

The Board of Bear Lake County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the School District #33 Board Room in Paris, Idaho. Members present were Vaughn N. Rasmussen, Chairman, Commissioner Bradley D. Jensen and Cindy Garner, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Lynn Lewis, Assessor, Sheriff Brent R. Bunn, Wayne Davidson, Rex Payne, Chad Walker, Greg Skinner and Daniel Bishop with the News - Examiner also joined the meeting. Prosecuting Attorney Steven A. Wuthrich joined the meeting later.

AGENDA APPROVED

Commissioner Jensen made a motion seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen to approve the agenda with the addition of an update on the Tour of Utah. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Rasmussen presented the oath of office to the elected officials as follows: Bradley D. Jensen, Commissioner District I, Rex L. Payne, Commissioner District II, Magistrate Judge R. Todd Garbett, Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer, Lynn Thomas Lewis, Assessor, Chad W. Walker, Coroner and Cindy Garner, Clerk of the District Court.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Bunn presented his monthly and yearly report. He also stated how well the Drug and Alcohol Share Program is working, Judge Garbett also commented on the benefit it is to the community. Sheriff Bunn had several bids for the new vehicle installs needed, Whitehead Electronics \$10,385.00 and Premier Vehicle installation Inc. \$7,983.75, also discussed getting graphics on the new Sheriff vehicle and to have Bing do that. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to award the bid to Premier, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Rasmussen went to a meeting regarding the Tour of Utah and the proposed date is August 3rd, a Monday morning and would go from Logan, Utah through Logan Canyon to Bear Lake, go around the lake, and back to Logan. The Sheriff has concerns about traffic problems, man hours, etc. Commissioner Rasmussen stated they are still discussing all the details and they would be in touch with the Sheriff. Sheriff Bunn also presented a letter of conflict of interest regarding Jensen Wood Motor to be filed in the clerk's office. Tricia Poulsen, Treasurer presented tax cancellations on a couple of garbage fees. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to cancel those taxes, seconded by Commissioner Payne. The Treasurer also discussed the landfill office helping with the billing on commercial cans.

BEAR RIVER HERITAGE AREA

Lisa Duskin - Goede, Bear River Heritage Coordinator, Melinda Hislop, Bear Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau and Brian Carter, Economic Development Director with BRAG (Bear River Association of Government) introduced themselves to the Commissioners and inform them of their mission to identify, enhance and sustain the rich natural, cultural and economic heritage of the region which consists of both southern Idaho and northern Utah. They showed the Commissioners their promotional material to create greater awareness of the area and asked if Bear Lake County would help support their efforts. Commissioner Rasmussen stated the information was impressive and this would be a good thing to bring up at the next 4- County meeting in April and April will be budget processing time also.

GOLF COURSE

The Commissioners discussed the potential swap of the Montpelier Golf Course and Allinger Park as it seems the city uses it more and primarily maintains is. The cost to the county of Allinger Park and running the golf course are almost the same so they feel it would be a benefit to both. Commissioner Payne made the motion to move forward on the legal and logistic steps needed to make the swap, seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

BEAR LAKE WEST POA

Craig Schaar representing the POA stated he felt the relationship between the POA and the County was good and requested to be on the list in the spring for roadwork on Loveland Lane.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Jensen moved that pursuant to Idaho Code that they leave the regular meeting and go into the Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Payne. No one appeared at the appointed time so Commissioner Jensen motioned that they leave the Board of Equalization and go back to the regular meeting, Commissioner Payne seconded. Commissioner Payne moved to keep Commissioner Rasmussen as the Chairman, Commissioner Jensen seconded.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Wayne Davidson, Building Inspector presented his revenue report showing everything has been up with the milder winter weather for November and December. Contractors can't find enough framers to keep up with the work so that's a positive demand. Wayne stated he has put together a face book page and would schedule meetings in several locations closer to spring regarding the courthouse, the Commissioners would like 1 more mailer to go out, also radio and newspaper to inform the public before they put the issue on the May 19t 2015 ballot. Wayne has also been working with the 911 system and getting the mapping up to date and the county has bought a program which will work with Pictometry and give great detail, better pinpoint addresses for emergency situations and be very useful for all who use it. He also did put in a request for a newer used vehicle for his and the Assessor's use when the sheriff's department has another one available.

MINUTES

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the December minutes, seconded by Commissioner Payne.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the claims for December, Commissioner Jensen seconded.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS

Commissioner Payne made a motion to approve the 2015 calendar year holidays as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jensen.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Certificate of Residency applications were presented to the Commissioners, Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the applications upon approval of each as a qualified resident, seconded by Commissioner Payne.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Greg Skinner, Road & Bridge Supervisor stated he needed signatures on paperwork for grant money on the Sign and Pavement Program that needed to be released. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to sign the agreement papers for release of those monies, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Greg also stated he would like to see more money allocated in the budget for the roads, specifically for oil and mat which is needed now more than the chip and seal. He also said we need to work on road standards, there is confusion on what is a private road, maybe a good question to ask at the next 4- County meeting. There are 2 individuals wanting to share a driveway but it forms a valley and creates a problem for drainage on the road, suggest doing a new approach and it has to be at least 25 feet from the pipe for proper drainage.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Bill Stock representing the center stated they have a couple of older 12 passenger vans that are surplus or needing to go up for bid. Commissioner Rasmussen told him he would need to get the descriptions and be sure in the bid proposal it states "as is, where is" and have by the February meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Stock mentioned that on the election calendar it should be Fish Haven Recreational Sewer District, not water & sewer, change noted. Lisa Transtrum with the SWCD discussed the M.O.U. for the Paris project which had been previously approved, she just needed signatures so they could have the money process through the system.

LICENSE FEES

Clerk Garner brought it to the attention of the Commissioners that there had been an error in over charging The Hitching Post on their liquor license. We discussed this with the owner and would be in agreement to issue a check for the difference of the past 3 years, advice per our Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioners were all in agreement

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jensen moved that we go out of the regular meeting into an Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Jensen made motion to go out of Executive Session and back into the regular meeting, Commissioner Payne seconded