

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

September 13, 1999

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, that the minutes for August 9, 1999 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

General	10575.45
Road & Bridge	54933.64
Ambulance	1793.44
District Court	1430.50
Fair	223.14
Indigent	1032.23
Revaluation	2020.00
Solid Waste	1021.19
Weeds	10503.29
Land Use	34.79
Auditors Trust	42.53
Weed Revolving	8093.81
Water Districts	5390.43
TOTALS	\$97,094.44

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Ed Russell, caretaker for the Community Building met with the Commission regarding recent problems at the building. He reported that alcohol on the premises recently has created problems. In reviewing the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting in June 1998, it was found that the deposit was raised to \$500 for all renters but non-profit organizations. The Commissioners directed Mr. Russell to charge a \$500 deposit immediately. The commissioners will ask the prosecuting attorney to draft an ordinance regarding no alcohol or tobacco on the premises. This will allow the law enforcement to issue citations for violations of this rule. Signs will be placed outside the building stating, "No alcohol permitted on property".

The Commissioners reviewed the problem with Sheriff King. They asked him to track the hours his department spends monitoring the activities at the Community Center. These hours would then be charged against the renter, as stated in the motion in June 1998.

JAIL INSPECTION

The Commissioners performed an inspection of the jail with Sheriff Craig King. Sheriff King reported he still needed to do some painting.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Keith Tweedie, Weed Supervisor, reviewed his current budget status with the Commissioners. He reported they had sprayed under contract for the Idaho Transportation Department, and done mapping of weeds for the Forest Service, and spraying for the UP Railroad. Due to these unbudgeted items, the Weed budget is over in several categories. They have received \$12,000 from ITD, and \$3,000 from the Forest Service for the noted services and they are waiting for funds from the UP railroad. Since these revenues and services were unanticipated, he requests a resolution to increase the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to approve Resolution 99-03 increasing the weed budget in the "A", "B", and "D" categories.

Mr. Tweedie had requested in his budget to pay the extension secretary a wage to help with paperwork. The Commissioners told Mr. Tweedie, he could pay the secretary for this time out of his budget and those hours must be after the secretary's regular hours are put in for the extension service, and that said hours would be at regular straight time.

Keith Bramwell and Keith Tweedie reviewed with the commissioners the mapping of the weeds they treated this year. They noted this is done with GPS and they are very pleased with how it's proceeding. This mapping will allow them to follow up in future years on how the treating worked.

Mr. Tweedie reported they had received three surplus radios from the school. They will look into the cost of installing these in the weed department vehicles in the future.

They reported they are very pleased with the Norstar spray injection system. They would like the commissioners to watch a demonstration of the equipment at their earliest convenience.

EXTENSION SERVICE

Keith Bramwell reported that the 4-H stock sale was very successful. He said many kids signed up for 4-H after the sale.

Mr. Bramwell reported the extension service typewriter was in need or replacing. They can't get parts to fix it anymore. He also would like to purchase a digital camera for use in the extension office and for the weed department.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, for the extension service to purchase a typewriter and a digital camera, not to exceed \$1000, for the total of both.

The Commissioners informed Mr. Bramwell that the courthouse would be staying open during the lunch hour beginning October 1, 1999. Mr. Bramwell was concerned, since frequently there is only one person staffing their office. The Commissioners advised Mr. Bramwell that on those days, they should leave a note on their door stating what time they will be back.

INDIGENT CASES

Case 99-01 was reviewed. Columbia Eastern Idaho Regional Hospital had filed an appeal on this case. They asked if the Commissioners would review the case and the reason for denial. The denial stated that the person was not a Clark County Resident. The clerk reported they have since received proof that he filed his income taxes in Idaho, had an Idaho Driver's license, and licensed his vehicle in Clark County.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve Indigent case 99-01 for payment to those who had appealed the denial. The Commissioners asked the Clerk to work with the hospital in reaching a settlement, then send the case on to the Catastrophic Board.

Clerk Conni Owen reported that Indigent Case 99-02 had withdrawn their application. The individual had received Medicaid assistance with her medical bills.

The clerk also reported the County had received a new indigent case and she would be reviewing the case in the near future.

CURTAINS FOR COURTROOM

Clerk Conni Owen presented the Board with two proposals for replacing the curtains in the courtroom. One proposal was for \$2,170, the second for \$3,665. She reported she had called five vendors and only the two responded. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to purchase curtains from High Country Creations in the amount of \$2170.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE

Brent Robison talked with the Commissioners about a proposal for providing the County with group insurance through Fortis. He outlined the coverage and made points about the advantages of Fortis. He outlined the costs and savings, but noted that we would need to submit an application to receive a firm proposal. The commissioners directed Mr. Robison to work out with the clerk a time he could meet with all the employees to fill out applications. Mr. Robison could then submit his proposal at the next commission meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE

Ellen Tarpley, Planning & Zoning director, reported to the Board on her department. She reported four permits issued in the past month, 99-16 thru 99-19.

Ms. Tarpley asked if she could attend the Idaho Planning Association conference in Pocatello, September 29-Oct 1. She said Clark County had not been involved in this Association in the past, but thought it could be beneficial for us. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to approve Ms. Tarpley to attend the Idaho Planning Association conference in Pocatello and her expenses.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Ambulance Director, Ellen Tarpley, asked if the EMT's could attend training in Blackfoot on October 9, 1999. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous for any EMT's interested to attend the conference @ \$129 per person plus mileage.

Ms. Tarpley reported the traction splint on the Ambulance is very outdated. Idaho Air Rescue often removes it before transporting because it is unsafe. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to purchase a new traction splint not to exceed \$350.

Ms. Tarpley reported they were reviewing the current rates that the Ambulance is charging to see if they are competitive.

REQUEST TO LEASE CINDER PIT

Bob Segal, Byron Morgan and Bob Larsen representing Mountain West met with the Board regarding the cinder pit in Kilgore. Mountain West processes cinders for retail sales. They are currently looking for a new source of cinders. They asked the Board if they were willing to sub-lease the cinder pit in Kilgore, which the County leases from the Department of Lands. The Board asked them to submit a proposal in writing for them to review.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Vic Christensen, road and bridge supervisor updated the Board on his department. He reported they had paved streets in Dubois for the City and would be billing the City for the crew's hours. He said they are currently replacing some culverts and one cattle guard.

The Board asked Vic to present them with a current road inventory of County roads showing how many miles were paved and graveled.

Mr. Christensen reported a person had filed a tort claim for windshield damage against the County. The claimant said he had windshield damage from the freshly paved road in Kilgore.

CLOUD SEEDING

Clerk Conni Owen, reported the cloud seeding budget to be over by \$2,248.70. She said Water District 31 had contributed \$2407.25 to the cloud seeding project. These funds were spent to contract cloud seeding in the County. Since these funds were not in the budget, and were unanticipated a resolution is necessary.

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to approve Resolution 99-04.

CAI CONTRACT

Clerk Conni Owen presented the contract for Computer Arts, software consultant for the County. She reported the contract was 5% higher than last year. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to approve the Computer Arts Contract to provide software consulting for fiscal year 1999-2000 in the amount of \$16,222.50.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Bonnie Burns, presented the Commissioners with a cash report for month ending August 1999.

IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES MEETING

Dan Chadwick and Tony Poinelli, representing Idaho Association of Counties met with the Board. They try to visit all the counties once a year to update them on their activities. They said they are hearing some activity on changing term limits for local officials. They said it would have to be in place by March to effect those candidates whose term will be up in 2000.

Mr. Chadwick asked what activity was taking place in our county on transferring of development rights. The Board directed Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ellen Tarpley, to send IAC our current and proposed TDR policies.

Uniform building codes and their effect on small counties were discussed. The IAC said they are hearing of activities to push counties to accept these standards. The Board told them this would be very expensive for our county, because we would have to hire a qualified building inspector, and they didn't feel that the county residents would support going to these standards.

Mr. Chadwick, and Mr. Poinelli told the Board they are glad to answer any questions, or help in any way they can anytime.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to approve Resolution 99-05 adopting the budget for fiscal year 1999-2000.

LEVIES

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous to approve the following levies for Clark County and it's taxing districts for fiscal year 1999-2000.

<u>COUNTY TAX</u>	<u>1999</u>
Current Expense	.002591470
Fairs	.000073251
Health	.000061072
Indigent	.000762051
Revaluation	.000130488
Tort	<u>.000307325</u>
TOTAL	<u>.003925657</u>

<u>CITIES</u>	
Dubois	.002797555
Spencer	.001001127

<u>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>	
Clark County #161	.003096829

<u>CEMETERY</u>	
Clark County Cemetery District	.000077996

<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Clark County Library District	.000091629

COURTHOUSE LUNCH HOUR DISCUSSED

The commissioners met with the Assessor, Treasurer, Planning & Zoning Director and Clerk about the new courthouse hours. The Commissioners at their regular meeting on August 9, 1999, by motion stated the courthouse hours would be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, unless otherwise declared by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners asked the courthouse to adhere to these hours effective October 1, 1999. This would require all courthouse offices to remain open during the lunch hour, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm when possible. If only one person is staffing the office, it will be necessary to close that office during lunch. The Assessor, Treasurer, and planning and zoning director expressed their concerns. The Commissioners asked for the officials to try the new hours for a month, and then evaluate the results.

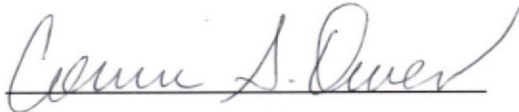
ELECTED OFFICAL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS

Assessor, Betty Kirkpatrick, asked the Board if there couldn't be an elected official and department head meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss issues. The Board thought this was a good suggestion and asked the Clerk to schedule the first meeting for the October 12th Commissioner's meeting.

OCTOBER COMMISSIONER MEETING RESCHEDULED

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to reschedule the October Commissioner meeting from October 11, 1999 to October 12, 1999, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

There being no further business this meeting was adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman