

BEAR LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in a special meeting for the purpose of awarding an Indigent Public Defense Contract on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's office in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Commissioners' Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Bradley D. Jensen, Rex L. Payne and Clerk of the Board, Cindy Garner.

Joseph Hayes was also in attendance.

AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

INDIGENT PUBLIC DEFENSE CONTRACT

Commissioner Rasmussen stated he had been assigned from the previous meeting to visit with the two (2) candidates that had submitted their contracts. Commissioner Rasmussen had a discussion with each one and looked over the figures and informed them a decision would be made on September 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Jensen inquired if the amount of money requested would include first appearances, to which Commissioner Rasmussen stated, one did, the other wanted additional money for the first appearances. Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned part of the contract includes the formula of 75% of the elected prosecutor's salary and each year if the commissioners approve a salary increase for elected officials, it includes the indigent public defender. Commissioner Rasmussen recommended they go with the local attorney for the one (1) year contract.

MOTION: Commissioner Jensen made a motion to award a one (1) year Indigent Public Defender Contract to Joseph Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Payne, motion carried.

Commissioner Rasmussen stated there were some overlap cases with some juveniles and had discussed with current Indigent Public Defender, Criss James, about possibly needing to extend his current contract for thirty days to work together to get through those. Commissioner Rasmussen will be in Soda Springs today and will discuss more with Mr. James. There may be about 14-17 new cases they may need to work together on also.

MOTION: Commissioner Payne made a motion to extend Attorney Criss James' current Indigent Public Defense Contract for an additional thirty days, seconded by Commissioner Jensen, motion carried.

Commissioner Rasmussen felt as he spoke with each attorney, they had a good discussion and they were both professional. Commissioner Rasmussen mentioned when the office of prosecutor came up for election, Mr. Hayes had intention of running and had heard maybe a couple more attorneys could be interested.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.