

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

June 9, 2014

The Board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Tod Shenton and William Frederiksen, County Attorney Kent Gauchay, Republican Nominee Nick Hillman and Clerk Velvet Killian .

CLAIMS

Commissioner William Frederiksen moved to approve the claims pending resolution of contractual issues with ITD warrant # 2014-117 3. Commissioner Tod Shenton seconded. Unanimous.

Current Expense	\$ 38,285.43
Road & Bridge	\$ 142,656.75
Ambulance	\$ 91.13
District Court	\$ 419.42
County Fair	\$ 3,684.74
Health District	\$ 71.91
Indigent and Charity	\$ 403.00
Economic Development	\$ 247.97
County/City Building	\$ 273.80
Solid Waste	\$ 1,272.53
Weeds	\$ 497.93
Land Use	\$ 489.27
911 System	\$ 313.57
Election Consolidation	\$ 3,031.85
TOTAL	\$ 191,739.30

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Darrin May, Road & Bridge supervisor, met with the Board to discuss current projects. He reported that the ditch relocation project along the Medicine Lodge Road is complete, except there is an area of bare dirt approximately sixty feet wide by one mile long that will need to be reseeded at some point in the future. He also reported that the pump ordered for solid waste use on the dumpster lids has been received and installed. He mentioned that ITD has a rotary snow blower for sale. Darrin indicated he has talked to several ITD employees that are familiar with the machine and has received favorable information regarding the condition of the machine. **Commissioner William Frederiksen moved to purchase the rotary snow blower from ITD and sell the blowers currently in the county inventory. Commissioner Tod Shenton seconded. Unanimous.** Mr. May discussed a quick hitch roller to be used in connection with a grader. He found one available; from Lynn Cox Enterprises for \$ 21,185.

Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to purchase a quick hitch roller from Lynn Cox Enterprises for up to \$ 22,000 out of the Road and Bridge “capital other” account. Commissioner William Frederiksen seconded. Unanimous. Darrin reported that future road projects will require more crushed gravel than the current inventory. He reported he would like to advertise for a crushing contract. He and the Board discussed pits which would best serve the current needs and potential price ranges for crushing services. **Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to advertise for crushing gravel in the amounts Darrin specifies for this year and next. Up to \$ 200,000. Commissioner William Frederiksen seconded. Unanimous.** Will Ricks met with the Board to continue talks on improvements to Rick’s Road. Darrin produced an estimate of the cost for the project. There were some variables from previous discussions. County pricing for chips is \$ 13.00 / ton. Darrin suggested they do the first phase of the paving and then wait a couple of weeks before they do the second phase. Darrin indicated that during the project there would be a need to keep heavy loads off the road particularly from making turns onto and off the road. Mr. Ricks indicated that would not be a problem. Mr. Ricks expressed a desire to proceed with the project; The Board instructed Darrin to continue to work on completing the project with costs to be shared as previously discussed and agreed upon. Commissioner Greg Shenton reported on a discussion with Mr. Tim Solomon, of Rocky Mountain Power regarding the lower section of the Ricks road. Commissioner Greg Shenton indicated that Mr. Solomon indicated that Rocky Mountain Power would participate in the cost of improvement of that section of the road. It was suggested that Rocky Mountain Power, the county and the Ricks each contribute one third towards the cost. Lastly, Darrin indicated he was ready to proceed with the county surplus property sale. It was determined that Darrin should begin advertizing the items for sale. Sealed bids would be received by July 11, 2014 by 5:00 pm. Commissioners will begin opening bids at 2:00 pm Monday July 14, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Frederiksen made the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection 1 (b) to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Tod Shenton, unanimous. Performed roll call vote; Commissioner Frederiksen aye, and Commissioner Greg Shenton aye, Commissioner Tod Shenton, aye.

Regular session resumes.

SHERIFF’S UPDATE

Sheriff Bart May met with the Board to update them on his department. Sheriff May discussed his monthly total incidents report, of special interest were the number of calls within the City of Dubois. He reported an inattentive individual broke a main water line at the dump and water station, but they were not able to identify the individual from camera footage, and the individual did not report the incident. Using this feedback, Sheriff May relocated existing security cameras to better monitor vehicles utilizing the dump station. Sheriff May reported that the 911 system is in a period of upgrade and improvement. He reported that a “new generation task force” is being organized, and it

has been recommended that representatives be nominated to serve on this statewide committee. **Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to submit the names of Sheriff Bart May and Mayor Randy Mead to represent Clark County on the statewide 911 New Generation Task Force Committee. Commissioner William Frederiksen seconded. Unanimous.** Sheriff May reported that he and officer Macinanti attended a homeland security exercise over the weekend. "The Ragin' Stagin' Exercise." He reported that Emergency Operations manager Russ Kerr acted as the safety officer for the duration. He also reported the new generator was impressive and operated flawlessly. Sheriff May and the Board both expressed appreciation for Mr. Kerr's efforts. An idea presented was that the school consider installing three phase power hookups outside so the generator could be used in conjunction with their building in times of emergency.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

Ron Schlader, U.S. Forest Service Ranger, and Tom Montoya, acting Targee-Caribou Forest Supervisor, met with the Board. They gave updates on many of the projects mentioned in previous meetings. Mr. Schlader reported they would have a field trip on June 10, 2014. This would be a review of designated areas under section 602 of the Healthy Forest System Land. Wildlife habitat, fuel reduction and overall forest health would be assessed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

In attendance were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Tod Shenton, and William Frederiksen, County Attorney Kent Gauchay, Clerk Velvet Killian, Assessor Carrie May, Treasurer Annette Zweifel, Extension officer, Laurie Small, Road & Bridge Supervisor Darrin May, Emergency Operations Manager Russ Kerr, Deputy Sheriff Boyd Eddins, and Sheriff Bart May. The annual volunteer and employee appreciation barbeque was scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2014 6:00 p.m. at the Dubois city park. Everyone was encouraged to support the rodeo and parade on June 21st and 22nd. Two items needing attention were discussed; the refrigerator in the community building and the door on the west side of the courthouse enclosing maintenance equipment. The Board instructed that these issues be assessed and addressed by Bo Billman, maintenance foreman.

RODEO CLUB/ LIQUOR LICENSE

Blake Kirkpatrick representing Clark County Rodeo Club met with the Board to request a liquor catering permit for the community rodeo June 21-22, 2014. **Commissioner William Frederiksen made the motion to approve a liquor catering permit at no charge to the Clark County Rodeo Club for the rodeo June 21-22, 2014 pending the acquisition of the proper state license, seconded by Commissioner Tod Shenton. Unanimous.**

U.S. SHEEP STATION

Brett Taylor, animal scientist and research leader for the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, (USSES) along with Jennifer Barnett, administrative officer, met with the Board. Mr. Taylor thanked the county for the county road & bridge and the volunteer fire fighters response to a recent fire at the USSES. He also expressed appreciation for the recently executed fire management plan which was signed June 5, 2014. Additional issues were discussed such as; access to water for the fire trucks, maps of housing, address connection to the 911 system, and notification of employee turnover. Mr. Taylor and Miss Barnett spoke of the future plans for the Sheep Station. He reported the facility will be sustained for the foreseeable future. Mr. Taylor expressed a desire to improve relations with the county. He extended an invitation to the Sheriff and his deputies to tour of the facility on June 18th. He encouraged county law enforcement to occasionally patrol the area, and said he would favor an agreement for road care and snow removal for their residents.

DISTRICT 7 HEALTH

Gerri Rackow met with the Board to present numbers for the 2015 Fiscal year. Together they reviewed the 2015 budget. It reflected a 1.5% increase from counties.

DEVELOPMENTAL RIGHTS

Marty Owen and Conni Owen (Conni per speaker phone) met with the Board to review developmental building rights within the county. They have met with some frustration in obtaining assurance that each parcel of land in existence at the time the development code was enacted was to be guaranteed one building right. There seems to be some inconsistency with original intent of use, the new comprehensive plan, and interpretation of the grandfather clause. It was recommended that the Owens revisit the Planning & Zoning department to resolve the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner William Frederiksen moved to approve the April 2014 minutes. Commissioner Tod Shenton seconded. Unanimous. Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to approve the May 2014 minutes. Commissioner William Frederiksen seconded. Unanimous.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Carrie May met with the Board to discuss replacement of the water damaged large map copier in the basement. The Assessor's office and the Clerk's office depend on this piece of equipment regularly. She presented one option of replacement through Whisper Mountain. The Board requested that the Assessor and Clerk work together to get more bids and that the information be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Annette Zweifel, Treasurer, met with the Board. She recently hired Ashley Leonardson as a new deputy treasurer. To perform her duties she will need to access East Idaho Credit Union accounts. **Commissioner William Frederiksen moved to adopt resolution # 2014-03 authorizing Ashley Leonardson to deposit into and review East Idaho Credit Union accounts. Commissioner Tod Shenton seconded. Unanimous.**

Commissioner William Frederiksen was excused.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to set the date of July 14th at 3:00 pm for the 2014 Board of Equalization hearing. Commissioner Greg Shenton seconded. Passed.

EMERGENCY OPERATION MANAGER

Russ Kerr met with the Board. He presented two purchase orders, one for basic ambulance supplies and one for EPI pens. **Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to approve the ambulance supply purchase and two EPI pens. Commissioner Greg Shenton seconded. Passed.** Russ also updated them on recent purchases of clothing for the firemen obtained through a 2012 homeland security grant. Mr. Kerr reported that on July 8th he was scheduled to attend the emergency managers workshop. As an ambulance administrator he expressed a desire to see more EMTs come through the system. He is working diligently to keep the current EMTs certified. The Board requested that at the next meeting he would present a spreadsheet showing the revenues and expenses incurred this fiscal year. He was also encouraged to work with Darrin May in preparation for the county surplus sale, and be sure to list any excess property he can identify.

CLERK / DEPUTY CLERK UPDATE

Velvet Killian, and Russ Kerr met with the Board to evaluate current positions, review job descriptions and consider changes in the breakdown of assignments regarding primarily Mr. Kerr's various employment assignments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

June 23, 2014 EMERGENCY MEETING SHEEP STATION CLOSURE

Friday June 20, 2014 it was learned from Richard Garber that the United States Secretary of Agriculture sent a reprogramming letter to the Congressional Appropriation Committees recommending closure of the US Sheep Experiment Station located near Dubois, ID.

Congress has 30 days to respond to the letter. Congress can approve or disapprove the request, ask questions for further clarification, or not respond to the letter. No response from Congress is deemed to be an approval of the request. The Congressional Appropriation Committees are supposed to contact congressmen from areas that will be impacted by the closure for their input.

The stated reason for the closure is due to a reduced budget in USDA-ARS and the inability of the USSES to operate within their allotted budget. The loss of key winter range (BLM Bernice Allotment) is a major reason for the USSES' inability to operate within budget. An additional \$200,000 was required for feed the flock during the winter in the feedlot at headquarters near Dubois.

The following timeline applies if Congress decides to close the USSES:

- All current employees will receive a redirection of assignment letter by July 3. There also will be some buyout/early retirement offers made at this time. The employees will have until August 29 to respond to the letter. The last day for those who retire will be October 3. Those you choose to be reassigned to a different location will need to report to the new location by November 3. All USDA-ARS functions at the Station will end on or before November 3.

The University of Idaho owns the sheep. They will need to sell or relocate the herd before closure. There may be an opportunity for the UI to have a no-cost revocable permit for use of the facility and lands. There is a concern that some employees will depart early for other job opportunities, which will make management of the sheep bands on summer range difficult.

In response to this information an emergency meeting was called for the purpose of; understanding the budgetary challenges being faced, reviewing possible options, assess local impact, and gain support to suggest reconsideration of the closure.

Those in attendance were;

Greg Shenton	Clark County Commissioner/ Chair
Tod Shenton	Clark County Commissioner
William Frederiksen	Clark County Commissioner
Brett Taylor	Research Animal Scientist
Nick Hillman	Republican Commissioner nominee elect
Paul Romrell	State Representative
Richard Savage	Cattlemen's Association/ Hamer
Mike Webster	Governor's Office/ Roberts
Jim Hagenbarth	Livestock Association/ Kilgore
Cindy Siddoway	Idaho Wool Growers/ Terretton
Lyle Holden	Mayor, City of Spencer
Randy Mead	Mayor, City of Dubois
Bart May	Clark County Sheriff
Boyd Eddins	Clark County Chief Deputy Sheriff
Amy Taylor	Representative for U.S. Senator James Risch

Ethan Huffman	Rep. for U.S. House of Rep. Mike Simpson
Brad Eddins	Sheep Station employee
Annette Eddins	University of Idaho employee/ Sheep Station
Buck Holly	Department of Defense/ private contractor
Carrie May	Clark County Assessor
Laurie Small	University of Idaho employee
Kerri Ellis	Economic Development Specialist
John Foltz	University of Idaho Administrator/ telephonically
Bonnie Stoddard	Jefferson Star
Rhett Jacobs	Riverbend Ranch
Boyd Leonard	USSES USDA employee/ Hamer
Shawna Leonard	USSES USDA employee/ Hamer
Harley Carpenter	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Ted Edwards	Spencer resident/ former county commissioner
Zac Miller (and associate)	Farm Bureau Regional Manager
Bob Ellis	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Afton Ellis	Sheep Station employee/ Hamer
Neil Wood	Proprietor/ Dubois
Ella Ybarlucea	USSUS USDA employee/ Montevieu
Three representatives from U.S. Senator Mike Crapo's office	
Velvet Killian	Clark County Clerk

An open discussion was held where various ideas, concerns and opinions were expressed. Many individuals and organizations agreed to submit a letter of concern to local representatives and congressmen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


 Velvet Killian, Clerk


 Gregory Shenton, Chairman