

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

April 10, 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 Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, that the minutes for March 13, 2000 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Current Expense	9275.07
Road & Bridge	5071.30
Ambulance	1895.93
District Court	282.50
Fair, County	295.16
Indigent & Charity	22.60
County/City Building	227.25
Solid Waste	622.25
Tort	374.00
Weeds	256.65
Juvenile Justice	1125.00
Land Use	54.95
Court Trust	20.50
Grants	723.00
Medical Insurance	133.79
Water Districts	9090.39
Totals	\$29,470.34

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Vic Christenson, supervisor of the road and bridge department, met with the Board to discuss his department. Mr. Christenson reported he would be attempting to piggy-back off Fremont County's bid for gravel crushing. The bid is for crushing 5/8-inch rock at \$5.40 per ton. Mr. Christenson will follow up on this matter.

Mr. Christenson discussed the possibility of closing the Red Road to truck traffic for specific time periods. Prosecuting Attorney Simpson advised the Board Idaho Code 49-1005 allows the County to close roads to trucks seasonally.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to place a used cattle guard on the Laird road to the Jones place. This is a county road with a public right-a-way, so it is necessary for the County to put the cattle guard in place.

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to accept the agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department to accept state highway account funds in exchange for the County's share Local Rural Surface Transportation Program funds in the amount of 52,536.00.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to purchase an air compressor for the service truck for Road and Bridge, not to exceed \$600.

WEED UPDATE

Keith Tweedie, Weed Supervisor, met with the Board regarding his department. He reported the balance of Fish and Wildlife Funds for cost sharing from 1998 in the amount of 3794.00 had been received. He reported these funds would go back to all the individuals who participated in the cost-sharing program in 1998.

Mr. Tweedie reported they were sending in the final paperwork for the ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share Program. He hoped they would receive approval in the near future.

EXTENSION UPDATE

Keith Bramwell, extension agent updated the Board on his department. He reported he would be attending a microbusiness conference in Salt Lake City. After attending the conference he hopes to conduct seminars for patrons to learn about starting their own business.

Mr. Bramwell reported he would be receiving a 1988 Blazer through the University of Idaho Extension service. He said he would need to have it painted out of his budget.

Mr. Bramwell also reported there are five 4-H steer projects this year in the county.

KATHY RICHMOND, LEGISLATURE CANDIDATE

Kathy Richmond, candidate for state representative for District 26, introduced herself to the Board. She discussed several state issues with the Board.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE

Randy Grover, planning and zoning director updated the board on his department. He reported he had received the balance of the permit due for the Ferguson home. He reported he still has one outstanding permit that is past due.

Mr. Grover reported he would need some furniture to be able to move to the new annex. The Board said they would try to get surplus furniture from the site for his use.

Mr. Grover discussed with the Board possible amendments to the code in the future.

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Harold Wilson and Mary Grover met with the Board to update them on Development Council projects. Mr. Wilson reported they are still working toward the Development Council becoming a separate tax-exempt entity from the County and the City of Dubois.

Mr. Wilson also reported there would be a meeting April 13, 2000 at 7:00 pm to evaluate the costs projected of the downtown development. He said the first stage of the project would be to put in curb and gutter from True Value and Scoggins down to the existing sidewalks downtown. The second stage of the development will be a nature path from the rest area down to the creek. They are working on grants and other funding for these projects.

Mr. Wilson said there is a possibility that diagonal parking in front of the courthouse would need to be eliminated, in order to allow room for sidewalks. He also asked if it would be possible to make part of the County Annex into a visitor's center. The Commissioners told him they would consider these items.

AUCTION FOR PROPERTY

No interested parties were present for the auction of Lot 4, Block 1, Davis Addition, which was acquired by tax deed from Doug Smith.

OLD INDIGENT CLAIM

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, pending the CAT Board's approval, that the County accept the principal balance owed as final payment for Indigent Case #210.

MEETING WITH COURTHOUSE OFFICIALS

The Board met with Treasurer, Bonnie Burns; Assessor, Betty Kirkpatrick; Sheriff, Craig King; and Clerk, Conni Owen. The Board reviewed the new policies enacted by the Commissioners regarding turning fees collected over to the Auditor when the balance received reaches \$5,000. The Board pointed out that it could mean the offices might have to turn over funds more than once a month. The Board also reviewed their new policy regarding check cashing. The policy prohibits the cashing of checks, including employee personal checks, by any county office.

The Board discussed with the officials possible plans of changing offices around in the courthouse, due to the purchase of the County annex.

Commissioner Shenton addressed the parking problem in front of the courthouse. He asked again that County employees not park in front of the courthouse, he stated the front parking was for patrons only.

PROPANE TANK PURCHASES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to purchase the propane tank at the Community Center for approximately \$480.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to have Civil Director, Virgil Valentine, check into purchasing a 1000-gallon propane tank for the emergency generator and jail to share.

AMBULANCE FUND RAISER

Clerk, Conni Owen, reported that the Ambulance group had inquired about the insurance coverage for a cow pasture golf fundraiser to be held at the Eden ranch in Montevideo. She reported that ICRMP advised they would cover the event, but also advised that the property owner have property coverage, because ICRMP would only cover the liability portion.

CALFO'S

The board discussed that the moratorium in place for confined animal-livestock feeding operations would expire in April. They requested that the planning and zoning administrator and board review recently passed legislation to see if it meets the County's needs.

FOREST SUPERVISOR, MAC MURDOCK

Mac Murdock, forest supervisor met with the Board to discuss the forest service's new travel plan. He reported they had ordered the new signs for roads. Roads that are open will be marked. Roads that are closed will not be marked. He also noted that Montana is starting to prohibit cross-country travel on BLM and Forest lands.

The Board informed Mr. Murdock that there would be an advisory vote on roadless areas on the ballot in May.

The Board requested from Mr. Murdock a copy of the actual diary entries regarding the buffalo grazing project in Medicine Lodge. Mr. Murdock asked for the request in writing.

Mr. Murdock reported that the consolidation of the Caribou and Targhee National Forests was now complete. He said the Ashton and Island Park ranger districts would also be combined in the near future.

INDIGENT CASE 00-01

Clerk, Conni Owen presented indigent case 00-01 to the board. After reviewing the case a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to deny indigent case 00-01 on the basis that the County is not the last resort of funding.

INDIGENT CASE 00-02

Clerk, Conni Owen presented indigent case 00-02 to the board. After reviewing the case a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to deny indigent case 00-02 on the basis that the County is not the last resort of funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

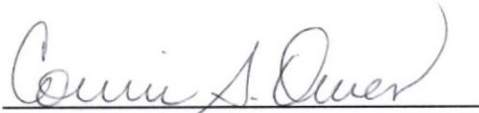
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE AUDITOR

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to accept the contract from Draney, Searle & Associates to perform the audit for the County for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

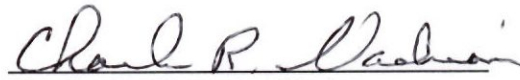
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The Board met with Sheriff, Craig King, to discuss personnel issues.

Ordered this Board be now adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman