

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLARK COUNTY, IDAHO

March 8, 1993

The Board met this day in regular session. Present were Commissioners Charles R. Vadnais, Steven R. Gilger, Charles E. Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson, and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Gilger, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board on February 5, 1993, be approved as written.

COMMUNITY BUILDING USE

Marva McGarry and June Lemons, Fair Board Representatives, met with the Commissioners concerning use of the Community Building for a juvenile holding area. McGarry and Lemons were also concerned about damage being done to the building and furniture by said juveniles, and cancellation of scheduled events at the building. The Board explained that the juveniles being held at the Community Building are mostly non-secure, or are run-aways being detained until parents or guardian can get here to pick them up. That juveniles requiring security would be transported to St. Anthony at a charge of \$80 per juvenile per day. It was brought to their attention that the furniture and microwave was purchased through a grant for this program, but anyone can use the equipment. As for any scheduled functions at the building, non-secure juveniles would be held at the Courthouse or some other place. They were also informed a public notice would be posted in public places for the concerned public.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Dan Lucas from Planning and Zoning introduced Don Watson, BLM representative, Lou Benedict, supervisor for Eastern Idaho Region of the State Department of Lands, and Jerry Hugo, conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. The group discussed the proposed land exchange between the State Department of Lands and BLM, and how this will impact the tax base or revenues that are received by the County. They informed the Commission that the BLM, Department of Lands, and Fish and Game are going to have a news release and propose to restrict access on their lands out in the Sand Creek area. They said the purpose of this is they are trying to stop the public from chasing the elk for their antlers, and give the animals a chance to survive. They said the area would be closed from March 10 thru April 30. Hugo said basically its Unit 60A, excluding everything North of the Dubois/Kilgore road. The group then discussed the proposed grazing allotment changes or reductions in grazing allotments for the 1993 season on BLM lands. Watson explained that due to having five dry years, the vigor of the plants

have gone downhill and they are not producing the volume of forage they normally produce, and the plant nutrition is low. He said it's risky not to reduce the usage, because it makes a difference in the long term. Watson said they are trying to keep reductions down to a bare minimum, and the reductions are not set in concrete, but right now, it looks like 30% and 50% is reasonable. A full accounting of this discussion is attached at the end of these minutes.

FOREST SERVICE UP-DATE

Mac Murdock, District Ranger, met with the Commission and informed them that because of budget reductions the last several years, they are reducing personnel. He said if someone leaves, they don't fill the position or hire new people. This past year, they have looked at and reduced the Forest Supervisors staff. They have let the Branch Chiefs go and shifted these responsibilities to the ranger districts. He said the Dubois Ranger District will take over range and mineral functions; the Island Park Ranger District will take over wildlife and botany; the Aston Ranger District will take over timber; the Palisades Ranger District will take over recreation; the Teton Basin Ranger District will take over soil and water. Their goal is to get more emphasis down to Ranger Districts. He said the sub-staff will remain but will report to the Ranger Districts. Murdock said that they are going back out this week for the third time for signatures on the Miner Creek Timber Sale - on the last appeal they lost about 2 million feet mainly because of owls, hawks, and wildlife. The other thing is Little Sawmill Canyon burn, which is on the West side of Birch Creek. This is a 500 acre sagebrush burn on which they did a category exchange and it has been appealed. The group discussed the East Fork of Camas Creek road outside the Forest boundary. Murdock said the Forest Service will replace the bridge if the County has the right-of-way. This is being looked into.

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Rod Belcher, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor, met with the Commission to update them on his departments. Belcher said he wants to put mile posts on one side of the Medicine Lodge and Kilgore roads so they show both ways. He said they would use 8 foot 4x4 wood posts, and it would cost about \$15 per sign. Belcher said he would be allowed to use some of the Work Camp crew from St. Anthony if they aren't on a fire to install these markers. He said it would cost \$2.50 per hour per man during the summer, and he could have from one to twenty-five workers. In the winter or off-fire season there is no charge or fee for their services. He said they are minimum security and willing - do any kind of work to get out of the camp. Belcher said he needs to get bids out on asphalt for road projects this summer. He said he would like to oil a couple miles on the Red Road, and possibly a couple miles up Medicine Lodge. He said up Medicine Lodge, he would start at Spring Hollow and work downhill. Belcher said he needs to get a Class C or G pit going on solid waste to place 2 boxes for the Dubois area. He said Larsen has changed his mind on the pit North of town, but the City has offered the County the car pit East of the cemetery. He said they are receiving about a pickup

load per week of commercial garbage now; boxes, pallets, sacks, wire, string, etc., that in order to keep control, they are going to need to put a gatekeeper or person at the pit to man it. The group talked about the need to educate the public on the location, and what to do with batteries, tires, grass clippings, household garbage, etc. Wilson said that at the Regional Landfill not everyone will be allowed to haul in there. After some discussion on the subject of location it was unanimous that Belcher should get a letter of approval from the State or Richard Horne on the City pit. It was unanimous that Belcher can call for bids on construction of container sites and refuse containers. The group discussed access to the City pit. After some discussion, it was unanimous that the County will use the road through the airport unless they could get permission from Phyllis Laird. Commissioner Wilson will talk to Mrs. Laird.

Belcher said he had found a Galion Roll-O-Matic for \$2000, at Portland, Oregon, which will do what he needs. He said the backhaul costs would be from \$500 to \$600, but he could send someone after it for less. Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Gilger, unanimous, to purchase the roller and send someone to haul it back.

IMPROVEMENTS AT RODEO GROUNDS

Dave Swanson, President of the Rodeo Association met with the Commission concerning liability insurance on the rodeo grounds. Swanson said they had cleaned up the glass last fall, and would like to put backs and hand rails on bleachers. After some discussion, it was suggested that it might be cheaper to start from scratch on the bleachers. Wilson said if Swanson would do an outline in detail on the bleachers with an estimate of costs, he would present it to the EIPEDA Board at their next meeting, and maybe they could get a grant for this project. Swanson also asked permission for the County to haul some gravel for them to use in the parking area. He said Webster had donated the gravel, but they need to get it hauled. The Commission suggested that he talk to Rod Belcher, the Road & Bridge Supervisor. The group also discussed livestock being held in the area, and liability if a child got hurt.

AGENT FOR ICRMP

David Leonardson met with the Commission, and requested he be given a chance to be the insurance representative for the County with ICRMP. Leonardson said he had been going to training sessions, and would be willing to take it on without pay this first year. After some discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Gilger, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that they sign an application appointing Leonardson as the County's insurance representative to ICRMP starting with the new year.

CONTRACTS SIGNED AND RENEWED

The Board signed a contract with the Idaho Association of Counties to pay for schooling and to pay adults to take care of non-secure

juveniles. The Commission also renewed a contract with Swager and Swager for the 1993 annual audit. They also requested that the Attorney, Craig Simpson, prepare an ordinance on Civil Rights Act, section 18 USC 245 for the Boards signature to be presented at next meeting.

AUDIT APPROVAL

After reviewing the annual audit, a motion by Commissioner Gilger, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous, that the 1992 annual audit by Swager and Swager, is hereby approved.

INDIGENT CASE #224

Jo Ann Tavenner, Welfare Director, and the Commission went over Case #224. A discussion was held, at which time Tavenner recommended that this person could have taken care of obligation, but chose not to. She requested that she be given time to work with this person. It was unanimous that Board would hereby support Welfare Director's request.

TRI-COUNTY LANDFILL

Commissioner Wilson updated the rest of the Board on the Tri-County landfill. He said that Fremont, Madison and Teton Counties have no place to go, and it looks like they will be joining Jefferson and Clark, which would make it more cost effective. Wilson said this would cost Clark County \$6,000 per \$100,000 spent on operation. Wilson said this isn't set in concrete and there could be more change, but so far, it looks good.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

CURRENT EXPENSE	
93-747 thru 93-778, 829	\$36,019.34
ROAD & BRIDGE	
93-746, 93-779 thru 796	17,485.11
AMBULANCE	
93-797 thru 93-802	359.48
DISTRICT COURT	
93-803 thru 93-813	1,293.25
INDIGENT AND CHARITY	
93-814 thru 93-817	257.00
WEEDS	
93-818	14.87

LAND USE PLAN 93-819 and 820	40.75
TAYLOR GRAZING TRUST 93-830	10,136.48
WATERMASTER 93-826 and 827	984.25
INDIGENT TRUST 93-822 THRU 824, 828	197.45
COMMUNITY BUILDING 93-825	38.00
TOTAL	\$66,778.89

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD DO NOW ADJOURN.


JO ANN S. TAVENNER, CLERK


CHARLES R. VADNAIS, CHAIRMAN