

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 28, 2021

COMMISSIONERS' CHAMBERS – PARIS, IDAHO

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a special meeting on April 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers in Paris, Idaho. CDC's safe distancing guidelines and Governor's order will be followed and the meeting can be accessed by Zoom. Members present were Commissioners' Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Others in attendance were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Assessor Heber Dunford, Kathy Izatt, reporter for The News-Examiner and citizen, Edwin Izatt.

APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the agenda for April 28, 2021 as posted, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

Commissioner Rasmussen excused Commissioner Jensen as he was attending the Regional Landfill meeting.

STAFFING – Action Item

There was discussion on how to add a full time position in the Assessor's office to be trained on mapping to prepare for the future. Current mapper is nearing the age of retirement and with the increase in property activity, there needs to be additional manpower to get current. Chief Deputy, Amy Bishop, reported on the expense, salary and benefits with a total for a full year being \$48,785.00. Concern is committing every year, plus the part time help and no money for other projects. Commissioner Rasmussen indicated there would be additional cost by not going forward, continually having issues and not addressing them so suggested they should start the process. Have tried to figure this out for the last six (6) or seven (7) years and need to find the best way to solve the issue. Assessor Dunford relayed they have the training license and would get the online when position was filled. Treasurer Poulsen would put some of her funding toward helping as it does affect her office the most. Will have to look at other areas also.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to have the Assessor move forward with posting for a full time position for mapping, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

MONTPELIER LAND TRADE – Action Item

Commissioner Rasmussen reminded the board this had been discussed at the previous meeting, but Montpelier City requested to make an equal land trade, they would acquire the land where the Behavior Health building stands, building has little value, and the County would get a piece of land out by the Fairgrounds.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to have Prosecutor Hayes draw up a quitclaim deed and then move forward making an equal land trade between the City of Montpelier and the County, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

BOARD of GUARDIANS – Action Item

Commissioner Payne attended the 4-County meeting in Caribou County on April 21st regarding the item of Board of Guardians. Sandra Thoen, Sixth District Guardianship Coordinator for the Supreme Court, presented a proposal to combine with other counties and Bannock County. Bannock County did not feel it would work for them, so it was proposed that Bear Lake, Caribou and Oneida counties join with Franklin County and have the coordinator on a rotation basis. This is a program to help people, but difficult in small counties. None of the counties have a significant amount of people to validate the program, but together they could keep the board active. They would have the treasurer, attorney, possibly the coroner or someone with a financial background from each of the counties be on the board. Prosecutor Joe Hayes will notify Franklin County of Bear Lake's acceptance to move forward with them.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to move forward to join with Caribou, Oneida and Franklin Counties to create the Southeast Idaho County Quad Board of Guardians, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

VAUGHN N. RASMUSSEN, Chairman

Date Approved

ATTEST: _____
CINDY GARNER, Clerk