

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

MAY 10, 2021

The Board met this day in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, MaCoy Ward, Nick Hillman, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson, and Clerk Tyson Schwartz.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

The Board discussed amending the agenda to include a drought declaration in Clark County due to extremely low water levels.

Commissioner Ward motioned to amend the agenda to include an emergency drought declaration. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

DROUGHT DECLARATION

The Board discussed the current drought conditions in the county. Commissioner Shenton stated that current water levels are at approximately 1% of their normal levels for this time of year.

Commissioner Ward motioned to make an emergency drought declaration based on the current state of water levels throughout the county. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

01-Current Expense	\$11,975.75
02-Road & Bridge	\$292,256.11
04-Ambulance	\$2,298.79
06-District Court	\$941.60
07-Fair, County	\$510.97
08-Justice Fund	\$800
11-Health District	\$1,514.04
16-Indigent and Charity	\$33.43
18-Economic Development	\$299
19-County/City Building	\$751.48
20-Revaluation	\$4,855
23-Solid Waste	\$1164.70
27-Weeds	\$2,307.03
28-Juvenile Justice	\$6,126.58
35- Land Use Planning	\$93.42
36-911 System	\$1,555.81

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44-Disaster Emergency	\$5.39
45-Election Consolidation	\$200
50-Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$4,522.62
Total	\$332,211.72

Discussion was held regarding the claims.

**Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the claims for May 10, 2021.
Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion was held regarding the minutes from the April 12, 2021 regular meeting.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021 regular meeting with changes. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Birch Creek Hydro and the recent settlement with the Idaho State Tax Commission related to an appeal of the State of Idaho's 2018 property tax valuations. Clark County is required to refund Birch Creek Hydro. Clerk Schwartz asked which fund this refund should be paid from. The Board advised to pull from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes fund.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Jill Egan, Clark County Emergency Management Services Manager, provided an update to the Board regarding various projects. Mrs. Egan stated that there will be a wildfire cost recovery workshop on June 3rd. Mrs. Egan stated she is working on the County Wildfire Protection Plan. Mrs. Egan discussed EMS grant budget funds and the use of Community Development Block Grant CARES 1 grant funds. Mrs. Egan provided an update on the repairs done on the 2019 ambulance. Mrs. Egan discussed the Active 911 system and who is currently assigned radios.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Ward motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Roll Call; Commissioner Shenton, aye, Commissioner Hillman, aye, Commissioner Ward, aye.

**Executive Session commenced at 10:55 a.m.
Executive Session ended at 11:14 a.m.**

General Session resumed at 11:14 a.m.

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SHERIFF UPDATE

Sheriff John Clements presented Dispatcher Chastity Crandall with her Dispatch Certification. Sheriff Clements presented Lifesaving Awards to Dispatcher Chastity Crandall and Deputy Bill Stadtman for their role in saving the life of a suicidal caller.

Sheriff Clements provided a monthly incident report to the Board. Sheriff Clements stated they are moving forward with replacing lights in the jail after approval was granted at the last regular meeting. Sheriff Clements stated that the 911 Mapping Computer in the Sheriff's office is failing and needs to be replaced. This computer provides critical mapping functions for the department. Sheriff Clements stated that he has a bid from Computer Arts for \$1873.62.

Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the Sheriff's office purchase of the computer through Computer Arts for \$1873.62. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Executive Session commenced at 11:35 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 11:49 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 11:49 a.m.

Meeting recessed at 12:16 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:05

ELECTED OFFICIAL & DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE

Department heads and elected officials gathered for a staff meeting. EMS manager Jill Egan notified other officials of the upcoming wildfire cost recovery workshop on June 3rd. Commissioner Shenton stated that there is a Commissioner and Clerk conference in June in Coeur d'Alene. Sheriff Clements stated that in the wake of the school shooting in Rigby, he would like to continue to improve the response plan and work towards performing a drill. The goal is to practice the county response and make any improvements or adjustments. The Board had newly retired Road and Bridge supervisor Darrin May come forward. Commissioner Shenton thanked Mr. May for his years of service to the county.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

Darrin May and Mark Christenson provided the update for April 2021 to the commissioners regarding ongoing projects. Work continues on patching road and repairing/installing cattle guards. The seal coat date will be July 12th -16th. Construction continues on the Beaver Creek Bridge. Mr. May stated that the Idaho Transportation Department recently inspected the Pleasant Valley Bridge. Mr. May stated that he had spoken with representatives from the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI), and there is a ninety (90) day waiting period that he would need to complete if he were asked to contract as a consultant.

CATHY SHURTLIFF, ANNEXATION OF HAMER

Cathy Shurtliff of Hamer, ID came before the Board to discuss what would need to be done in order to annex the Hamer area into Clark County. Mrs. Shurtliff stated that she and other Hamer residents she has spoken with believe that Jefferson County does not respond well to requests for service. Mrs. Shurtliff stated that Hamer is closer to Dubois than the Jefferson County seat of Rigby. Mrs. Shurtliff also stated that she has spoken about the matter with Clark County School District Superintendent Blair Wilding on any effect this could have on the school district. Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson stated that Idaho Code 31-212 provides statutory requirements for changing of county boundaries, which includes a joint ordinance from both counties and an election. Any action to remove an area from Jefferson County and annex it into Clark County must follow this process. Commissioner Shenton asked how many miles of county roads would be included. Mrs. Shurtliff stated that she would find the answer. Commissioner Hillman stated that there have been similar efforts in the past. Commissioner Shenton stated that the Board can discuss the matter, but any action will have to conform to the state statute referenced by Prosecutor Simpson. Mrs. Shurtliff thanked the Board and stated that she now has more information on the process.

GENERAL UPDATE-TIM SOLOMON, ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Tim Solomon from Rocky Mountain Power presented an update to the Board. The transmission line upgrade near Rexburg is nearly complete. Mr. Solomon presented information regarding Rocky Mountain Power pricing and how it compares to other utility companies across the country. Mr. Solomon provided information on the company's emphasis on increasing energy efficiency. Mr. Solomon provided information on the company's plan to reduce carbon emissions in the future with addition of more renewable energy sources and planned retirement of coal units.

UPDATE- GERI RACKOW, EASTERN IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH

Geri Rackow of Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. With the passage of House Bill 316, State General Fund appropriations to local public health will be eliminated. Mrs. Rackow provided information on proposed FY 2022 county appropriations.

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LIONS CLUB-REQUEST TO USE CIVIL DEFENSE CAVES

Bonnie Stoddard and Sheree Farr appeared before the Board to discuss potentially using the Civil Defense Caves for a Halloween themed attraction. Mrs. Stoddard stated that they have reached out to the State of Idaho to inquire about using the land and caves, and permission was given by the State. Mrs. Farr stated that parking will be at the old Scoggins gas station and customers will be shuttled in groups to the attraction site. The plan is to have food vendors as well. Sheriff Clements stated that there are some concerns with traffic. Sheriff Clements stated that it may be difficult to keep people from driving out to the caves instead of staying at the parking lot and waiting for the shuttle. Mrs. Farr stated that she understood the concerns, and that they are welcome to any kind of suggestion that will help improve their plan. Clerk Schwartz suggested that Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Stoddard speak with the Planning and Zoning department in case any kind of conditional use permit is required for the themed attraction. Mrs. Farr stated that they will continue to plan the event and return with an update.

Meeting recessed at 4:04pm

Meeting resumed at 4:09pm

BO BILLMAN, CLARK COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT

Bo Billman from the Clark County Weed Department appeared before the Board to discuss a contract with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). Mr. Billman stated that another contract with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is in the works but had not been sent by ISDA. Mr. Billman also discussed increasing spray rates.

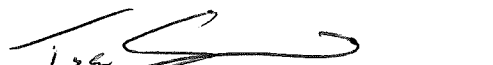
Commissioner Ward motioned to approve the five year contract with the Idaho Transportation Department for weeds. Commissioner Hillman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BEN AND MARIE SCHIESS, SOLID WASTE FEE

Mr. and Mrs. Schiess did not show for their appointed time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.


Greg Shenton, Chairman


Tyson Schwartz, Clerk