

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, IDAHO**

OCTOBER 14, 1997

The Board met this day in regular session. Present were Commissioners Charles R. Vadnais, Charles E. Wilson and Gregory A. Shenton, Prosecuting Attorney, Craig Simpson and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous that the minutes dated September 8 and September 29, 1997 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The Commission examined and approved the following expenditures for the month of September, 1997:

General	\$33,333.81
Road & Bridge	75,341.60
Ambulance	2,081.08
District Court	1,154.51
Indigent	115.97
Junior College	500.00
Revaluation	9,270.00
Solid Waste	946.31
Tort	4,438.00
Weeds	775.45
Juvenile Justice	383.33
Highway Special	43,531.90
Land Use Plan	390.16
Snowmobile	74.00
Judgments	10,170.00
Watermaster	716.00
TOTAL	\$183,222.12

A discussion was held by the Commission concerning staying over night in motels at county expense for meeting within a radius of 60 miles of Dubois after which the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 97-05


The matter of expenses coming before the commissioners concerning staying overnight in a hotel at county expense for meetings less than 60 miles from Dubois.


AND WHEREAS, the commissioners are of the opinion that it is an unnecessary expense to stay over night rather than returning to Dubois.


AND WHEREAS, the commissioners believe that the county would save money by paying mileage expenses instead of hotel expenses.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the county shall not reimburse for hotel/motel expenses incurred within 60 miles of Dubois, Idaho, unless the county employee receives prior approval from the commissioners or unless said employee can show just cause.

Dated this 14th day of October 1997.


Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman


Charles E. Wilson, Commissioner


Gregory A. Shenton, Commissioner

CANCELLATION OF AMBULANCE BILLS

It was brought to the Boards attention that there are two ambulance bills that need to be canceled. The Clerk informed the Commission that her office and the collection agency has exhausted all means of trying to collect these bills. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the following ambulance bills be canceled as they are unable to locate for collection and time of service is getting old.

Kim Rogers	\$298.00	date of run 1994 or older
Jack Bell	370.43	date of run 3-10-95
Total	\$668.43	

SETTLEMENT ON COMMUNITY BUILDING

Doug Jenson from Idaho Intermountain Claims Inc. met with the commission to make settlement on damages done to the Community Building by Eagle Rock Blasting Inc., whose insurance agent is Lexington Insurance Company. Damage was done when Eagle Rock Blasting Inc. was blasting for the Migrant Housing Project near the Community Building. Jenson offered \$2,872.96 to the Board. After a short discussion it was unanimous that the Commission would like to contact other contractors and get bids before making settlement.

COLLECTION OF RANGELAND FEES

Bonnie Burns, Treasurer, met with the Commission concerning collection of 1997 Rangeland Fees for the State. Burns said that even though it will impose a burden on the Idaho Rangeland Commission they have finally agreed to bill and

collect the dry land grazing fees for 1997 instead of the county treasurers. After a short discussion, motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that rangeland fees will not be put on the property tax rolls in this county for 1997. Burns also informed the Commission that she has a taxpayer who has taken a cut back on his wages causing a hardship and he may need an extension of time on paying his delinquent taxes this year or until he can get caught up. No decision at this time.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Ann Kerr & Wendy Bollinger of Idaho Falls met with the Commission concerning the health insurance for 1998. They told the commission on how they can have the same coverage they have now, take the preventive care off, as the employees can only use it once every two years and then the premium will only go up \$9.30 per employee per month to \$229.00. Mike Gross, Representative for Regency of Blue Shield of Idaho, met with the Commission and went over the health benefit for the employees for 1998. After some discussion on the different options; motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the county will stay with Goss of Boise as Administrator of the claims and the \$1500.00 deductible. Goss also informed the Commission of new laws that effect the county and employees as of June 1997.

PART TIME MAGISTRATE

Gil Gardner, met with the Commissioners concerning having Judge McClure as a part time magistrate upon her retirement. Gardner said that the code states "there shall be at least one (1) resident magistrate appointed in each county, except for those counties in which the board of county commissioners, at any time, has adopted by majority vote, without subsequent rescission, a resolution waiving the right to a resident magistrate". He informed the Commissioners on what the procedures are to change from a full time magistrate to a part time magistrate. The group held a lengthy discussion on what would happen and how the system would work. No decision was made at this time.

SCHOOL BOND

Mary Grover, Citizens Committee Chairman, met with the Commission concerning the school bond election, which will be held on October 21, 1997. Grover presented to the Board facts and figures for a new school and urged the board to support the \$3.35 million bond needed to building the new school across the railroad tracks.

PLANNING & ZONING UP-DATE

Darrel Williams, Planning Zoning Administrator, met with the Commission and reported on recent happenings in his department. He said October 14th was the last day for filing an appeal on the problem in the Montevue area and no appeals have been received so far. He had Lee Nellis come up and rule on some problems Thurgood property in the Kilgore area. Williams met with the City of

Dubois concerning Scoggins trailer lots and the group decided Scoggins would have to come in and pay for the variance. Scoggins is zoned for low-density housing.

AMBULANCE UP-DATE

Sam Hulse, Ambulance coordinator, met with the Commission to up-date them on the ambulance and EMT'S. Hulse said that they are going to start a training session in January and that will give them four more EMT'S. He indicated that it is hard to get people to donate their time. And that they may have to consider paying EMT's. Hulse requested that they be allowed to purchase two more portable's radio and two more pagers for the ambulance crew. Funds donated in honor of Ross K. Stoddard can help pay for the radio's. Purchase of radio's and pagers was authorized unanimously by the Commission. Hulse said he would like to have a training session so the fire crew would have the ability to rescue people where hazardous materials are involved. He said that the largest hazard at Larsen's dehydration plant is the propane tanks.

INDIGENT CASE DENIED

The county received an application for assistance. After reviewing the case Motion by Commissioner Shenton seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that case No. 97-09 is hereby denied on the grounds that this case was not an emergency, not filed in a timely manner and the person is not indigent.

STORM WATER PROBLEM

Jeff Bergersen met with the Commission to discuss possible solutions on storm water run off in the Beaver Creek Addition east of Spencer. He suggested that maybe the county could put in culverts under the upper and lower roads and divert storm water over to the creek. Bergersen said he would be willing to grant an easement to the county and buy the culverts if the county would be willing to help put in the culverts. No decision was made at this time. The Board and Road /Bridge supervisor needs to go look at the site.

ROAD & BRIDGE UP-DATE

Rod Belcher met with the Commission to up-date them on his department. Belcher informed the Commission that on the leasing of a CAT 140H grader, approved by the Commission last meeting, they can "Piggy-Back" off a bid from the Notus-Parma Highway District from Parma, Idaho, who purchased a new machine in April of this year. He said that Western States has arranged financing through First Security Leasing at 6.00% unless the county can get cheaper interest rate somewhere else. After some discussion, it was unanimously approved and agreed upon by Board of Commissioners, to acquire the use of and financing through First Security Leasing Boise, Idaho, to lease One (1) Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader, Serial No. 2ZK02477 costing \$172,397.00 for a term of 5 years, at 6.00% annual payment of \$18,862.00 will be paid in advance followed by 4 annual payments of \$18,862.00 plus one final payment of

\$118,000.00. Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman has been authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of Clark County.

ROTO MILL TAILING USED BY CITY

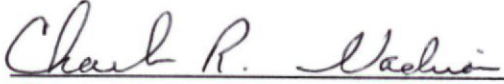
Members of the city council (Dubois) met with the Commissioners concerning unauthorized use of roto mill tailing that was used by members of city council on August 29, 1997. The group went over the billing from the county on a line item basis. After a lengthy discussion an apology was given to the county and a settlement of \$1600.00 was agreed on.

WEED PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Keith Bramwell met with the Commission to report to them on his Weed programs and the grant funds. He informed the Board that more work towards weed control was done this year than any year in the past three years or longer. He said several acres of BLM ground were treated with both chemical and bio-control. Bramwell had a work crew from the penal work center in St. Anthony doing back pack chemical applications on Forest Service ground and several weed infestations were recorded in a GeoExplorer II GPS unit. All in, Bramwell said they treated 1700 acres and put out around 10,850 insects to work on leafy spurge. He thanked the board for approving an updated computer for Carol Hoopes.

ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD IS NOW ADJOURNED.


Jo Ann S. Tavenner, Clerk


Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman