

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on June 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Also attending were Treasurer Tricia Poulsen, Sheriff Bart Heslington, County Supervisor/Planner Scott Esquibel, Prosecutor John Olson, Building Inspector Wayne Davidson, Assessor Lynn Lewis, Daniel Bishop, Reporter for The News-Examiner, citizens Jean Alleman, Robin Owsley and Charles Horikami.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Payne made a motion to amend the agenda with the following additions, email regarding moving 911 over to fiber optics, Department of Water Resources Permit for the Nounan Narrows/Stauffer Creek Bridge and Letter to Casey Jones regarding a floating restaurant, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Commissioner Rasmussen stated his appreciation for where we live, even though we have had some water issues, it is minor compared to some of the other counties.

Clerk Garner showed a 4-H sign that was presented to each county who participates, it will be taken out to the Allred Center to display. Everyone agreed that 4-H is a great program and the county is glad to have it for our youth. Garner showed them a property status report from USDA. She also mentioned the annual renewal for the Laserfiche program and asked the Sheriff about an ICRMP report update, he will follow up on that. Garner asked if the bollards had been put in by the landfill building and will confirm that status prior to final payment.

Commissioner Rasmussen stated there would be two special meetings, June 22, 2017 will be the Budget Workshop meeting at 9:00 a.m. and also on June 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. for Judicial Confirmation and also Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Payne stated Gary Sims was still in line to work on the foundation on the Administration Building at the Fairgrounds. He asked if the letter to KM Ranch had been sent, the Clerk informed him it had been.

Commissioner Jensen mentioned they did some soil samples on the property donated by the City of Paris and there is some salvageable material to exchange for gravel.

Sheriff Bart Heslington presented his monthly report and also discussed the water level at the lake and the parking issues that will be most likely happening on the north side of the road. There are some signs and would request more, he will get with Road & Bridge to obtain more. The sheriff's office will work with the park for the best outcome. Sheriff Heslington inquired about the life expectancy for the landfill and a possible shooting range there and will work with the County Superintendent, Scott Esquibel on that project.

Treasurer Tricia Poulsen stated June 1st had come and gone, she have tax deeded three properties, so three out of fourteen is pretty good, descriptions can be obtained from the treasurer's office if interested when they go up for auction. They also had one which was mineral rights on a property for First United Methodist Church and found they had been taxing more acres than they had on those four parcels and decided to cancel those taxes which totaled \$32.60. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel the taxes on Receipt #'s 3125, 3144, 4905 and 2758, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Kings has contacted her regarding the garbage fees and would like them cancelled. Commissioner Jensen stated while they are not in business and having garbage picked up, move their fee back to a regular residence, which if anyone is living there or not you pay, so take away the business dumpster and charge the residence fee till back in business. Commissioner Payne made a motion to remove the business dumpster and charge Kings the regular residence fee while the store is vacant, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned he had attended the Idaho State Board of Health meetings and it was decided that the budgeting will remain the same for the next three years. He also reported that at the Bear Lake Regional Commissioner meeting they discussed new ways to manage the Bear Lake and Bear River areas that will involve all stakeholders in the plan. They created a joint Quagga Mussel prevention strategy which will work much more efficient. He informed the commissioners, that after working with legislators from Utah and Idaho, legislation is being introduced to help with the border emergency services situation. Bear Lake County has always offered its full services to Rich County in case of an emergency.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Wayne Davidson, Building Inspector, presented his monthly report and received requests for several new building permits. He discussed plans for the newly-acquired land from the City of Paris, discussing what type of building and how it will be placed on the property. It was decided that all parties who may wish to use the new building, including Bear Lake Fire, Ambulance, State Parks, Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management, need to attend a meeting to discuss their needs. Davidson brought up an issue with platted road widths as several areas of the county are 132 feet wide, however, many of the fences in those areas were built to 90 feet. He requested the Commissioners look into the road widths and consider changing them to prevent future building problems. A public hearing would be required to make any changes.

Jack Rockefeller had to cancel regarding the Oregon Trail Center budget, will reschedule.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2017 and May 24, 2017, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

EMAIL ON 911-FIBER OPTIC

Commissioner Payne shared the response back from Centurylink regarding the county's request that they change the 911 line's copper cables to fiber optic lines. Centurylink responded that it could not be done at this time, but if outage problems persist, they might be able to replace it with a new copper cable. Commissioner Payne will speak with a representative and set up a meeting with Centurylink, the Sheriff's office and the Commissioners.

STATUS ON JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION

Roy Bunderson addressed the Commissioners asking for a status report on the progress of the courthouse. He was informed that a meeting had been set up with attorney Steve Fuller from Preston as he has done judicial reviews before. Bunderson and Rasmussen briefly stepped out of the meeting for a private discussion. After returning, Bunderson again stressed his concern that the process keeps moving forward as construction costs go up every day. He also stated he felt Fuller's pay should be taken out of the Prosecutor's budget. Bunderson also commended Senator Harris for his extensive work and perseverance on the check stations and follow through on the Quagga Mussel issue.

TRAFFIC ON NOUNAN ROAD

Jamie Bartschi expressed her concerns and presented several incidents of close calls regarding the traffic past their home. She stated the 35 mile per hour speed zone does not slow the cars down and she understands the Sheriff cannot have a deputy out there all the time and asked for other possible solutions. After discussion, it was decided that the addition of speed bumps should be tried. If the speed bumps solve the problem then other county roads may see them as well.

HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

Tammy Robinson presented her concerns regarding the information not being clear on applying for a homeowner's exemption. She was confused on the time the exemption application needed to be filed and missed the deadline. The Commissioners suggested that she fill out a Hardship Exemption application and they would go from there. They the importance of following the policies already set up to resolve the situation. They also briefly reviewed the practices for taxation of non-profit entities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVE CLAIMS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to ratify the claims, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Clerk Garner showed them a copy of the recorded M Hill survey they had requested earlier.

PICTOMETRY CONTRACT

Commissioners discussed doing one flight every three years and prorating cost per usage for budget purposes. They will ask for a proposal to review at the next meeting.

AMERICAN FOREST RESOURCE COUNCIL

The Commissioners revisited the request to join the American Forest Resource Council after being able to have time to review their organization. The goals are to protect forests on public land so they can continue to be used by ranchers, hunters, lumber mills and for other outdoor uses. The fee is \$600 per year. Commissioner Payne made a motion to join the American Forest Resource Council to help protect forests on public land for public use, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen, motion carried. Commissioner Jensen abstained.

CARIBOU TRAIL LOOP

The Commissioners discussed Bear Lake County's involvement with the Caribou Trail Loop. While it does not connect directly to Bear Lake County, it is connected through side-trails to the valley's trail system. Commissioner Jensen believes the trail will help Bear Lake but not as much as other counties that are directly connected to the trail. They felt it should be a user fee. It will be addressed again at the 4-County meeting.

BID OPENINGS – CONSTRUCTION & STRUCTURE – NARROWS ROAD CROSSING

The Commissioners opened bids for a bridge structure for the Narrows Road Crossing, one being a Structure bid, the other a Construction bid. They did have pre-bid meeting as advertised prior with all the specifications. Two bids were presented, however one was after the deadline so could not be opened. Structure bid was \$46,800.00 and Construction bid was \$48,920.00, both from Boehme Construction and Excavation. Commissioner Payne made a motion to accept the Structure bid of \$46,800.00 and the Construction bid of \$48,920.00, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR/PLANNER

Scott Esquibel, County Supervisor/Planner presented his monthly report, also the permits for the Narrows Road Bridge needing a signature. Esquibel presented a letter stating Bear Lake County did not get funded in Round 1 for the emergency funding for road repair due to flooding, but will receive consideration in Round 2. Esquibel reported on the roads that had been worked on in May including Dingle/Hot Springs, Nounan North, Paris Canyon, Alleman Road, Stauffer Canyon, Hayes Lane, 8-Mile Crossing, Budge Ranch Road, Georgetown to Summit View and Central Farmers, Poverty Flat Road, Esterholdt Road, Minnetonka Cave Road, Bear Hollow, Banks Valley, Old Stockyard Road, Jacob's Canyon, Montpelier Reservoir Road, Elk Valley Crow Creek Road, Pruess Creek towards reservoir, Bloomington Canyon Road, Bear Lake Ranchettes, Bird Lan to Lanark Cemetery Road, Nye Dairy Road, Sharon Loop, Pole Canyon and Copenhagen Canyon. Several cattle crossings were also repaired and he discussed other scheduled road repairs for June. Esquibel also discussed the idea of leasing vehicles over buying, which will be further reviewed in the budget meeting with the Sheriff. He also stated the Road and Bridge is beginning to apply magnesium chloride to some roads and also the problem with so

many signs being stolen throughout the county. Just one solar powered sign will be \$3,000.00 to replace. Esquibel discussed landfill issues and he has replied in a letter to DEQ concerning the compliance status of the landfill. He also discussed several repairs on equipment and the recent vehicle fire which destroyed the cab but the damage to the equipment on back was minor. It has been turned into the insurance and they have temporarily loaded the equipment onto another truck till so they can continue to spray until they find another truck. Esquibel stated that the garbage must be placed inside the provided garbage cans, not stacked around them. The drivers do not have time to stop and hand load bags into the truck.

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,f) for personnel, indigent and legal matters, seconded by Commissioner Payne. All Commissioners stated "Here" in a roll call vote. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to leave the executive session and return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Items that came out of executive regarding indigent were a denial, a release of lien and assignments on how much a person should pay. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to deny Medical Claim #2017-10019, sign a Release of Lien and the Assignments, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried. Another item was an ordinance template to help keep everything uniform, an overlay document was a revision of the land use ordinance and there has been some confusion. There was discussion regarding having a sign off sheet on any revision. The Clerk will look at the minutes and ordinance book back in 2014 and bring to the Commissioners. Commissioner Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioners Jensen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.