

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

March 13, 2000

The board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Charles Vadnais, Ted Edwards, and Greg Shenton, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson and Clerk, Conni Owen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the minutes for February 14, 2000 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Current Expense	15499.47
Road & Bridge	38471.13
Ambulance	2184.11
District Court	1915.60
Fair, County	589.67
Indigent	5453.77
County/City Building	1004.80
Solid Waste	516.44
Tort	1145.00
Weeds	251.66
Revenue Sharing-State	86387.00
Land Use	108.82
Court Trust	315.00
Grants	200.00
Trust-Medical Ins.	125.00
Water Districts	1815.03
Totals	\$155,982.50

MEETING WITH SHERIFF KING

Sheriff King reported that the Idaho Sheriff's Association will be conducting jail inspections May 14-May 16. He said any of the Commissioners are welcome to join this inspection team.

Sheriff King asked what he should do with the ashes of the indigent individual found in Birch Creek. The prosecuting attorney directed the sheriff to contact the family to ask them if they would like to receive the ashes. If the family declines to accept the ashes, then the commissioners directed the sheriff to spread the ashes in Birch Creek, where the body was found.

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

Virgil Valantine, civil defense director, reported on his department. Discussion was held on the possibility of placing a backup generator at the repeater station at radar hill.

Mr. Valantine presented a request for Brandie Terry, of Lone Pine, to have access to the Clark County frequency for emergency purposes as an EMT. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to approve Ms. Terry access to the County radio system.

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FUNDS

Lyle Thompson met with the Board at their request. The Board asked him to work with our road and bridge supervisor on a project plan of paving more of the Kilgore-East (A-2) road. Mr. Thompson will research costs and funding and report back to the board.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

Vic Christensen, road and bridge supervisor reported on his department. He presented a purchase agreement with Idaho Asphalt for asphalt in 2000. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to accept the Idaho Asphalt contract.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to purchase a flat-bed for a service vehicle for the road and bridge department.

COUNTY AUDIT

Farrell Steiner, representing Draney, Searle & Associates presented his audit report for year ended September 30, 1999. He reported that the County was in sound financial condition.

MEETING WITH CITY OF DUBOIS

The Commission met with the City of Dubois Councilmen and Mayor to discuss the division of the building they jointly purchased. Tabled for further discussion on March 20, 2000 at 9:00 am in the Commissioner's room.

Mayor, Keith Tweedie, reported there would be a meeting March 30, with the INEEL, regarding community development funds.

CLOSING ON BUILDING PURCHASE

Kevin Murray with Remax Realty and Kellie Murdock with Alliance Title presented the Board and City of Dubois with documents to finalize the purchase of the building known as the old forest service building (420 W. Main St.).

WEEDS

Keith Tweedie met with the Board to report on his department. Mr. Tweedie presented a contract for the County to spray weeds for the Idaho Transportation Department on state highways. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to accept the contract in the amount of \$11,200.

Mr. Tweedie discussed the weed management plan for the County. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to adopt the weed management plan.

Mr. Tweedie discussed possible purchases upon receiving a state weed grant

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to increase the mileage reimbursement to County employees from \$.28 to \$.31 per mile.

EXTENSION AGENT REPORT

Keith Bramwell reported on his department to the Board. He said there are reports that there could be a problem with grasshoppers this year. He said his office would have bait in inventory to treat the grasshoppers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

The elected officials and department heads met with the Board. Sheriff, Craig King, stated he would like to see the Commissioners pass an ordinance to put on the ballot a 911 surcharge. This would allow him to update 911 equipment in his office.

Auctioning of surplus items was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the new county/city annex. The Commissioners asked for suggestions on which offices should relocate and possible shifting of offices in the courthouse. The Commissioners did state they would like all the elected offices to remain in the courthouse.

PLANNING & ZONING

Randy Grover, planning and zoning administrator, met with the board to update them on his department. He said the hearing was held for the variance of the proposed new school, and the planning and zoning board had approved the variance.

Mr. Grover noted he had changed the permit applications to read the signer is responsible for all payments if changes are made from the original permit.

Mr. Grover discussed with the board possible proposals for amendments to the planning and zoning ordinance.

SUBROLL ADDITION

Clerk, Conni Owen, reported that the final subroll she received from the Assessor had increased in the amount of \$9,045 from the original roll received by the Board in December. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to approve the addition to the 2000 subroll.

AMBULANCE BILLINGS

Clerk, Conni Owen, asked the Board to rule on ambulance charges for EMT's or their families. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to bill the patient's insurance first, the balance due after insurance would be wrote off by the County.

TAX DEED SALE

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous to sell the Sage Bar, acquired by tax deed, at public auction April 10, 2000 at 2:00 pm in the Commissioner's room.

INDIGENT ASHES

Sheriff King reported back to the Commissioners that he had spoken with the family of the indigent deceased about his ashes. The family did not want his ashes. The Commissioners directed Sheriff King to spread the ashes in Birch Creek where the body was found.

CHECK CASHING POLICY

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to follow the auditor's recommendation to set a policy prohibiting the cashing of checks, including employee personal checks, by any county office.

TURNOVER OF FUNDS

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to follow the auditor's recommendation to set a policy for each office of the courthouse to turnover funds to the County Auditor when they reach \$5000 in their respective checking accounts. This should not effect the regular monthly turnover of funds that is in place, this just means the offices may have to turnover funds more than once a month. This allows the County to earn the maximum amount of interest on these funds.

Meeting continued to March 20, 2000 @ 9:00 am for discussion with the City of Dubois regarding City/County Annex and discussion with Marlowe Goble regarding roads.

March 20, 2000

The board met this day in special session. Those present were Commissioners Charles Vadnais, Ted Edwards, and Greg Shenton, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson arriving at approximately 9:45am and Clerk, Conni Owen.

CITY/COUNTY ANNEX

The board met with Mayor Keith Tweedie, Councilmen Bart May, Rex Holden, and Clerk Missy Tarpley of the City of Dubois. Division of the City/County Annex was discussed. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to agree to the following terms for the City/County Annex Building.

1. Power, water, sewer, and maintenance for the annex building be split 1/3 City of Dubois, 2/3 Clark County, from time of purchase until approximately April of 2001 at such time division of expenses to be re-evaluated to determine fairness.

2. New construction (fence, landscaping, etc.) shall be split equally between the City of Dubois and Clark County, unless the purchase is something only required for one entity.
3. City of Dubois will maintain the lawn and landscaping.
4. County shall be responsible for snow removal.
5. Each entity shall be responsible for the cleaning of their part of the building, with the exception of the restrooms, which the County will clean.
6. City of Dubois will be responsible for the purchase of cleaning supplies.
7. The County will be responsible for paying for garbage services.

MEETING WITH MARLOWE GOBLE

Marlowe Goble met with the Board to discuss issues regarding buffalo on public lands and roads. Also in attendance were Ray Rigby, Mr. Goble's attorney, and Tom Gooch and Mike Stoddard representing the BLM. Discussion was held about whether buffalo fall under the open range laws of the State. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, for the Prosecuting Attorney to ask for an opinion from the Attorney General's office whether buffalo are a domestic animal as stated in the open range laws.

April 6, 2000

The board met this day in special session. Those present were Commissioners Charles Vadnais, Ted Edwards, and Greg Shenton, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson arriving at approximately 2:30 pm and Clerk, Conni Owen.

ADVISORY BALLOT

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to have an advisory ballot at the primary election May 23, 2000 regarding the federal policies for road closures on the Targhee National Forest.

BUFFALO COMMENTS

After reviewing an environmental assessment from the BLM regarding buffalo on public lands in the Medicine Lodge Area a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to have the prosecuting attorney send a letter with comments regarding the assessment to the BLM.

BLAINE LARSEN-PROPERTY TAXES

The Board met with Blaine Larsen and several tax payers of the County. Mr. Larsen discussed the possibility of forming a committee to work with the Board and Clerk to keep taxes as low as possible to help relieve the tax payer of a larger levy due to the recently passed school bond. The Board told Mr. Larsen and others they welcomed assistance in the preparation of the budget in August and before.

Mr. Larsen also discussed organization of the County and the possibility of a County manager with the Board.

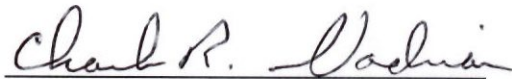
BRION EGAN-LIST OF VOTERS

Mr. Egan discussed with the Board his findings as a member of a committee who reviewed the recent election results of the school bond with school personnel. He requested that the County try to have as accurate of voter list as possible. The Board reviewed the laws of registration with Mr. Egan.

Ordered this Board be now adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman