

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

September 9, 2024

The Board met this day, September 9, 2024, in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9:10a.m. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Nick Hillman, and MaCoy Ward, Prosecuting Attorney Janna Birch, and Clerk Stephenie Stewart.

No updates were made to the agenda.

**CLAIMS**

01-Current Expense	\$11,314.47
02-Road & Bridge	\$58,943.31
04-Ambulance	\$375.08
06-District Court	\$759.40
07-Fair, County	\$185.08
08-Justice Fund	\$840.00
11-Health District	\$54.38
16-Indigent & Charity	\$33.43
19-Community Building & BLM	\$453.17
23-Solid Waste	\$1,243.89
27-Weeds	\$3,726.98
30-ARPA	\$66,704.80
35-Planning & Zoning	\$99.84
36-911 System	\$1,372.22
45-Election Consolidation	\$220.42
50-PILT	\$250,307.39
Total	\$396,633.86

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the claims and demands through September 6, 2024.

**Commissioner Hillman made a motion and Commissioner Ward seconded the motion to approve and sign the claims and demands for in the amount of \$396,633.86. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed and the claims were approved for processing.**

**MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Emergency Drought meeting held on August 12, 2024.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve and sign the Minutes. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Budget Hearing held on September 3, 2024.

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**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve and sign the Minutes. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

**GREATER YELLOWSTONE COALITION**

Tom Holberg with the Greater Yellowstone Coalition came before the Board to discuss the Kilgore gold mining project. He discussed environmental and economic impacts on the area if the mine were to begin drilling, in particular habitat destruction and wildlife displacement. Water quality, road traffic and housing for mine workers is also a concern. Commissioner Shenton discussed how information is getting out to the community and wants to ensure that the public is properly informed.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Aaron Swenson with Forsgren provided updates to the Board. Bids were open for the bridges at Diversion and Jacoby. Knife River was awarded the contract. The project is expected to begin in 6-8 weeks. There will be a pre-construction meeting in October along with bi-weekly meetings throughout the project. The steel is expected by the end of February with a final grade and cleanup in the spring.

Jake Irick, Supervisor, provided updates on current projects his crew is working on which include the overlay in Medicine Lodge and dura patching as long as the weather allows. Chip seal will need to be completed on A2. Paving of A2 will begin this week. Jake is also working on replacing damaged signs throughout the county and adding new culverts where needed.

Jake presented to the Board with County Ordinance 2024-03 establishing right of ways.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03. After unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

**CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Mark McClure presented the Board with two quotes for the purchase of a new truck.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the purchase of a GMC in the amount of \$51,755.90. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. After unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

Sheriff Mark McClure presented the Board with a claim to purchase tires for Deputy Knight's truck in the amount of \$1,411.24.

**Commissioner Hillman made a motion and Commissioner Ward seconded the motion to approve the purchase. After unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

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Sheriff McClure and Chief Deputy Rick Donohoo discussed the use of the Community Building for Alcoholic Anonymous meetings. The meetings would be held Mondays from 6-9pm.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to allow the use of the Community Building for Alcoholic Anonymous meetings free of charge. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

Sheriff McClure also discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> South bridge closure beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> through the spring.

**FOREST SERVICE**

Blake Dory, Dubois District Ranger, came before the Board with updates. He discussed the increasing issue with Grizzly Bears and the cattle carcasses found. He stressed the importance of reporting any bear sightings. Fish & Game and the Forest Service are focusing on education as the grizzly population increases. The Forest Service is also working on trail maintenance, fencing and signs. Steel Creek Campground will be closed 9/15/2024 and Stoddard Creek Campground will be closed 9/29/2024.

**CLARK COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Lana Schwartz, Treasurer, presented the Board with Resolution 2024-05 regarding fees and charges for services provided on returned checks or credit card charge offs.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-05. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

Treasurer Schwartz also presented the Board with a tax cancellation for parcel MHD04000150003A due to the taxes not being paid and the property being abandoned and not in a condition that would be of any value to the county if the property were sold in a Sheriff's sale. The amount of the cancellation is \$130.78.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve the tax cancellation. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

**Adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m.**

**Back in session at 1:00 p.m.**

**ELECTED CLERK / DEPARTEMENT HEAD UPDATES**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the November Commissioner meeting will be changed from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. The next LEPC meeting will also be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

The new county website should be live by November. Clerk Stewart will be attending trainings in October in preparation for the transition.

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The Treasurer and Assessor are both in need of new computers. The Assessor's Office received the parts for the AS400 which will take 3-4 days to install and implement.

Jake discussed getting a keyed entry for the R&B yard as well as installing motion cameras as there have been kids riding motorcycles in there and it is a liability for the county.

**PLANNING & ZONING**

Elise Turman discussed upcoming changes with the State and how payments will be processed moving forward. She will have more updates next month. With the increase in costs the county may need to consider increasing fees.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Commissioner Ward did not have any updates.

Commissioner Hillman discussed the upcoming fuel breaks / weed spraying project. The areas of focus are Idmon to Spencer, Highway 91 from Dubois to Spencer and some patches along the Red Road. There may be some spraying completed in Indian Creek as well.

**CITY OF DUBOIS**

City of Dubois Mayor, Dan Bramwell, came before the Board to discuss the road easement at the Industrial Park. The fence that was installed along the East side by the hay shed has been removed and the materials have been used to create a fence in another location. The Board agrees with the City that the fence needs to be re-installed and the easement left in place. The City of Dubois is the owner of the easement, but the energy park is a collaboration of Mud Lake Telephone, City of Dubois and Clark County. The Dubois city council will be meeting the second week of October to make a final decision.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Joseph Sagers and Marnie Spencer with the University of Idaho requested an executive session with the Board.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Codes 74-206(1)(b). After a roll-call vote with an "aye" from Commissioners Shenton, Hillman and Ward, the Board entered into Executive Session at 2:34 pm.**

**Executive Session ended at 3:08 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - ALUTRA**

Taci Stoddard came before the Board with the status of funded activities for the CARES ambulance grant. She presented the Board with a breakdown of all expenses and reimbursements. No members of the public were present for the hearing.

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**EMERGENCY MANGEMENT**

Sheree provided updates to the Board regarding the current status of grants. She discussed equipment needs for the Sheriff Office and fire department. Commissioner Shenton asked her if she could get first aid kits for Road & Bridge. Sheree will be attending a conference in Las Vegas later this month. She also discussed meeting with the school once a month. Also discussed was upcoming CPR training for Search & Rescue and the fire department.

Sheree will be attending floodplain training in November for administrators. The cost for her to attend the 4-day training will be covered by a scholarship.

**CLARK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

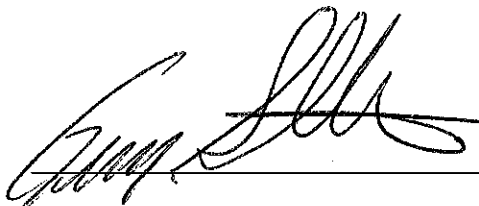
Clerk Stephenie Stewart presented the Board with an updated scanning quote from DAIDA for the total cost of \$26,984.40

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve the updated quote. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

Clerk Stewart presented the Board with the FY2025 RC&D Cloud Seeding Contract.

**Commissioner Ward made a motion and Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion to approve the contract. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed.**

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Greg Shenton, Chairman



Stephenie Stewart, Clerk