

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

July 11, 2005

The board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Ted Edwards, and Michael Leonardson, Prosecuting Attorney Craig Simpson and Clerk Conni Owen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous, that the minutes for June 13, 2005 be approved as written.

CLAIMS

Current Expense	9053.18
Road & Bridge	67631.56
Ambulance	1639.26
District Court	1561.26
County Fair	205.08
Health District	94.51
Indigent	4.05
Solid Waste	1454.80
Weeds	4369.55
Juvenile Justice	1977.34
Revenue Sharing	17704.41
Land Use	23.67
Grants	35.85
Interlock Fund	11.50
Sheriff's Trust	32.84
Weed Revolving	1475.00
CWMA Trust	3370.01
Ambulance Donations	51.98
Water Districts	1176.91
TOTAL	\$111,872.76

COUNTY EMERGENCY PLAN

Kelli Whittier presented the rough draft of the revised County emergency plan. She reviewed with the Board the different areas of the plan, including many new sections. Changes were discussed. Mrs. Whittier reported she would be submitting the plan to the State of Idaho for their review, and then once she receives approval from them she will print final copies.

KEYLESS ENTRY FOR AMBULANCE/FIRE SHED

Virgil Valantine, emergency management coordinator, requested to change the entry to the ambulance/fire shed to a keyless entry. He estimated the cost of the system to be around \$600 and he said Homeland Security funding can be obtained to pay this expense. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to change the locks at the ambulance/fire shed to a keyless entry, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

FAIRGROUND USE FOR SHEEP SALE

Quinn Jacobson and Mark Williams representing the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, met with the Board to request use of the fairgrounds and community center for their annual sheep sale on September 22, 2005. They asked if they could use the grounds September 20-23 for setup and cleanup. The Board agreed to their request.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Lisa Sullivan, ambulance director met with the Board to update them on her department. She reported they had held an extrication class and had some difficulties with the equipment, so she was having the equipment serviced. Ms. Sullivan said that more work had been done on the new ambulance and it did drive better. She noted they were bringing a different ambulance for her to drive to compare.

Mayor Keith Tweedie told Ms. Sullivan that the City of Dubois would not charge for water and sewer at the ambulance/fire station if they were to set up plumbing for a hot water heater. Ms. Sullivan is pursuing the costs and mechanics of installation.

Mrs. Sullivan noted she is going to use ambulance donations to purchase pants for the EMT's to wear on ambulance runs to protect their own clothing.

ASSESSOR UPDATE

Carrie May, assessor met with the Board to update them on her department. She discussed with the Board having township, range and sections put on her new aerial maps on the computer. She said she had contacted Bullberry Systems about doing this project and they said if the information is already available he would do it for free as part of the addressing system. If the information isn't available he said he would prepare a quote for her. The Board also asked her to obtain a quote to add the property lines on the aerials also.

Mrs. May reported she would be over on her education budget if she attends summer school, the assessor's convention and the IAC conference. She noted she would have extra money in her revaluation budget, so possibly those funds could be transferred by resolution. The Board advised her to plan on attending the classes, and they would provide the funding.

GARBAGE FEES

Brandy Terry and Scott Bridges appeared before the board to protest the amount charged to them for garbage fees. They said they only have garbage from their restaurant, not from the RV park, or their personal homes. They felt the BLM should be charged more than they are, because they generate more garbage. The Board told them they would look at the revenues generated, verses the expenses and then determine if their fee could be lowered.

After the clerk provided revenue/expense information, the Board decided to leave the fee for the Lone Pine café (Terry and Bridges) at \$300 per year.

HERITAGE HALL FUND REQUEST

JoAnn Abbott representing the Heritage Hall Museum Board met with the Board to request funding assistance. Mrs. Abbott outlined the Board's goals and recent achievements. She noted they would be applying for grants this fall, and asked for the County to assist with matching funds for the grants. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to donate \$1500 to the Heritage Hall Museum, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Paul Blanford, newly hired superintendent for the Clark County School District met with the Board to introduce himself. Mr. Blanford outlined his background and asked questions about the County.

BLM UPDATE

Carol McCoy-Brown, representing the BLM met with the Board to discuss BLM projects, particularly weed control efforts by the BLM. She noted they had been placing weed eating bugs in the Medicine Lodge area, beating sagebrush to prevent fires in the Deep Creek area and spraying henbane in the Medicine Lodge area. She said they had received some extra funding recently for weed control and she would mark it for the Clark County area.

Ms. McCoy-Brown noted she and other BLM officials would be touring the Medicine Lodge fire burn area and asked the Board to join her on the tour on Friday, July 15th.

911, INC. CONTRACT

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to sign the contract with 911, Inc., to provide 911 equipment as per their successful bid, pending agreement with the Idaho Homeland Security Department to reach the payment schedule requested, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

FIRE EQUIPMENT RACKS

Noe Perez met with the Board to discuss constructing racks in the fire shed to hang fire clothing and equipment on. He noted that he and Camillo Serrano would construct the racks if the County would provide the materials. The Board asked him to check into the costs of the materials he would need and report back to them.

WEED UPDATE

Mitch Whitmill, weed supervisor met with the Board to update them on his department. Discussion was held regarding BLM funds to be used on the Deep Fire area.

Mr. Whitmill presented quotes for a new four-wheeler. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to purchase a new four-wheeler from Action Motor Sports, not to exceed \$5847 less the trade-in, but the trade-in needed to be a minimum of \$1000, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

Mr. Whitmill reported they had held one spray day and would be holding another one the week of July 11th.

ROAD AND BRIDGE UPDATE

Mitch Whitmill road and bridge supervisor, met with the Board to update them on his department. He reported they had laid four miles of rotomill on old Highway 91.

Discussion was held about possibly obtaining LHTAC funding to replace the bridge at Kilgore in the Jensen lane. Mr. Whitmill said that re-decking the bridge would cost approximately \$6000 for the materials.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to meet as a Board of Equalization, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous by roll call.

Assessor, Carrie May reported to the Board that she had found two errors on the roll and would like to correct them now, to avoid cancellations in the future. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to reduce the roll by the following amounts, George Perschon-\$3,770, Farm Credit Leasing-\$24,676, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

Assessor, Carrie May presented the final roll to the board in the net amount of \$76,275,954. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to accept the roll in the amount of \$76,275,954, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to adjourn to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

BIRCH CREEK TRANSFER STATION

The Board reviewed a lease the County has on the property that serves as the Birch Creek transfer station. Commissioner Edwards made the motion to exercise the lease option to purchase the property from Wagoner's for one dollar, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

FIREWORK PERMITS

Discussion was held regarding establishing a firework permit procedure in the County. The Board decided to table this discussion until the Sheriff could be in attendance to discuss the matter further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous by roll call.

July 28, 2005

The Board met this day in special session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Ted Edwards, and Michael Leonardson, and Clerk Conni Owen.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Lacey Ekberg, economic development specialist and Steve Gilger and Harold Wilson representing the economic development council, met with the Board to discuss the possible development of a motel, café and bar. Possibilities of selling county property for this development were discussed. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of purchasing property near the freeway for economic development.

GROUP INSURANCE RENEWAL

Ron Rameriz, representing Gem Plan, met with the Board to discuss the renewal of the group insurance. Mr. Rameriz reviewed the cost of the insurance and the return on the premiums.

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to adjourn to executive session to review personnel claims, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous by roll call.

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to adjourn to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

Mr. Rameriz reported that the Gem Plan had considerable claims, so rates would be going up by 15% on October 1, 2005. Mr. Rameriz also reported that Gem Plan had changed their policy so that a county employee could stay on the plan at their own expense past COBRA limits if they had worked for the County for 20 years.

WEED TOUR UPDATE

Commissioner Edwards reported he had participated in the tour of the Deep Fire area with the BLM. He said the BLM would be spraying 1000 acres by air and approximately 100 acres on the ground. He noted they had also sprayed henbane in the Medicine Lodge area.

CAPITAL PURCHASES-ROAD AND BRIDGE

Mitch Whitmill, road and bridge supervisor, met with the Board to discuss capital purchases. Mr. Whitmill presented a quote for a new mower. Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to purchase a new mower not to exceed \$6300, after obtaining two other quotes, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

Mr. Whitmill presented one quote for a new pup trailer. The Board asked Mr. Whitmill to obtain three current quotes for a new pup trailer for their review at the next meeting.

WEED UPDATE

Mitch Whitmill, weed supervisor, reported to the board that he had purchased a new four-wheeler and sprayer using grant funds. He noted that the grant had outlined that the unit would be for the City of Spencer. Discussion was held regarding who would carry insurance on the unit and maintain it.

AMBULANCE UPDATE

Lisa Sullivan, ambulance coordinator met with the Board to update them on the status of the new ambulance. She reported she had driven the F350 ambulance and liked it better

than the F450 we had. She said she would be getting the paperwork with the price difference and report back to the Board.

JAIL INSPECTION

The Board performed their quarterly jail inspection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss indigent matters, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous by roll call.

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to adjourn to regular session, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

INDIGENT CASE

Commissioner Leonardson made the motion to deny indigent case 05-02, on the basis that the county isn't the last resource, and the applicant has assets sufficient to pay the claim, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous.

BY-WAY FUND REQUEST

The Board reviewed a letter from the Clark/Fremont Byway Committee requesting funds for a corridor management plan. The Board directed the clerk to draft a letter to the committee advising them that the County didn't feel they could participate at this time, since they had contributed labor and materials for kiosks this year.

BIRCH CREEK TRANSFER STATION

Commissioner Edwards made the motion to have a survey of the property for the Birch Creek transfer station done to obtain a legal description of the property, seconded by Commissioner Leonardson, unanimous.

ROADLESS PROCESS REPRESENTATIVE

The Board appointed Commissioner Edwards to serve as the county representative for the roadless process review requested by the Governor.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The board reviewed the budget for 2005-06 with the clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Greg Shenton, Chairman