

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

February 18, 1997

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that the minutes dated January 13, 1997 are approved as written.

INDIGENT HEARINGS

This medical indigent matters came for hearing before the Clark County Commissioners on this date at 1:15 P.M. Commissioners Charles R. Vadnais presiding with Commissioners, Charles E. Wilson and Greg A. Shenton and Craig Simpson, County Attorney, Leslie Parkinson, Attorney for CEIRMC and Jo Ann S. Tavenner, Clerk. The Commission when into executive session for a hearing on case # 96-04 and 97-01. Proceedings adjourned around 2:20 p.m. After a short discussion motion by Commissioner Shenton and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that both cases be denied for further investigation.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Craig King, Sheriff, met with the Commission concerning signing the Mutual Aid Agreement between seventeen counties. King said that this agreement allows counties to use other county officers when they need extra help or in an emergency and the officer is still to be covered by workman's compensation and other benefit. King also talked to the Commission about the Civil Defense Director's position which will be open next month with the resignation of Donald Shenton. He said that he feels that if his office took over the Civil Defense Director position it would work in well where his office is always involved in emergencies & exercises.

CATTLEGUARD TO CAVE

Rod Belcher, Road & Bridge Supervisor met with the Commission concerning his departments. He said that Bill Frederiksen ask that the county put a cattleguard to the cave instead of a gate as people are continually cutting his fence. Belcher said that if the county installed a cattlegard and did away with the gate this section of road county be put on the road system. After some discussion about the county needing the access to the cave and where the county already has an easement from Hagenbarth for the right-of-way and where the county needs the access to the cave, it was moved by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the county will install a used cattleguard to help solve the problem. Belcher also informed the commission that the additional 4 cent gas tax that passed last session, and is to be used toward road surfaces will bring in an additional \$100,000 per year for asphalt. Belcher also requested that he be allowed to call for bids on Asphalt for the 1997 season and get some bids on rental equipment and materials for crack sealing. Approved bids will be opened at the March Commissioners' meeting.

Susan Shifflett, School district representative, met with the Commission concerning help installing some playground equipment. Shifflett said that the school has put in for a grant to purchase play ground equipment and the Lion's Club will provide the man power, if the county will donate the equipment and an operator to help install the equipment. It was unanimous that the county would help install the play ground equipment.

FOREST ROADS GIVEN TO COUNTY

Keith Tweedie, (Dubois) Scott Kidd & Aleen Orr (St. Anthony) Forest Service representatives met with the Commission and Road Supervisor concerning up-dating the Commission on the joint road system agreement between the County and Forest Service. The group discussed and went over the roads and trails involved in the agreement. Belcher brought up the problem of shortage of gravel for material to maintain the roads that the Forest Service would be turning over to the county. Kidd said that one of their problems was finding the gravel sources to maintain roads. Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton unanimous that the county will sign and enter into a joint road system agreement with the Forest Service as per agreement.

After a discussion on the conditions and materials of the Camas Creek and Crooked Creek roads, a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that they would also take in the Crooked Creek road and Camas Creek road. Aleen Orr said that they would try to work with the Commissioners on these sections of the road, as she didn't know whether they are Forest Service's roadway or not.

FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS

Harold Wilson, Darrell Williams and Rod Eastvold, Administrator for Fremont County Planning & Building Commission, met with the Commissioners concerning fees for building permits. Eastvold explained what Fremont County has adopted and how they are charging fees for services. The group discussed what it would cost to charge by the square foot, and what would be best for a county like Clark County. Eastvold suggested that the county forget square foot and have set fees. He said that the county will have to justify the fees that they are charging. No fees were set or a decision made at this time. Harold Wilson said that three of the Committee members: Rod Laird, John Larick, and Ellen Tarpley will stay on the Planning & Zoning Commission, but the board will need to replace some of the others. Darrell Williams reported on the problem that they have had in the Kilgore area with Hornes and said that the problem will be solved in the near future. Williams and Wilson said they need a private line with an answering machine for Planning & Zoning. It was unanimous that William's make arrangements for the phone and line.

Jim Lyons updated the Commission on the latest on roads & trails on the forest and public lands. He also informed them that under the straight real property law if it's owned by the county the county is trustee for the public.

COMNET EASEMENT

Kendall Adams, Forest Service, met with the Commission concerning Comnet cellular and their problem concerning an easement for a roadway through Golden Eagle or Roger Ferguson's property. Adams said Comnet is trying to get a ten-year (renewable) lease with Ferguson for roadway to place a tower in the area for cell phone reception. He said that Comnet needs to go through a few hundred feet of Golden Eagles property as it is the only reasonable access to that area and into the tower for Comnet. Discussion was held on the use of the road. Adams suggested that the county could condemn the road for public use. The Commission decided not to get involved.

ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BE HONORED

Bonnie Stoddard, County Historian, met with the Commission concerning expenses for honoring all the elected officials that were left out last year during Dubois Days. Last year the historical society held a dinner and dance in which the Sheriffs, Commissioners and City Council members were honored. Stoddard said they will call this event Clark County Days and tie it all together. It was moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous that the county will help honor the rest of the elected officials and the county will pay for the postage, furnish the meat and help pay for the band.

WEED PROGRAM

Keith Bramwell, Extension Agent, reported to the Commission on the weed meeting that was held in January by the Tri-weed group. He also invited the Commissioners to a county wide weed meeting that they were holding Wednesday night. Bramwell filled the Commission in on what his department is doing to control leafy spurge and spotted napweed in the county. He said that he has put in for a couple of grants to help control weeds. He said some of the moneys that he will get will be dedicated to spray weeds on BLM & Forest lands. The group discussed bare ground spraying, best time to spray and cost. Bramwell explained how this uses up his weed budget under operators and chemicals. The group talked about what would be required to have the Road & Bridge crew do the bare ground spraying along roads. Bramwell will check on having one of the road and bridge operate the spray rig or if they need to get licensed.

MISCELLANEOUS

It was brought to the Commissioners attention that one of the fringe benefits of a full-time employee is health insurance. Since Greg Shenton is covered by medical insurance by the water district, and he is still entitled to this benefit. Shenton said that he would like his two girls put on in his place and that he would pay the difference, or the amount above what it cost the county, if the county paid for his insurance. Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Vadnais that he is entitled to this benefit and the Clerk is authorized to put Shenton's two girls on and Greg will pay everything over \$220.60.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following claims were examined and approved unanimously by the Commission:

General	\$ 31,936.93
Road & Bridge	24,789.49
Ambulance	1,371.10
District Court	419.06
Fair	4,650.91
Health	1,770.75
Indigent	2,218.02
Senior Citizens	500.00
Solid Waste	480.54
Tort	500.00
Veteran's Memorial	500.00
Weeds	1,166.88
Juvenile Justice	833.34
Auditor's Trust	8.00
Med. Insurance	1,385.60
Grazing Dist. #3	8,285.06
Watermaster	5,582.69
Total	\$86,398.37

ORDERED THAT THIS MEETING IS HEREBY ADJOURNED.


Jo Ann S. Tavenner, Clerk


Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman