

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

February 14, 2000

The board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Charles Vadnais, Ted Edwards, and Greg Shenton, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson, who joined the meeting at approximately 1:30 pm and Clerk, Conni Owen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the minutes for January 10, 1999 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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| Current Expense | 13511.31 |
| Road & Bridge | 6852.50 |
| Ambulance | 1470.33 |
| District Court | 264.69 |
| Fair-County | 165.80 |
| Indigent | 1246.03 |
| County/City Building | 159.80 |
| Solid Waste | 912.69 |
| Tort | 5167.00 |
| Weeds | 705.93 |
| Cloud Seeding | 5000.00 |
| Land Use | 103.64 |
| Cloud Seeding-Trust | 2000.00 |
| Court Trust | 1980.00 |
| Grants | 688.15 |
| Trust Medical Insurance | 357.91 |
| Tax Trust | 6.00 |
| Taylor Grazing | 7848.67 |
| Water Districts | 1450.0 |
| Totals | \$49,890.45 |

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Vic Christenson met with the Board to update them on his department. Mr. Christenson reported there are grants available through the Idaho Transportation Department. The Board directed Mr. Christenson to contact Mr. Thompson to see if he would be willing to assist in the grant preparations. Discussion was held regarding seasonal closure of the Red Road for truck traffic.

Mr. Christenson reported he had repaired the bridge on Birch Creek at Skull Canyon. He reported he had looked at used chippers in the range of \$32,000-55,000.

Mr. Christenson said the Road & Bridge crew would be changing their workweek to Monday-Thursday beginning February 28, 2000.

FOREST SERVICE-BLM MEETING

Mac Murdock and Dave Stricklan representing the Forest Service, and Tom Gooch and Joe Kraayenbrink representing the BLM, met with the Board regarding the special permit for buffalo grazing on public lands in Medicine Lodge. There were also several interested patrons in attendance. Mr. Stricklan reported the first year of the experiment went well. They did feel there needed to be a herdsman with the buffalo more as promised. They also were concerned about the safety issue of the buffalo being on county roads. They would propose possibly fencing off the road.

Tom Gooch, representing the BLM, reported they were pleased with the first year. He said the BLM was moving forward with a permanent grazing plan, but were going to do an environmental analysis. Within this analysis they are asking the Board's concerns. They reported that this year's experiment would allow 900 buffalo on the permit running approximately May 10 to late December, depending upon the weather.

The Commissioners said they would review the law with the prosecuting attorney regarding open range issues and fencing off the roads and respond to both the Forest Service and the BLM.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Penny Larson met with the Board regarding ambulance issues. Radio issues were discussed. Mrs. Larson asked for internet access for the class currently in basic training. The Commissioners advised her the class could have access to the civil defense computer when it is available. She also reported they had received a surplus computer from the state EMS.

Ellen Tarpley and Mrs. Larson presented mutual aid agreements and EMT guidelines for the Commissioner's review. The Commissioners advised them they would have the prosecuting attorney review the policies and discuss them next month.

Miss Tarpley asked that the new EMT's receive a stethoscope and blood pressure cuff furnished by the county. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to purchase blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes for the eleven students currently enrolled in the basic EMT class, in the amount of approximately \$270.

BLM WATERSHED REVIEW

Dan Katansky a geologist representing the Bureau of Land Management met with the Board. Mr. Katansky reported the BLM and Forest Service would be performing a sub-basin review of the Medicine Lodge Watershed. He said they would only be looking at public lands. Fish studies will be included in this study. The Interior Columbia Basin has asked for a bigger picture of this watershed. Mr. Katansky asked for a commissioner to serve on a collaborative team to review findings as they perform this study. Completion

date will be this fall. Commissioner Edwards or Commissioner Shenton will serve on this team.

LIVESTOCK SCALES

Discussion was held on the use of the County livestock scales. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the livestock scales are available for use only in Clark County.

JAIL INSPECTION

The Board conducted a quarterly jail inspection of the jail facility.

TAX DEED SALE

No one appeared for the tax deed sale of the property known as Davis Addition Block 1, Lot 4 to be held as advertised at this time. There being no one appearing or otherwise to defend and answer to the notice of hearing at this time, and the Commissioners are satisfied that Bonnie Burns, Treasurer, has fulfilled the requirements of §63-1005, Idaho Code, motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to direct the Treasurer to issue and record a tax deed in favor of the County for the property known as Davis Addition Block 1, Lot 4.

INDIGENT HEARING C/I 99-04

The board adjourned to executive session to hold a hearing on Indigent Case 99-04. After hearing the case, motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to find the applicant indigent. The Board directed the Clerk to pay EIRMC in the amount as discussed.

MEETING WITH TREASURER

Bonnie Burns, Treasurer met with the Board in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

INDIGENT BURIAL

The Commissioners had discussed the possibility of the County paying for the cremation of the indigent person found in Birch Creek. The person was found to be indigent and his family was not able to pay expenses. Due to the need to expedite the matter, the prosecuting attorney negotiated the fee with the funeral home for cremation. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to pay Buck Miller Hahn \$900 for cremation of the indigent person.

Discussion was held on the indigent person's motor home and the towing and storage bill for the motor home.

OVERTIME

The computation and paying of overtime on holidays policy was discussed.

PROPANE TANK PURCHASE

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to purchase the 500-gallon propane tank at the City/County Fire Station from V-1 Oil, for approximately \$835.

HERITAGE HALL DONATIONS

Clerk, Conni Owen, requested that an antique adding machine and a constable badge owned by the County be donated to Heritage Hall. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to donate the items to the Heritage Hall museum.

SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Norman Tavenner met with the board regarding the 2001 fiscal year budget. He requested \$3000 for the Soil Conservation District. Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, that Clark County budget \$3000 for the Soil Conservation District in the FY 2001 budget.

PLANNING & ZONING UPDATE

Randy Grover, planning and zoning administrator met with the board to update them about his department. Mr. Grover reported he had collected permit funds for the Larsen cellar constructed in 1999. He said he also collected from Larsen's for the cellar under construction. Other permits issued were Jones trailer setting from 1999, and a permit for Jill Phillips for a double wide home.

Mr. Grover said the School District had applied for a conditional use variance. They are requesting a 60-70% lot coverage area instead of 40%, and allowance for more street parking if they were to pass a bond for a new school at the location next to the present high school. The hearing for this variance will be held February 28, 2000 at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse.

Mr. Grover reported that the Planning and Zoning Board would like to waive the building permit for the school if the bond passes. The Prosecuting Attorney advised the fee could not be waived. The Board will review this to see how to address this matter in the future.

Mr. Grover discussed commercial building permits, city relations and permit procedures with the Board. He also said he is pursuing the additional funds owed on the Ferguson house permit in Sheridan.

FOREST SERVICE ROADS

Mac Murdock, representing the Targhee National Forest, met with the Board to discuss forest roads. Mr. Murdock reviewed the roads that were closed in the new travel plan. He said his supervisors had advised him to continue to work with the Counties on RS2477 roads until a decision is made at the federal level on the status of these roads.

BUILDING PURCHASE

Clerk, Conni Owen reported she had received a counter offer to the offer the City of Dubois and County had made for the purchase of the old forest service building. The purchase price was the same as the County offered, but the seller was asking for the City of Dubois and the County to pay one half of the realtor fees, or 3 1/2% (\$4375). Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous to purchase the building for \$125,000, plus realtor fees of \$4375, plus any closing costs. The County share being two-thirds of the total or approximately \$86681.25, plus 2/3 of the closing costs.

WEED DEPARTMENT REPORT


Keith Tweedie, Weed Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss his department. He reported that the weed management plan for Clark County would officially be called the Continental Divide Weed Management Plan. Mr. Tweedie gave the Commissioners a copy to review closely then approve and sign. He asked them to take note of the special management zones and noted that weeds would be treated in different manners depending upon the zone.

Mr. Tweedie reviewed with the Commissioners a list of equipment he would like to purchase for his department if the County receives state grant funds.

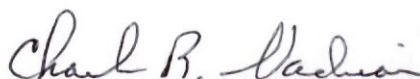
PATROL AGREEMENT-FOREST SERVICE

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous to accept the agreement with the Forest Service for the Clark County Sheriff's Department to patrol on forest service lands.

Ordered this Board be now adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman