

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

April 13, 2020

The Board met this day in regular session. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Nick Hillman, MaCoy Ward, Prosecuting Attorney, Craig Simpson via telephone and Clerk Judith Maldonado.

COVID-19

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19. The Board will reevaluate preventative measures pending discussion with Jill Egan, Emergency Management Director, Eastern Idaho Public Health District's conference call later today, and Governor Little's decision regarding the Stay-at-Home Order that runs through April 15th. Until then, the Board will keep the county status quo.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Board will reevaluate pending more information as discussed earlier.

CLAIMS

01-General Fund (Current Expense)	\$41,930.88
02-Road and Bridge	\$83,975.38
04-Ambulance	\$2,431.94
06-District Court	\$1,529.29
07-Fair, County	\$708.54
11-Health District	\$1,576.50
16-Indigent and Charity	\$30.25
19-County/City Building	\$465.12
23-Solid Waste	\$1,033.12
24-Tort	\$11,849.00
27-Weeds	\$132.31
35-Land Use Plan	\$42.17
36-911 System	\$1,424.38
44-Disaster/Emergency	\$1,106.58
45-Election Consolidation	\$9,896.94
Grand Total	\$163,692.33

Discussion was held regarding the claims.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the claims for April 13th with the changes made to the description on the demand for Hirning Buick GMC on page 10 and

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with the changes to the payee on page 32 to reflect the Idaho Falls State Grazing Board. Commissioner Shenton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Discussion was held regarding the minutes.

**Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the March meeting minutes.
Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

ASSESSOR VALUES

The Board met with Carrie May, Assessor and Jeramy Dixon, County Appraisor. The Idaho State Tax Commission recommends that the county raise the cost per acre for dry grazing land and that the average cost should be at \$70 per acre. If the county fails to adjust, the Idaho State Tax Commission will change the values with no chance at an appeal for the patron. The county doesn't have sufficient data to support their values as there is not enough data reported by taxpayers. Discussion was held.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

The Board met with Darrin May, Road and Bridge Supervisor. Mr. May provided a paper copy of his update. The department has been taking precautions regarding COVID-19. They are working on the opening of seasonal roads. The landfill is now open on Fridays and Saturdays. Discussion was held.

MEDICINE LODGE BRIDGE/ROWLAND LANE BRIDGE

The Board met with Darrin May and Aaron Swenson from Forsgren. Discussion was held on Medicine Lodge Bridge and Rowland Lane Bridge. Mr. May and Mr. Swenson inspected the work completed and provided Cannon Builders a list of items that need completed before things are finalized. Cannon Builders has responded to the liquidation letter from the county. Mr. Swenson suggested for them to attend a commissioner meeting and negotiate. Discussion was held. The Beaver Creek Bridge went out to bid and it'll be another month before the bid process is complete. The A2 Project will not commence until the weather permits. Currently, there is still about 3 feet of snow in the area.

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HIGHWAY 91-KNIFE RIVER CONSTRUCTION AND WESTERN CONSTRUCTION

The Board met with Ken Hahn, Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Construction Residency, via telephone. The road construction project on Interstate 15 will reconstruct the north-bound lanes. The contractor has made a request to cut the fence in several locations along the highway for construction trucks to use. It would start at the state gravel pit in Dubois and complete a loop in Jefferson County. This plan was part of the contract when the contract was bid. The fence is not ITD property and any request by contractors to cut the fence needs to go through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This request is still pending with the FHWA. All traffic will be directed to the south bound lane during the construction project. The Board doesn't want any construction vehicles using Clark County roads during the project. This can ensure public safety and preserve road conditions. Discussion was held.

SHERIFF UPDATE

The Board met with Sheriff May. Discussion was held regarding current events. Currently, operations have been slow and operations are running smoothly.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER GENERAL UPDATE

The Board met with Timothy Solomon, Executive Director at Rocky Mountain Power. Rocky Mountain Power filed an energy cost adjustment. Each year they have to forecast costs and later file a report of the actual costs. Over the last three years, funding has been returned. However, this year cost recovery will occur at \$2.04/month on electricity bills to cover the fuel costs affected by the oil pipeline effects. Discussion was held.

Regular Meeting held recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

FIRE UPDATE

The Board met with Conni and Marty Owen and discussion was held regarding fire supplies needed and current equipment.

NON-RESIDENT FIRE CALL-OUT RATES

The Board met with Conni Owen and discussion was held on Non-County Resident Call-Out Rates. She provided a schedule of rates to the Board for Review.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/EMS UPDATE

The Board met with Jill Egan, Emergency Management Director. Discussion held regarding equipment and affiliation with the Clark County Ambulance.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IDAHO OPERATIONS OFFICE AND
CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Discussion was held regarding the memorandum of understanding.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding by and Between United States Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office and Clark County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Board met with Jeremy Casterson on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and discussion was held. BLM sites will stay open as usual while following preventative measures according to the Centers for Disease Control Guidelines. Discussion was held regarding the A2 Highway and Sand Creek Desert Collaborative.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ROAD AND BRIDGE VEHICLE PURCHASE BIDS

Discussion was held regarding the vehicle purchase and bids.

Commissioner Ward motioned to rescind the motion made in the March 17th meeting and approve the vehicle purchase from Hirning Buick GMC in Pocatello, Idaho due to John Adams GMC in Rexburg, Idaho not honoring their initial bid. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hillman motioned to go into Executive Session per Idaho Code § 74—206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding pending/imminently-likely litigation. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Roll call: Commissioner Shenton aye, Commissioner Ward aye, and Commissioner Hillman aye.

Executive Session entered at 3:20 p.m.

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Executive Session adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

OTHER TOPICS

Board of Equalization- There is no business to discuss.

Regular Session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.


Chairman, Greg Shenton


Clerk, Judith Maldonado