

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

JULY 12, 2021

The Board met this day in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Nick Hillman, and MaCoy Ward. Clerk Tyson Schwartz and Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson were also present.

No amendments to the agenda were made.

CLAIMS

01-Current Expense	\$36754.25
02-Road & Bridge	\$27540.85
04-Ambulance	\$3095.60
06-District Court	\$1203.98
07-Fair, County	\$506.46
08-Justice Fund	\$300
11-Health District	\$1456.88
16-Indigent and Charity	\$5532.20
18 Economic Development	\$27687.50
19- County/City Building	\$541.77
23-Solid Waste	\$1683.72
27-Weeds	\$2658.23
28- Juvenile Justice	\$5774.70
35- Land Use Planning	\$37.42
36-911 System	\$1607.36
44-Disaster Emergency	\$204.72
45- Election Consolidation	\$500
50-Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$27267.59
9128- Weed Revolving Trust	\$5486.20
9129- Cooperative Weed MGMT. Area	\$21419.75
Total	\$171,259.18

The Board reviewed the claims.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the claims for July 8, 2021. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Hillman motioned to approve the minutes for June 14th, June 16th, 17th, and 21st with changes. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S UPDATE

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Sheriff Clements and Dispatcher Judy Keele came before the Board. Ms. Keele presented a proposal to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to update the radio dispatch console, purchase a second fingerprint scanning machine, and purchase the ArcMap GIS program and maintenance. Ms. Keele also stated that a grant from the Idaho State Police can assist up to \$15,000 in purchasing a fingerprint scanning machine.

Sheriff Clements provided a monthly incident report to the Board. Sheriff Clements discussed a grant offered through the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission that his department is pursuing. The grant would help to upgrade and maintain the current 911 system installed in 2019. Sheriff Clements explained that a requirement of the grant application is to gather letters of support from various agencies. County Clerk Tyson Schwartz presented a letter of support from the Clark County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Ward motioned to endorse the grant application made by the Clark County Sheriff. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: JILL EGAN

Clark County Emergency Management Supervisor Jill Egan came before the Board to provide her update. Mrs. Egan discussed potentially taking steps to have the Community Center become a Red Cross Emergency Shelter through the American Red Cross. This would be of no cost to the county. Mrs. Egan stated that it could be a valuable resource in the event of an emergency, especially since there is not any cost to the county.

Mrs. Egan stated that she is gathering more information on a potential crisis management course to be held in the region. Mrs. Egan stated there is significant interest in the area, and that she is working on obtaining more information on when and where it may be held.

Mrs. Egan stated that the new chassis for one of the ambulances will not arrive until November or December. Mrs. Egan also discussed upcoming EMPG and SHSP grants. Thirty percent of these grant funds go to cybersecurity. Discussion was held on the use of these funds to purchase new ballistic vests and new radios.

SENATOR RISCH'S OFFICE: AMY TAYLOR

Amy Taylor from Senator Risch's office came before the Board, joined by Kathryn Hitch of Senator Crapo's office and Josh Sorensen with Representative Simpson's office. Information was presented on how to contact the various legislator's offices. Mrs. Taylor stated their offices can help the county when dealing with any Federal Agency, or when making United States Academy recommendations.

The Board discussed the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) formula and how it impacts the county. Since the formula is based on population instead of amount of Federal lands, Clark County receives much smaller amounts of PILT money compared to more densely populated

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areas, even though Clark County has more Federal lands. Mrs. Taylor stated that there may be legislation introduced to have the PILT formula changed. The Board discussed the current housing market in the county. There is currently a lack of housing. Homes that go on the market are not available for long, and there are no current housing developments being planned.

The Board discussed the impacts of Covid-19 in the county. With the social distancing requirements that were in place, Commissioner Hillman stated that an increased number of people travelled to Clark County to recreate outdoors. Economic development was also discussed. Commissioner Shenton stated that fiber optic internet is available here, and that the county is ready to have businesses based here.

The Board also discussed the U.S. Sheep Station. The Sheep Station plays an important role in research and provides jobs for the community. Threats to cut funding or eliminate the Sheep Station would create negative impacts for the county.

Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch break.

Meeting resumed at 1:03 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIAL UPDATE

The Board began by asking Elected Officials to brainstorm ideas to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Also discussed was the annual county employee picnic. Dates and times were discussed, and the picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 31st at 6:00 p.m. County Assessor Carrie May discussed potentially raising the DMV fee to be comparable with other offices in the region. Mrs. May discussed potentially raising the fee to \$6.00 after holding the requisite hearings.

FORSGREN UPDATE: AARON SWENSON

Aaron Swenson with Forsgren Engineering stated that material sourcing is still being conducted. Mr. Swenson stated that the Ward property is most likely the best source. Mr. Swenson also stated that Cannon Builders wants to discuss liquidated damages regarding the construction delays on the Medicine Lodge Bridge. The Board stated that they could discuss the matter with Cannon Builders if they desired to be on the agenda and come before the Board.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE: DARRIN MAY, FORSGREN

Darrin May of Forsgren Engineering provided an update to the Board on the various projects happening in the county. Mr. May stated that chip sealing operations had begun on select county roads. Mr. May also stated that construction on the Beaver Creek Bridge is complete. Mr. May discussed the start date for newly hired Road and Bridge Supervisor Jacob Irick, and the time and location he should report on his first day. The Board suggested Mr. Irick could report directly to the Road and Bridge shop facility.

KATIE TOYOSHIMA; REMOVAL OF EASEMENT

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Katie Toyoshima appeared via telephone to discuss removal of an easement on property she owns in Spencer. Ms. Toyoshima stated that the property was purchased in the fall of 2020. Ms. Toyoshima stated that she owns parcels RPS00000232575 and RP12N36E232575, and that the easement runs across the north side of these two parcels. Assessor May provided a map with the easement highlighted. Parcel number RPS00000232575 is located within the city limits of Spencer. The Board discussed the matter and stated that more research needed to be done in order to consider this matter, especially since one of the properties is located within an incorporated city.

IDAHO STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION UPDATE: JARED RICKS

Jared Ricks, East Idaho Regional Coordinator with the Idaho State Public Defense Commission appeared via telephone. Mr. Ricks stated that the Commission will be considering the FY2022 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance applications soon. Mr. Ricks stated that the county should be hearing from the Commission soon on the status of the application.

Mr. Ricks stated that the negotiated rulemaking process was still going on, and that the Public Defense Commission (PDC) will be sending out updates to counties shortly. Clerk Tyson Schwartz asked Mr. Ricks if financial assistance funds could be used to purchase a new timestamp machine for the courts, since the county's current machine is beginning to require constant maintenance. Mr. Ricks stated that the answer is likely no.

SCHEDULING OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Clerk Schwartz discussed what the Board would like to do for Budget Workshops. Commissioner Shenton stated he would like to have a projection of how much money each budget will likely end with. Clerk Schwartz agreed. Workshops will be discussed at a later date.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 4:01 p.m. the Board called the Board of Equalization hearing to order on the record after moving to the courtroom. Clerk Schwartz swore in Mr. Jim Tarpley, appellant. County Assessor Carrie May and Appraiser Jeremy Dixon were also sworn in.

Mr. Tarpley of Blue Springs Ranch, 221 Blue Creek Rd. Dubois, ID appeared before the Board of Equalization to provide testimony on his property. Mr. Tarpley stated that he objects to the rate at which portions of his properties are valued at, and believes that a rocky area with sagebrush is being valued at too high of a rate. Mr. Tarpley stated that he would yield to any questions.

Jeremy Dixon, Appraiser, stated that the ground being considered is dry grazing.

Mr. Tarpley did not bring his documentation, his assessed values. Assessor May stated she would go to her office and retrieve the assessed values for the properties.

Recessed at 4:08 p.m.

Resumed at 4:11 p.m., back on the record.

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Jeremy Dixon explained to the Board that the property being appealed is already based on the lowest assessed value for dry grazing ground, which is \$20.00 per acre.

Mr. Dixon stated that last year he met with Mr. Tarpley at the property and discussed these valuations with him. Assessor May stated that in previous years, this has been done. However, the date of this hearing is the last day of the Board of Equalization, and there is no time to meet out at the property.

Mr. Tarpley clarified that he is appealing the values of the dry grazing lands only.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the appraised values. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Roll call: Commissioner Hillman, aye. Commissioner Ward, aye. Commissioner Shenton, aye.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed in the Commissioner's Room.

Commissioner Ward motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Roll call; Commissioner Ward, aye, Commissioner Hillman, aye, Commissioner Shenton, aye.

Executive Session commenced at 4:32 p.m.

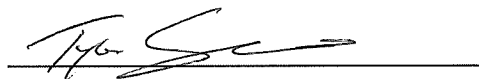
Executive Session ended at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 5:01

Regular Session adjourned at 5:02.



Greg Shenton, Chairman



Tyson Schwartz, Clerk