

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

JUNE 9, 1997

The Board met this day in regular session. Present were Commissioners: Charles R. Vadnais, Charles E. Wilson and Greg A. Shenton, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Kent Gauchay and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that the minutes dated May 12, 1997 be approved as written.

WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM

Orvin Jorgensen and Keith Bramwell met with the Commission concerning the weed-spraying program. The group discussed leafy spurge and ways to kill or control it. Jorgensen informed the Board that he has one of the "School-to-Work" youth working with Tom Gauchay spraying weeds and the other two scraping and painting the weed shed. Jorgensen said the crew has requested that they be allowed to get a paint spray gun to speed the process up. The group discussed the fence, which is falling down at the weed shed, whether to replace or repair. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the fence is not repairable and should be replaced if funding is available. After some discussion it was unanimous that these expenses could be paid out of the building fund (general). Vadnais said he would look into which fencing materials would be the best buy for the county. Bramwell informed the Commission that he has turned the gray pickup over to the School-to-Work program for the summer and he will be using his private vehicle to run in. Jorgensen said that with the approval of the Commission they plan to put a 55 or 100 gallon tank with a pump/motor on it so they will have water in the field when ever they need it. Purchase approved. Jorgensen said the object of the School-to-Work program is for the boys to map the weed and bug sites, then transfer information to the computer; so they can make sure the weeds get sprayed the second season or see what is going on in that area. Jorgensen requested permission to attend a weed training program in Jerome. It was unanimous that Jorgensen should attend the weed classes. Jorgensen said we would not be able to control the weeds in this county until the weeds are controlled on the waterways. He said they need to get them when they are small and wipe them out. The group talked about the noxious weed law and how it effects the programs. They talked about working with the railroad officials on controlling weeds along the track. They also discussed building a facility at the landfill (East of Town) for the weed department .

REQUEST TO BID ON FUEL

Rod Laird met with the Commission and requested that the county put the fuel out on bid for county vehicles. He informed the Board that he lives in the county and would like to have the opportunity to bid on supplying the county with fuel. Laird said that he had visited with Rod Belcher, who informed him that the county supports local business. No decision was made at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING UP-DATE

Rod Laird, Chairman for Planning & Zoning, met with the Commission concerning loss of revenue by the City not having an ordinance in place. He said on the tax roll for 1998 there will be \$2,411,531.00 that should go on the roll, but there was no permit fees as the City had no ordinance in place. Laird figured the Planning & Zoning Commission lost a little over \$13,000 on these permits. He was also concerned about what people were turning in for values on the building permits.

FOREST SERVICE/IRVING CREEK ROAD

Mac Murdock, Forest Ranger, met with the Commission concerning Irving Creek roads. Murdock said the Forest Service would still need to have access through Egan's property to get to the forest boundary. He said Egan's had no problems with forest service going through their property. He said he talked to Rod Belcher, Road & Bridge Supervisor, who said the county will still be maintaining Irving road.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS AVAILABLE

Alice Hennessey, Idaho Community Director, met with the Commission to inform them about her Community Foundation Funds. She said that they gather funds from charitable people and then she increases these funds through investments so they can put the funds out as grants, usually about \$5000. These grants are available to counties, cities, or communities where there are people who would be willing to do something for the community. She said they have a partnership with the J. A. Albertson funds, which is strictly for education. They want to help do things that otherwise cannot happen. She encouraged the county to think about getting a project going and use their funds.

DONATION TO JEFFERSON HAZMAT TRUCK

Virgil Valentine, Civil Defense director, met with the Board concerning a donation to Jefferson County for equipment on a HAZMAT truck. Valentine said that Jefferson County is trying to supply the truck with all the equipment they need for a class B spill, but they need funding. He said the truck will be housed at Roberts, but it will be used by all the surrounding areas for Class B spills and who ever uses the supplies will be responsible to replace them. Valentine said that they are contacting all the fire departments and counties contacted to donation a \$100 to purchase equipment for the truck. After a small discussion motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous that this Board authorizes a donation of \$100.00 to Jefferson County to be used for equipment on the HAZMAT truck.

ROAD/BRIDGE UP-DATE

Rod Belcher, met with the Commission to up-date them on his department. Belcher presented a letter that he received from Tesco, declining changing plow hitch on the Kenworth. Road & Bridge will put about 1500 ton of mix on the road into McCullough's place. Belcher asked the Board to write another letter to ITD for additional tailing to put on the road from Spencer to Kilgore and up to Humphery from the Sheep Station Ranch to the end of Old 91 at Monida. Belcher wants to do up north on Old 91 and then from the processing plant out to the road. Traffic would have to be shut off while they were working on the road. Belcher said that Frank Sullivan would like about 1/2 mile done into his place. Sullivan indicated that he would pay half. The people up the canyon are upset over getting flat tires because of the rocks on the roads. Road & Bridge has received complaints from the mail carrier and residents. Belcher requested that the white dodge pickup be replaced. The board authorized exchange.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners received a letter from Veva Horne concerning the development in the Camas Meadows area. The Commission agrees there is merit to her concerns and the matter will be taken up at a later date.

The Commission received a letter of resignation from Norma Jorgensen as representative from Clark County to the Upper Valley Board of Guardians. Jorgensen said that she had talked to Bonnie Stoddard and she would be willing to take this position on and her second suggestion was Lucy Hansen. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton that Bonnie Stoddard be appointed to replace Norma Jorgensen as representative on the Upper Valley Board of Guardians.

TELEPHONE SECURITY

Traci Bell, Deputy Clerk, met with the Commission concerning better utilization of the taxpayer's money and better control of the telephone system. She said that if the county switched over to a security code system it would put the county on a government rate for all long distance calls and will cost considerably less than what the county is paying now. The commissioners signed a letter stating the same and directed Bell to see that all county personnel received a copy.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following claims were examined and approved unanimously by the Commission:

General	10,429.90
Road & Bridge	11,984.25
Ambulance	1,709.43
District Court	909.20
Indigent	260.52
Revaluation	1,505.00
Solid Waste	775.12
Tort	500.00
Weeds	504.16
Juvenile Justice	3,000.00
Land Use Plan	36.72
Weed Revolving	10,191.00
Watermaster	1,709.12

Total \$43,514.42

AIR CONDITION BIDS WERE OPENED

The Board at this time reviewed bids they received on an air conditioning for the balance of the jail and courthouse. No bid was awarded at this time. A decision will be held off until a later date.

Meeting Continued until June 23, 1997 at 4:00 P.M. at which time this Board will meet as a board of equalization as required by state law.

JUNE 23, 1997

Present were Commissioners: Charles R. Vadnais, Charles E. Wilson and Greg A. Shenton, and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Commission met this date and time as a Board of Equalization. Betty Kirkpatrick met with the Commission and reported that she had about seven or eight persons that were in concerning their valuations. Kirkpatrick said that she has two from Beaver Creek Meadows (Don Anderson and Jeff Bergersen) that thought the value per acre was too high. She said that Ted Sorensen is already on the agenda for July 14 and she expects Frank Sullivan to call, as he has already contacted her office concerning a seven percent increase. Kirkpatrick and Gary Shewey are going over Sullivan's property before the July 14 meeting.

AIR CONDITION BID AWARDED

The Commission reviewed the bids again received for air conditioning at the courthouse. Motion by Commissioner Wilson seconded by Commissioner Shenton that All Climate Controls is low bidder, with a bid of \$8, 673.30. Bid was awarded to All Climate Controls.

ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD DO NOW ADJOURN.


Jo Ann S. Tavenner, Clerk


Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman