower site. Heslington will bring his findings to the September 11 meeting.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION FIBER FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE/WEED CONTRACT

Clerk Amy Bishop said the county has considered replacing the phone system at the Bear Lake County Road and Bridge Department/Weed Control building. Recent and ongoing internet issues with current provider Rise Broadband also have led the county to consider changing services. Changing the location over to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system like that used at the courthouse would allow for the direct transfer of calls between the courthouse and the Road and Bridge/Weed Control departments, she said.

Direct Communications now has fiber available to connect to the building. While this proposed upgrade will increase the cost of internet connectivity, it will simultaneously lower the phone bill, resulting in a

reduced overall cost to the county of about \$50 monthly, Bishop said.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the contract with Direct Communications, pending review by Bear Lake County Attorney Adam McKenzie and the implementation of any changes he recommends. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

JUSTIN JACOBSON – REC CENTER

Justin Jacobson, a local contractor who also serves as a coach in the youth sporting programs throughout the valley, told the Board continual growth in the area has shown there is a tremendous need to provide a place where members of the community – especially the youth – can take part in recreational activities. As it stands, local programs are relying on local church and school gymnasiums and basketball courts, but those organizations are hesitant to let this public access continue due to liability issues, Jacobson said.

Jacobson, who serves as a member of a small informal committee of community members, has researched the costs that would be associated with the implementation of a simple 150-foot-by-300-foot steel building. Construction of this building – not including those costs associated with concrete and its installation – would amount to \$1.2 million – a cost he said is relatively cheap for that kind of square footage. This kind of building would need adoption and management by Bear Lake County, as the city in which it would be built would not be able to handle the needs alone.

The committee has met with the City of Montpelier to discuss what needs to be done in order to acquire the needed property within the city limits. Right now, the building is proposed to be placed on the northeast corner of Wells C. Stock Park – a move that would cause the dissolution of an existing baseball diamond. This would eliminate a lot of costs, as that area already has access to water, a parking easement and additional parking spaces. Additionally, there is enough space in the city's Adams Park to expand and build a new baseball diamond, Jacobson said.

Jacobson said he has spoken to many potential donors and members of the Bear Lake community, and he does not feel it will be difficult to rally additional public support.

Commissioners Jensen and Payne agreed there is a community need for something like the proposed rec center, but funding is the hurdle these types of proposals get caught on. Commissioner Jensen asked how something as simple as the management of the proposed center would be funded.

There will always be a cost to doing business, Jacobson said. Any effort to bring this to the community will require an appeal to the tax base in order to convince members of the public to not only invest in the present but also invest in future generations.

Jacobson said he is willing to donate time to the needed engineering and planning, and he is certain other members of his committee and members of the community will follow suit. He said that while members of his committee are not professionals in government, they are professionals in the Bear Lake County community who are seeking to unite the City of Montpelier and Bear Lake County in order to work toward the establishment of this multipurpose building.

MICK MERRITT – EASEMENT ON 3rd NORTH – ACTION ITEM

Mick Merritt, who lives in Bennington, was unable to attend the Board's meeting. In his stead, Aaron Tarbet appeared to discuss an issue with an easement located on 3rd North in Bennington. Tarbet said that roadway sits on the south side of the easement, but Tarbet and Merritt are proposing the easement be moved to the roadway's north side. As it stands, the existing easement encroaches on Bennington resident Scott Crane's property approach to his home. Crane does not believe the roadway needs to be 120 feet wide, Tarbet said.

Those citizens suggest reducing the road to a width of 60 feet, in effect reducing the easement. This will increase space for more development and reduced roadway, Tarbet said.

County Superintendent Todd Boehme said there are two 90-degree corners on that roadway that will need to be addressed as more traffic is introduced to that area. While this proposal will give expansion room to the north side of the road, the county needs to know where the property boundary is on the south side. A property survey was conducted for the north side of 3rd North, and the landowner reportedly told Boehme the county road may be sitting on his property line. To prevent these issues on the south side, the county will need to get a true determination of that boundary line, Boehme said.

Whereas there are additional undeveloped county roads platted for the community of Bennington, these will have to be taken into consideration as well, he said.

MICK MERRITT – BALD MOUNTAIN ROADWAY ADOPTION – ACTION ITEM

Tarbet said a contractor had built a roadway in the Bald Mountain subdivision, as had been requested by Bear Lake County. He now proposed it be adopted by the county as a new road, with included maintenance.

Bishop said the final plat for Bald Mountain had just been approved, signed and recorded in the Bear Lake County Clerk's Office on August 2. She said she was unsure why this was being discussed now, so soon after that approval, when it probably should have been addressed before that plat was approved.

Tarbet said Bald Mountain's developers had been required to have a homeowner's association in place to maintain the fence and to have the final plat approved by the county engineer.

Boehme said Red Canyon Road is maintained only during the summer. This proposal, if approved, will allow maintenance of another entire block of Bennington.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to table further discussion and action on this motion in order to allow County Superintendent Todd Boehme and Board Chairman Brad Jensen to look into this proposal and what it will require. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED)

USFS GRANT MODIFICATION AGREEMENTS FOR WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Clerk Amy Bishop said she had received notice from the United States Forest Services there would need to be a modification to an agreement between that entity and the county that will reflect additional forest service funding to be used for the monitoring, mitigation and control of any noxious weeds that are commonly found growing in the backcountry areas of the county.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve – pending review by the county attorney – the modification of the agreement with the United States Forest Service to reflect the addition of more USFS funding dedicated to noxious weed monitoring and control in the backcountry areas of Bear Lake County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

ALLRED CENTER ROOF

Commissioner Payne said the County Extension Office/Allred Center building has for the past 10 years had continual roof leaking issues – most prominently in winter and spring 2023. Local contractor Gary Sims, who has worked on the roof several times over the years, has determined that ice builds up on the ends of the flat metal roof, runs along the ribs and finds seams where it can penetrate the frame. To prevent this going forward, Sims suggests building a new roof and coating it with a TPO membrane to prevent these seams from leaking.

Because this will likely be a cost under \$50,000, Commissioner Payne proposed the county explore the issue and seek out quotes for the project.

Clerk Amy Bishop said there are a couple options for how to handle the funding for this need. First, the Board can opt to use the Commissioners' Contingency Fund to get this project done before the end of Fiscal Year 2023 on September 30. The second option is for the county to budget the project for Fiscal Year 2024 and pay for the project on October 1. Because the cost is estimated to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000, there will be enough money in the contingency to cover the expense, she said.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion for the county to move forward to get quotes for this roof replacement and TPO membrane application. Commissioner Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INDIGENT DEFENSE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD AGREEMENT

This will be the last year Bear Lake County covers the indigent defense. In the next year, the state will take over that program. For Fiscal Year 2024, the Idaho State Public Defense Commission has approved financial assistance totaling \$36,900. That funding can be broken down into a \$25,000 Formula Award; a One-Time Award of \$5,000; and \$6,900 for Workload Assistance. Bishop said the Formula award goes toward the contract public defender costs during times when the regular public defender has to recuse himself from a case due to conflict.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Award Agreement. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO INDEX RATE IN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IDAHO HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND COUNTY

Bear Lake Memorial Hospital has a lease agreement for equipment that was entered into several years ago, Clerk Amy Bishop said. That agreement's rental payments were subject to the 2-year London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) index rate; however, LIBOR has been permanently discontinued and the payments now need to be switched to a different indexing service.

Bishop said she actively worked with Bear Lake Memorial Hospital and Zions Bank to navigate this process, and this issue has to be approved through a resolution. The resolution, designated as Bear Lake County Resolution No. 2023-05, was read in full.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to adopt Bear Lake County Resolution No. 2023-05, to approve the change to index rate in the lease agreement between the Idaho Health Facilities Authority, Bear Lake County and Bear Lake Memorial Hospital. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

TODD BOEHME – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

County Superintendent Todd Boehme said the relatively dry weather in late July and through the first half of August had aided his department in conducting road grading efforts. The majority of the oil application has been done, and the crews will address larger pot holes throughout the county – most notably on East Shore Road, Nounan Road and Ovid Road – with coating and mix procedures.

Chip sealing efforts have been completed for Fiscal Year 2023, and that work ended with one of the county's chip sealing machines breaking down at the end of the season, Boehme said. He reported he has parts ordered for the equipment, and the Road and Bridge Department had been fortunate to have a good relationship with Franklin County's Road and Bridge Department, which loaned some equipment to help complete the project for the year.

Boehme said he is continuing work with Direct Communications on its trunk expansion on East Shore Road. This will be done in conjunction with a planned county road improvement project in the area, he said.

There had been some initial concern with the Williams pipeline power route from Pegram to the new Williams pumpstation. Originally, there had been some debate about having the power boxes installed in the county right-of-way. However, Boehme said, the landowner in the area has agreed to allow Williams to place those power boxes on their property. This will help mitigate any problems with snow removal efforts that could see either damage to the boxes or to the county's equipment by the boxes' placement in the right-of-way.

TODD BOEHME – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Boehme said he and Deputy Clerk Paul Christiansen had attended a State Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting on July 27. The meeting had been a tabletop discussion and exercise about earthquake mitigation and likeliness in the Bear Lake County area, and it had presented the county with a toolbox to

use going forward. Most county buildings, when they had been evaluated by this group, had been determined resilient. Buildings found in Montpelier, St. Charles and Bloomington did not fair as well when run through these scenarios.

Boehme said he had specifically taken notice of a 500-year computer-generated model showing a 7.5-magnitude earthquake in the county, with the epicenter located in the Bloomington Bottoms. A lot of the county's obligation in its mitigation efforts will be public education and awareness, with some follow-through to ensure a plan is in place if and when a large earthquake should hit.

Boehme said he had attended a Rocky Mountain Power wildfire tabletop training. The company felt this type of exercise was especially appropriate with the wildfires going on in California. They are working to ensure they do everything possible to ensure they are not the cause of any such disaster.

Additionally, Boehme will attend a Rocky Mountain Power review of the Bear River Dams as a means of addressing potential flooding issues.

Bear Lake County will be subject to an audit by the State Emergency Services, and Boehme will have a meeting with that team on August 15.

FUTURE COUNTY GRAVEL PIT PLANNING – ACTION ITEM

County Superintendent Todd Boehme said the Fiscal Year 2023 budget portion dedicated to gravel costs did not adequately provide enough funding for the repairs needed this past spring season. Because of this issue, he said the county in the future needs to either set aside additional funding for this purpose or begin procuring additional gravel supplies from other sources.

While the Bear Lake County Road and Bridge Department has access to a few gravel pits, the county gravel pit located in Wardboro is centrally located. As it stands, it also is the only source used by the county, Boehme said. The county also owns a 10-acre parcel on Earley Lane that has ample gravel available, but the rock in it is bigger than the county's equipment is able to handle. While the county has procured and used gravel from the Earley pit, it has had to rent equipment in order to properly handle the larger rock pieces, he said. As it stands now, Bear Lake County's equipment is unable to be used to best use the gravel in that area.

Clerk Amy Bishop said she had been contacted by a citizen who had inquired if Bear Lake County might be interested in selling the Earley Lane pit. Bishop said there is a process that needs to be followed if and when the county chooses to sell that property, but first the Board needs to confer with Boehme to determine if keeping the pit is in the county's best interest.

Boehme said he can purchase a ton of pit run gravel for about \$8.00, with the cost of processed gravel increasing from that point. The county is able to produce its own pit run gravel at a cost of about \$4.50 per ton, and it can produce processed gravel for about \$8.00 per ton.

In the future, when a new pit is opened, the county needs to examine reclamation costs during the early planning stages, Commissioner Payne said. Because the costs of paving keep increasing over time, it is doubtful there will ever be a time when Bear Lake County does not have a need for gravel. Because of

this – and even with the current limitations in place – the county should not part with the Earley Lane pit and should keep it until a replacement plan is in place, he said.

MOU STATE LANDS – ACTION ITEM

Commissioner Payne said a public information meeting, held by the Bear Lake County Public Lands Committee on Monday, August 7, had been well attended. Additionally, members of the public who were in attendance asked good questions, made several valid points and made their concerns known in regards to Bear Lake County entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners. The proposed MOU would provide Bear Lake County law officers with the ability to patrol and conduct enforcement efforts on the state’s behalf on the lands surrounding Bear Lake that are below the designated high-water mark. These enforcement efforts would correlate with a state order that has been signed by Gov. Brad Little, which outlines certain activity prohibitions, he said.

The public had identified funding for these enforcement efforts as the primary concern. The committee has opted to give Sen. Mark Harris some time to examine any options available that would provide funding from the state to cover the costs of this effort, Commissioner Payne said.

During that August 7 meeting, the citizenry had pointed out several issues with the verbiage found in Governor Little’s order, Commissioner Payne said. These included a prohibition of “unauthorized digging, removal of dirt or sand, or depositing of any foreign materials” and “Use of tractors or other heavy equipment for common reed (phragmites) control that does not follow best management practices for effective control.” Because these statements are a little vague, these areas need to be addressed in order to determine what constitutes “unauthorized digging” and what the “best management practices” are, Commissioner Payne said.

In order to give the committee a chance to meet and work through these points, Commissioner Payne suggested any action be tabled until the Board’s next regular meeting on September 11.

Commissioner Jensen said it hasn’t been that many years ago that Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provided and funded a deputy for this type of need. It was his opinion that, with the increased use of Bear Lake State Park and the state lands around Bear Lake, the state should now provide two deputies for this need.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to table until September 11, 2023, any action on the Memorandum of Understanding between Bear Lake County and the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners so that more research can be done. The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

FUTURE EQUIPMENT PLANNING – COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TODD BOEHME

County Superintendent Todd Boehme told the Board he has had some difficulty procuring new equipment for the Bear Lake County Road and Bridge Department. However, the department is in need of some new plow trucks. Currently, Road and Bridge is using a pair of 22-year-old and 24-year-old trucks to service the Bear Lake West and Bailey Creek areas – both mountainous portions of the county, he said.

Boehme said he wants to purchase two new trucks to service those areas and bring those older units into rotation closer to the Road and Bridge shop in circumstances where they will not accrue as many miles. A quote from one possible vendor of \$325,000 per truck has been received by Road and Bridge, and that would provide a build date for the trucks during the first quarter of 2024. The order will not be available for use for about a year and a half. Boehme said he hasn't been able to get in touch with other vendors, but he estimates their build dates to be in the third quarter of 2024.

Caribou County recently received new equipment through this vendor, and they have reportedly had good luck with availability for parts and service needs for those trucks, he said.

Additionally, Boehme said, his department could use a track hoe. The backhoe in current use is aging. The county's bulldozer has been equipped with a new engine, but the rest of it – especially the electronic equipment – is quite old.

Clerk Amy Bishop said the county has some money available in the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) – essentially provided as a second round of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – that has not been allocated yet. The first round of ARPA funding had been dedicated to the county's communications needs, so this second round could be well used by the Road and Bridge Department. This will provide good, long-term use that will benefit the budget going forward by relieving pressure elsewhere, she said.

In order to comply with the LATCF and ARPA standards, if the county opts to use these funds for Road and Bridge equipment, those contracts have to be in place by 2024. However, Bishop said, the county will have until 2026 to actually expend that money.

JARED RICKS – PUBLIC DEFENSE UPDATE

Jared Ricks, who currently serves as regional coordinator for Judicial Districts V, VI and VII, met with the Board via Zoom in order to provide an update on the Idaho Public Defense Commission and its current program.

Ricks said the Public Defense Commission still is actively training, so if any public defenders approach the county and inquire about training funds, these are valid requests. The commission makes available two trainings each month.

The state public defender program will take hold July 1, 2024. As of June 30, 2024, all Idaho counties will be released of financial or legal obligations to the indigent public defense, Ricks said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roy Bunderson, mayor and resident of Bloomington, praised Clerk Amy Bishop for her advanced planning for the county's Road and Bridge equipment needs. He suggested the county create a sinking fund as part of its annual budget. This type of fund allows money to be set aside, saved and built up for specific purposes while simultaneously keeping taxation at the level the public is accustomed to.

Additionally, Bunderson thanked the Board for tabling any action on the MOU between the county and the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners. Prior to the Bear Lake County Public Lands Committee public meeting on August 7, the public did not have a lot of knowledge about this agreement, he said. That meeting brought to light some serious concerns – specifically about the content of the order signed by Gov. Brad Little. Bunderson said the state wants to alleviate itself of the responsibility to enforce its own rules and pass that duty on to Bear Lake County. While the state refers to these areas as public lands, it has effectively removed the public access to all of the land on the west side of Bear Lake, he said.

While residents of the valley who have property that borders the lakeshore are valid in their concerns, Bunderson said, the issue warrants further consideration when so many more residents have no access to those lands but are asked to pay for enforcement needs within the area.

The state has discussed the issue of law enforcement within state parks for nearly 60 years, he said. Regardless of what happens with the discussed MOU, entry fees to Bear Lake State Park could be increased by 50 to 100 percent. Those additional funds could be provided to the county and used to address the issues brought on by the state park and the individuals who visit it each year. Citizen taxpayers should not have to provide for the additional problems brought on by the park, Bunderson said.

In the future, public hearings will benefit from a higher degree of transparency. This lets the public have a view of what is going on with these issues and provides a rationale explaining why something is happening, Bunderson said.

Commissioner Payne said that each point addressed at the August 7 meeting – with the exception of addressing the issue of public access – had been discussed previously in the Bear Lake County Public Lands Committee’s prior meetings.

Alan Eborn – a resident of Paris who formerly served as a Bear Lake State Park ranger, a Bear Lake County Marine Deputy and as Bear Lake County Emergency Management Coordinator – said the 30 years he spent working around and on the lake provided him with intimate knowledge of the history of state processes and agreements. In years past, Eborn said, the state participated in some of the law enforcement on state lands.

Eborn said he had been deputized by then-Bear Lake County Sheriff Brent Bunn and allowed to conduct law enforcement within the Bear Lake State Park. All the costs of those enforcement efforts had come from the state budget. The same should be observed today, he said, as putting the financial burden of state costs onto the county is not right and will weaken the efficacy of local law enforcement as they respond to the needs of the county’s residents

Eborn also encouraged the Board to make public and advertise any meetings concerning these agreements with the state and concerning any law enforcement to potentially be provided by the county on state lands. Because Bear Lake is loved by so many, the county has to be careful. These decisions can affect and impact the area’s economic bottom line, he said.

Commissioner Payne said the thought behind implementing a permitting process to allow access to

state lands originally was intended to ensure those visiting from outside Idaho would be funding the need. Sen. Mark Harris is working on the issue of state funding, and the Bear Lake County Public Lands Committee's meeting was held with the desire to push that effort forward, he said.

Allowing state parks staff to enforce state lands rules and regulations on lands adjacent to the parks has a lot of merit, Eborn said. However, as it stands now, these state parks employees can only offer support in those areas and have no authority to enforce any of the issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IDAHO CODE 74-206(1)

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to go into executive session according to IDAHO CODE 74-601(1) (d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code; (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

Roll Call Vote. Commissioner Payne, Aye. Commissioner Jensen, Aye.

The Board entered executive session at 12:00 p.m. and left executive session at 1:15 p.m.

From 12:10 p.m. to 12:38 p.m., the Board conferred with legal counsel.

From 12:38 p.m. to 1:05 p.m., the Board discussed records exempt from public disclosure.

From 1:05 to 1:15 p.m., the Board again conferred with legal counsel.

The Board left executive session at 1:15 p.m. and re-entered its regular meeting at 1:16 p.m.

INDIGENT MATTER DECISIONS – ACTION ITEMS

Commissioner Jensen said an indigent matter had been discussed during the Board's executive session, but no action would be taken at this time.

AMENDED MOTION

Commissioner Payne said he needed to make an amendment to a motion that previously had been made concerning the issue of the Georgetown Police Department. The amended motion included the provision to allow Doug Wood to amend the pertinent contract as appropriate.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to sign this law enforcement contract with the City of Georgetown and allow its amendment by attorney Doug Wood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION AND ADOPT TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR PUBLICATION – ACTION ITEM

The Board entered into its work session for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Clerk Amy Bishop explained to the Board several key points of the proposed budget, adding that the draft budget needed Board approval before it could be published.

Bishop said she had received payment from the state for the new road funding source, and that had been worked into the budget for the Bear Lake County Road and Bridge Department. That amount totals to about \$1 million – with about \$250,000 to be received in the last quarter of FY 2023 and the additional \$750,000 spread out through FY 2024. The amount to be received going forward will depend on the state surplus and occurrences in the state, she said.

Some of the money received from the state had been put toward agreements and contracts, increasing that fund to \$200,000, Bishop said. She suggested working with the county engineer to put into effect a long-term designation of what the county's needs are and what projects need to be designated as highest priority. An additional amount could be put toward capital expenditures so the county can have some funds dedicated to a larger project, she said.

Bishop said a single entry for the LATCF money had been designated to the Road and Bridge Department's equipment needs, as previously discussed by County Superintendent Todd Boehme.

The Sheriff's Office budgetary needs and costs had been broken up and designated by the type of job. Rather than just providing a single line for all Sheriff's Office employees, the budget now was separated into sections for deputies, dispatchers, civil deputies, part-time employees and temporary salaries, Bishop said. This included the position costs for hiring Deputy Gregg Knutti to conduct prisoner transports and court bailiff duties and the costs to hire an additional deputy to take care of patrols in incorporated cities within Bear Lake County.

Bishop directed Commissioner Payne to the "Improvements to County Buildings" section of the draft budget in which he could find a line item dedicated to repairs for the Allred Center/Extension Office roof. Money dedicated to the courthouse heat tape costs was listed under the "Courthouse Capital Fund," she said.

Funding for the Montpelier Parks and Recreation Program had not been included in this draft of the budget. Despite 75 percent of that program's participants coming from areas of the county outside Montpelier, Commissioner Payne said, the city's business feels the economic benefit of that participation. The Board decided it would budget a provision of \$4,000 of the \$9,000 the City of Montpelier had requested the county provide to the program.

Bishop said this draft of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget included a 3-percent employee wage raise. She reported she had received the results of the salary study that had been conducted by Boost HR & Recruiting. The study is dense with information, and she said she believes it will take at least a year to evaluate and apply it to the county's situation.

The information provided from Boost showed the county's wages start at a good place – perhaps a little higher than other competitive jobs in the area – but progressively get less competitive the longer an

employee has worked. By comparing the wage scale of an employee who has been with the county for 10 years to the wages of someone who has worked in a similar job for the same amount of time, Boost found the county's wages at that point are much lower, Bishop said. For this reason, the county may want to consider bringing back its longevity program. It is fairly simple to administer and will provide a benefit to both those currently working and prospective future employees. The county can examine adding in some grades for employees who take on extra duties as well, she said.

Commissioner Payne said employees who stay within a job for a length of time become more productive over time. While they may be slower with their regular duties at the start, as they become comfortable and take on more duties, these workers are able to complete the extra tasks in half the time it might take a new employee. This is largely because they are comfortable with their own tasks and more adaptable to take on more duties.

The Coroner budget included a recommended salary of \$15,990 and an equipment stipend of \$5,000. Bishop said the budgeted costs for the deputy coroner were listed separately. Commissioner Payne said this breakdown was beneficial. Although unlikely in Bear Lake County's present circumstances, if Chad Walker was ever beaten in a Coroner election, this breakdown shows the salary and equipment separately so the Board can better understand the individual costs, he said.

The Solid Waste budget saw an increase of just less than 5 percent. This requires spending \$400,000 in reserve funds, Bishop said. The County needs to continue raising these funds in order to get to where it should be.

The Fair budget will include work on capital improvements in Fiscal Year 2024, Bishop said. The Fair Board's intent is to close its last account and pay that amount of about \$43,000 into an account managed by the county. This will allow the county to cover some one-time fair projects later in the year.

Bishop said she was able to keep the levy rate near \$70,000, a point it was at a few years ago. There had been an adjustment to the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) rates. The rate for regular employees had decreased slightly but had increased slightly for law enforcement employees. Those changes are reflected in the budget, she said.

Commissioner Payne observed the Courthouse Expense fund appeared to have increased quite a bit. He asked if this was a result of the cost budgeted for the courthouse heat tape project. Bishop explained that Federal money in the form of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) had been added in to cover that cost. The property tax is the same as it has been, and this increased Courthouse Expense fund is just an adjustment to hopefully take care of some other courthouse needs, she said.

The Bear Lake County Extension Service budget line shows an increase in the part-time employee's salary to \$17 per hour. That part-time employee also will receive the 3-percent increase that applies to other county employees, Bishop said. Additionally, the county budget draft reflects a raise for the county maintenance person that had previously been discussed by the Board.

For the sake of transparency, Bishop said, the Treatment Court position that went live in FY 2023 now is listed as a separate budget item rather than a part of the District Court fund.

Bishop said most of the History Center's requested items will be paid for through its budget and will utilize the center's reserve funds.

Bishop said there had been an adjustment to the county's budgeted telephone costs. This change was reflected through a breakdown of each county department and the number of telephone lines utilized therein. This cost now had been itemized as a single bill through a single provider and was listed under the County Building Fund, she said.

Golf Course revenue coming into the budget is \$12,000, with an additional \$3,000 through sales tax, Bishop said. The course typically receives public donations as well. The Golf Course did not ask to increase its budget in FY 2024 over the budget from FY 2023. However, the property tax had been lowered because some PILT money had been added there.

Commissioner Jensen asked how much the Bear Lake County Snowmobile Program will receive this year from the state. Bishop said \$125,000 will be provided from the state this year, down from \$128,000 in FY 2023. However, Bear Lake County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Ryan Larsen, who oversees that program, believes the county will receive an amount closer to \$140,000. The program had budgeted conservatively in case it does not receive the full amount. The Snowmobile Program's revenue does not come in until late August or early September. While the fund shows very little money right now, next month will reflect a large amount added all at once, she said.

Bear Lake County will manage its own public defense needs for the next year. Those administration duties will be absorbed by the state as of June 30, 2024. That amount is reflected in the budget numbers, Bishop said.


Commissioner Payne pointed out the Dyers Woad gathering program had been moved from the Range Improvements Fund to the General Fund. This cost now will be paid from the same place from which the county pays Soil and Water costs. He wondered if the interest and participation was still strong for the program. If it is not, he suggested this itemized funding can be removed altogether. Bishop said the Board can opt to publish the budget but still make changes during the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Hearing, to be held August 28.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to allow Bear Lake County Clerk Amy Bishop to publish the draft budget, The motion received a second from Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


Bradley D. Jensen, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Amy Bishop, Clerk

