

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

May 9, 2005

The board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Ted Edwards, and Michael Leonardson, and Clerk Conni Owen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Leonardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the minutes for April 11, 2005 be approved as written.

CLAIMS

Current Expense	15156.28
Road & Bridge	13950.75
Ambulance	620.40
District Court	1626.52
County Fair	1031.44
Health District	1923.87
Indigent	288.92
County/City Building	136.65
Revaluation	770.00
Solid Waste	788.47
Weeds	286.37
Juvenile Justice	7139.68
Land Use	779.48
PILT	2512.75
CWMA Trust	528.29
Water Districts	1064.00
Indigent Trust	250.00
TOTAL	\$48,853.87

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDING

Dave Zweifel, representing the Clark County Soil Conservation District, met with the Board to request funding for the 2006 year. He requested the funding already budgeted for 2005 be paid to them and requested a budget allocation of \$5000 for the 2006 year. Commissioner Edwards made the motion that barring any unforeseen emergencies, the County budget \$5000 for Soil Conservation Services in the 2005-2006 budget year, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS PLOWING REQUEST

Richard O'Quinn, representing the Department of Lands, met with the Board to discuss the possibility of allowing loggers to keep roads plowed open in Kilgore next winter. Mr. O'Quinn said that the Department of Lands had sold timber in the Ching Creek and Mud Creek areas of Kilgore. He asked for permission for the loggers to snowplow the roads into these creeks and road A-2 to move the logs out to market. The Board told Mr.

O'Quinn that each contractor would need to come before the Board for written permission to plow County roads for logging in the winter, and agree to conditions set by the County.

WORKMAN'S COMP COVERAGE/OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR

Clerk, Conni Owen reported that Kelli Whittier, the successful bidder for re-writing the county emergency plan, is unable to obtain her own workman's comp coverage because she works out of her home. Ms. Owen contacted the county's carrier, State Insurance Fund, and they said they would allow the County to cover Ms. Whittier as an uninsured contractor at the rate the County pays for clerical workers. Then the County could deduct this cost from Ms. Whittier's payment, since the contract with her called for her supplying the workman's comp coverage. The Board agreed to workman's comp coverage for Ms. Whittier in this manner.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Insurance coverage for shared buildings with the City of Dubois was discussed. It was noted that coverage was not consistent on the two buildings with shared ownership. The Board requested that the county insure 2/3 of the value of the annex building and 1/2 of the fire station building, the City of Dubois covering the other portion of the coverage.

HORNE LETTER

The Board reviewed a letter from Veva Horne questioning the publication of commissioner's minutes. The Board directed the clerk to respond to Mrs. Horne, explaining the procedures and noting that the minutes would be posted monthly.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to meet as a Board of Equalization to review circuit breaker tax relief applications. Assessor, Carrie May presented seven applications for tax relief. She noted two previous applicants did not qualify this year. She also noted that the values for tax relief won't be finalized until after the assessment drive. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to approve seven applications for circuit breaker tax relief for tax year 2005, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

911 EQUIPMENT BIDS

At this time as advertised in the request for bids, the Commissioners with the assistance of Mike Miller, consultant for the County for 911 service, opened two bids received for 911 equipment. Mountain West Inc. included a bid for an alternative option of connecting with Blaine County for \$83,103, and their bid just for equipment was \$214,853. 911 Inc.'s bid, received by fax, for equipment as requested in the proposal was \$71,398. Bids were reviewed and the Board decided to make further inquiries about monthly connection fees before awarding a bid.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

Mitch Whitmill met with the Board to update them on his department. He reported that there had been a pre-construction meeting for the new road and bridge shop. Mr. Whitmill reported he had met with the state electrical inspector to discuss what could be

done with the problem of the electrical wire running through a culvert on the Red Road. He said he would be working with Dennis Snarr, the owner who had the wire run through the culvert, to move the wire out of the culvert and under the road.

Mr. Whitmill reported he was unsuccessful in obtaining a roller at the auction in Utah, but he would attend an auction May 14th and try again.

Mr. Whitmill said that the contractors will begin grinding rotomill tailings on I-15 on June 20th.

MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Jason Dietz representing the Clark County Mental Health Alliance met with the Board asking for the use of County property for a community garden. Discussion was held on possible locations for the garden. The group will look at potential sites and report back to the county. They will ask the City of Dubois to donate the water, if not, then the County will assist.

VISITOR CENTER

Robb Mickelsen met with the Board to discuss the Dubois Visitor Center that's opening in the new library. He noted the center would be open Memorial Day through Labor Day. He also said that the Forest Service was contributing \$400 and the City of Dubois was contributing \$1500 towards paying for labor to man the Center. He requested the Board to contribute \$1500 also. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to give \$1500 to the Clark County Library to help pay for labor for the visitor center, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Robb Mickelsen, forest service supervisor, reported to the board that they had added the Middle Creek to Ashton District area of the Caribou-Targhee forest to the fire use plan. He noted that this identifies areas of the forest that they will allow to burn. Mr. Mickelsen also asked if the County would have their crews participate in their fire line refresher course later in the year.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Lisa Sullivan, ambulance coordinator met with the Board to update them on her department. She reported there were still problems with the new ambulance and they were bringing a different ambulance out for us to try. She said that the State EMS coordinator said that we must sell the old ambulance under the terms of the grant.

Ms. Sullivan presented a mutual aid agreement provided by District 7 health that allows all agencies in District 7 to aid each other under one agreement. The board said they would need the attorney to review the agreement before signing it.

She also presented a contract with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center that draws out the terms of agreement for EMT training at the hospital. The Board also asked that the prosecutor review the contract before they sign it.

PACIFICORP CANCELLATION

Clerk, Conni Owen reported to the Board, that Pacificorp had appealed to the Board of State Tax Appeals regarding their 2004 values, and had recently settled. The settlement resulted in a reduction in value for Clark County in the amount of \$462,602. Since Pacificorp had already paid their first half of their 2004 taxes, either a refund or a credit needs to be issued to them. The total amount of reduction in taxes for all taxing districts is \$4739.41. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to cancel taxes for Pacificorp for 2004 in the amount of \$4,739.41, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

WASH STATION AT FAIRGROUNDS

Discussion was held regarding the construction of a wash station for livestock at the fairgrounds. The board agreed that any extra cement from building projects could be used at the wash station, and the road and bridge department could prepare the ground.

COURTHOUSE HEATING

Quotes were reviewed for a new heat system in the courthouse. Commissioner Shenton made the motion to accept Sermon Service & Electric's quote in the amount of \$16,597, and contract for 10-year maintenance including parts and labor.

RURAL ADDRESSING

The board discussed with Craig King, via telephone conference, the rural addressing project. Sheriff King said that the roads are being named, and they were moving forward in the project.

May 18, 2005

The Board met this day in special session. Those present were Commissioners Ted Edwards, and Michael Leonardson, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson, by telephone conference, and Clerk Conni Owen.

BYWAY SIGNS

Jackie Hooper met with the Board to request the county's assistance in placing byway kiosks in Spencer. The Board directed Ms. Hooper to ascertain who owns the property where she wants to place the sign, obtain permission from the landowner to place the sign, and also check with Planning and Zoning regarding regulations and a building permit. Once she has attended to those items, they would assist with installation of the kiosk.

BUSINESS PARK GRANT

Lacey Ekberg, economic development director, met with the Board. She reported that Jack Webster would sell the approximately 5.29 acres along the freeway to the County for \$1800 acre. She noted there was another private individual interested in the property also. She outlined that the Department of Commerce grant we were applying for was in the amount of \$50,000. The Anderson property would take \$30,000 of the grant, and the infrastructure would cost approximately \$18,200, so the purchase of the Webster property

would be a purchase by the County. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to pursue purchasing the Webster property for use as a business park, and to have the Webster and Anderson property appraised to meet Idaho code purchase requirements, seconded by Commissioner Edwards.

EIRMC TRAINING CONTRACT

Prosecutor Craig Simpson reported to the Board that the contract that Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center is asking the county to sign regarding Clark County EMT's training at the hospital requires more insurance than we carry. The Board asked the clerk to have ICRMP read the contract and advise them on signing it. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to sign the contract if ICRMP approves it and the insurance limits are changed to meet our limits, seconded by Commissioner Edwards.

911 EQUIPMENT BIDS

Discussion was held regarding the bids received for 911 equipment. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to reject all bids because no valid bids were received for 911 equipment, and to put out for new bids to be received by June 13, 2005 at 2:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson.

WATER FOUNTAIN REPLACEMENT

Clerk, Conni Owen presented a quote for new water fountains. The Board asked to have the fountains repaired if possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Greg Shenton, Chairman