

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

FEBRUARY 6, 1998

The Board met this day in regular session. Present were: Commissioners' Charles R. Vadnais, Charles E. Wilson and Gregory A. Shenton; Prosecuting Attorney, Craig Simpson and Clerk, Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, unanimous that the minutes dated January 12, 1998, be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General	\$16,472.78
Road & Bridge	13,925.75
Ambulance	653.76
District Court	1,863.88
Fair	280.98
Indigent	3,881.41
County/City Bldg.	163.28
Solid Waste	872.32
Tort	9,291.00
Weeds	842.37
Cloud Seeding	5,698.82
Land Use	47.64
Watermaster	2,241.77
Indigent Trust	11.69
TOTAL	\$56,247.45

ROAD/BRIDGE UP-DATE

Rod Belcher, Road & Bridge Supervisor, met with the Commission to up-date them on his department. The group discussed the progress of roads covered under the RS 2477. Belcher said that Lester Henman had contacted him concerning taking over 200 more miles of federal roads. The group discussed conditions and maintenance of the roads. A discussion was held on the Jacoby road right-of-way and stock driveway and the value of this road to the local citizens.

FAIR & FAIR BOARD CHANGES

Carol Hoopes, Secretary Fair Board, met with the Commission to up-date them on changes made by the Fair Board. She said Sandy McClure resigning from the Fair Board and Keith Tweedie will take her place. Hoopes said the attendance to the county fair has fallen off and the fair board would like to cut the fair back one day, open the fair to the public one day instead of two. She said they plan to cutting back on the open class and having contest with prizes instead and see if they can get more interest from the public. No objections were made.

WEED SPRAYING / STATE HIGHWAYS

Keith Bramwell, Extension Agent, met with the Commission to up-date them on his departments. Bramwell said that the Idaho Department of Transportation sent a contract for the county to control weeds along state highways on right-of-ways. Bramwell said he was concerned that where they have not budgeted for this extra work would they have to open the budget, if they could, and with the present equipment status how they would handle the extra work. The group discussed the contract and how they would fund this job. After a lengthy discussion the state right-of-way being infested with weeds and not treated it was suggested that Keith measure the right-of-way and invite Bruce Johnson or the person in charge of the state weed spraying to the next commissioners meeting. Bramwell said that he has purchased another one ton pickup truck through the University of Idaho which they can put a spray rig on and use for spraying weeds this year.

He said that the advantage is that the county would be able to treat the weeds along the highway that they haven't been able to before. Bramwell feels that they have more time than the state. The group discussed a lead worker over the weed program and an injection spray unit, and ways of financing equipment. He said that he is going to try and get the water and power out to the chemical storage building this year. Keith will measure the right of way and schedule Bruce Johnson from Rigby to meet with the Board.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR P/Z ADMINISTRATOR

Ellen Tarpley, representative from planning & zoning, met with the Commission concerning the advertisement of a replacement for the position of administrator and the job description. She said that the planning & zoning committee would like the board to go over the application after they are closed. Tarpley also informed the Commission that Rod Laird and herself are resigning from the planning & zoning Commission in the near future.

SELLING OF SNOWCAT

Craig King, Sheriff, met with the Commission requesting permission to sell the snow cat. King said that they are not using it and that they have had an offer to buy it. King was advised that he would have to advertise to sell anything over \$50. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the revenues received from the sale of the snow cat be set

aside and used only for the purchasing equipment for Search and Rescue. The group also discussed an elk head confiscated from a person or persons who shot it out of season. Judge McClure gave permission to have it mounted and now the problem is where to place the elk head. After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Wilson, unanimous that the head be donated to Search & Rescue to generate funds to support this organization.

INSURANCE FOR SILL

Earnest Sill, county coroner, met with the Commission and said that he is going to drop Blue Shield through the counties. Sill said that they are doubled insured and he feels there is no sense in keeping a policy with the telephone company and one with the county, as they both won't pay. After a discussion on Sill's decision it was unanimous that as a result of Sills' good services for 24 years the board would give Sill a bonus with the money saved in premiums at the end of the year with the approval of the outside auditor. Dave Swager, outside auditor advised the board that health insurance is a benefit for the employee and they have the choice of taking it or not, but the board would be opening a whole kettle of worms if they started paying employees that do not take insurance.

ACCESS TO RICHARDSONS' BACK OF PROPERTY

Ron Barg met with the Commission concerning access to Shirley Richardsons' property. Barg said that Connie Hernandez went to the City and requested that they closed the alley behind her home which leaves Richardson without access to the back of her property. He said that if the county would allow them to put a culvert in the ditch, east of the Community Building that would allow the Richardson's access to the back of their property. After some discussion Barg was told if anyone ask him about this matter he should refer them to one of the Commissioners and Commissioner Shenton will go talk to the City Council.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD

The Commission discussed the invoice on capping and mounting of elk horns - it was unanimous that this bill would be paid. The Board was informed that Dave Burns would finish painting the hall walls and trim for \$800.00 and the county will furnish the materials. After some discussion Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Shenton unanimous that Burns finish the hall project.

This meeting is continued until February 16, 1998 when the Commission will meet with Alan G. Lance , Attorney General .

FEBRUARY 16, 1998

The Board met on this in a continuation meeting of February 6, 1998. Present were Commissioners' Charles R. Vadnais, Charles E. Wilson and Gregory Shenton and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner. Alan G. Lance, canceled his meeting with the Commissioners due to a conflicting appointment.

COURT NEEDS NEW RECORDER

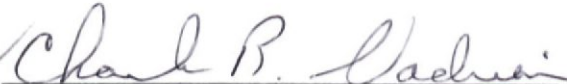
Jo Ann S. Tavenner, said that they need a new court recorder as the one they have is close to twenty years old and they are having problems with the one they have. She said that they could save some money and get one for \$2195.00 if they order before the end of February. After some discussion motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Wilson unanimous that the Clerk is authorized to purchase a new recorder. Tavenner said that they could use the old recorder as a loner for Planning & Zoning and other departments.

CLOUD SEEDING UP-DATE

Conni Owen met with the Commission up-date them on the Cloud seeding project and the costs. Owens' was asked to jot down times so we can show what they are doing for the cost. The group also talked about getting a written contract and having it signed with Owens'.

ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD DO NOW ADJOURN.


Jo Ann S. Tavenner, Clerk


Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman