

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

April 13, 2006

The board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Ted Edwards, and Michael Leonardson, Clerk Conni Owen, and jointing the meeting at approximately 11:30 am Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Leonardson, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the minutes for March 13, 2006 be approved.

**CLAIMS**

Current Expense	19531.92
Road & Bridge	66848.08
Ambulance	2883.88
District Court	5016.78
County Fair	498.23
Health District	1779.51
Indigent	17.20
Jr. College	450.00
County/City Building	497.30
Solid Waste	961.88
Tort	17000.00
Weeds	2126.20
Juvenile Justice	2471.67
Revenue Sharing	2095.00
Land Use	64.14
Grants	23.90
Medical Insurance Trust	109.52
CWMA Trust	446.30
Water Districts	1908.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,729.97</b>

**PSI CONTRACT**

Stoney Tucker and Adam Johnson representing PSI met with the Board to renew their contract for residential waste removal. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to extend the contract for waste removal for three years from October 2005 to October 2008, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

**FOREST SERVICE UPDATE**

John Kidd, representing the Dubois ranger district of the forest service, met with the Board to update them on forest issues. He said they are currently in the NEPA process for approval of additional ATV trails. Mr. Kidd said they had received a Parks and

Recreation grant to update the Weber Creek campground and that they would also be updating the Steel Creek campground. He reported that Keith Bramwell will be spraying weeds on horseback again this year. He noted they will be advertising for sale, timber in the East Beaver forest.

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to sign a maintenance agreement with the forest service for the County to maintain portions of the forest service roads that are on the county road system until March 30, 2011, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding getting maps for high risk areas in the county for the fire plan.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Lacey Ekberg, economic development coordinator, and Harold Wilson and Steve Gilger, met with the Board to update them on economic development activities. Ms. Ekberg reported she had replied for a grant to conduct an engineering study on the acreage owned by the City of Dubois at the airport. She also said that developers were looking at building 4-plex condos in the city owned gravel pit.

Mr. Wilson reported that Mayor Tweedie is working on the easement for city street 2<sup>nd</sup> South to continue west through the Anderson/Webster property.

Ms. Ekberg reported she is resigning from her position as economic developer and her last day is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held about continued involvement with Fremont County for the economic development position.

### **DISTRICT 7 HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Brenda Bloom representing the District 7 Health Department met with the Board to review the last two quarterly reports of their activities. She reviewed the numbers with the Board and discussed school visits.

### **BIRCH CREEK TRANSFER STATION**

Commissioner Shenton reported that Mac Wagoner had contacted him and told him he would not be able to attend a commissioner meeting to discuss the option to purchase the property the Birch Creek transfer station is on. Mr. Wagoner said he would be willing to extend the lease by 10 years. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to prepare a document to extend the lease for the property that the Birch Creek Transfer Station sits on by 15 years from the end of the current lease, which would extend the lease to March of 2026, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

### **ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE**

Mitch Whitmill, road and bridge supervisor met with the Board to update them on his department. He noted he is working on this summer's project schedule. He reported that

the County had received notice that the County was successful in its grant application for replacing the Jensen Lane bridge. Mr. Whitmill also reported that the old bridge from Jensen Lane would be moved to the diversion and repairs would be made to the Shenton Lane Bridge.

Mr. Whitmill reported the St. Anthony work camp would be installing fence at the new shop. Discussion was held regarding the new shop and the late fee charged to the contractor.

Discussion was held regarding a private sign that is too far in the county right-a-way. Mr. Whitmill will speak to the owner of the sign and ask them to move it back.

Mr. Whitmill reported that Fremont County will be limiting the weights of vehicles on the Red Road until June 1<sup>st</sup> and asked the Board to do the same. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to limit the weight of vehicles to 26,000 GVW on the Red Road until June 1, 2006, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

He reported he had asked for quotes for a fuel station and hadn't received any so far. Mr. Whitmill also noted he planned on chip sealing approximately 20 miles of roads this year.

#### **NEW SHOP SETTLEMENT**

The Board met with Curt Karst, architect for the new shop and Bob Beck, builder of the new shop. Discussion was held regarding late fees, and utility charges. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to reduce the late fees to \$1700, reduce the propane settlement to \$1019.05, electrical stay at \$732.63, and garbage be reduced to \$0, total deductions from final payment to Beck Construction for the building would be \$3451.68, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

#### **TAX CANCELLATION**

Bonnie Burns treasurer and Carrie May assessor met with the Board to request the cancellation of taxes for CIT Group. They noted that the tax was on personal property leased by Larsen Farms in 2003 and 2004, and that CIT Group had paid the tax in Jefferson County where the property resided. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to cancel CIT Group taxes for 2003 and 2004 in the amounts of \$2149.98 and \$2134.76 respectively, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

#### **TREASURER REPORT**

Bonnie Burns, treasurer presented the monthly treasurer report to the Board for their review.

#### **JAIL INSPECTION**

The Board performed their quarterly inspection of the jail.

#### **JAIL BUDGET**

Craig King, sheriff met with the Board to discuss the jail budget. He noted that we've already had 896 hold days so far this year compared to 354 during the same time period last year. He reported they had collected \$2955 in jail fees so far this year. Mr. King

said he was already over budget in jail food and asked for assistance from the Board. The Board asked Mr. King to try to make up for it through savings of other line items in his budget, but if he couldn't they would assist him with the line item with PILT funds.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Lacey Ekbert, Harold Wilson, Steve Gilger and representing the Idaho Dept. of Commerce, Randy Shroll, met with the Board to discuss the future of the economic development specialist position. Mr. Shroll asked for a commitment of support from the Board for the continuation of the position. The Board adamantly supported the position and commended Ms. Ekberg for her hard work. The Board asked Mr. Shroll if Clark County could get their half of the Department of Commerce's funding for the position to split away from Fremont County. Mr. Shroll asked for a letter from the Board stating their position. The Board directed the Clerk to draft a letter to the Department of Commerce stating their support.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Bret Taylor representing the Clark County School Board met with the Board to discuss school safety. He noted that the Board has been working on school safety policy. He said they would be working with the City of Dubois to have more signs posted by the school warning traffic of the pedestrians. He asked for more involvement from law enforcement on drug abuse education for teachers and students.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Randy Grover, planning and zoning administrator met with the Board to discuss the creation of an ordinance regulating confined animal feedlot operation sitings. The prosecutor advised this ordinance to begin at the planning and zoning board level. Mr. Grover said he would speak with his board about the matter.

### **ITD WEED CONTRACT**

The Board reviewed the contract for the county to spray weeds for the Idaho Transportation Department in the amount of \$12,500. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to sign the contract to spray weeds for the Idaho Transportation Department in the amount of \$12,500 for the year 2006, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Shenton made the motion to adjourn to executive session as per I.C. 67-2345 to discuss indigent matters, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous by roll call.

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to adjourn to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

### **VISITOR'S CENTER**

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to contribute \$1500 for the Dubois visitor's center for the 2006 season, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

### **TOMLINSON ROAD REQUEST**

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to maintain the Medicine Lodge Road and Warm Creek Road at a secondary road level, providing that Lynn Tomlinson moves his residence to Warm Creek and extends his business to a year-round status; maintenance does not include Mr. Tomlinson's private driveway, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



*Conni S. Owen, Clerk*



*Gregory Shenton, Chairman*