

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

August 9, 1999

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, that the minutes for July 12, 1999 be approved as written.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

General	13910.61
Road & Bridge	67133.62
Ambulance	2423.52
District Court	961.52
Fair	3281.02
Health Dist.	1868.00
Indigent	62.39
Revaluation	2055.00
Solid Waste	963.53
Tort	4605.00
Weeds	5946.97
Land Use	20.01
Grants	124.75
Weed Revolving	6666.13
Water Districts	1648.00
TOTALS	\$111,670.07

OUTSIDE AUDITOR APPOINTMENT

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous to appoint Draney, Searle & Associates to serve as outside auditors for the 1999 fiscal year audit.

PLANNING & ZONING

Ellen Tarpley, planning and zoning administrator, reported on the permits issued last month. Building permits 99-14 and 99-15 were issued and approved. Ms. Tarpley reported she had edited the development codebook, lining out any amendments pertaining to the transferring of development rights. These changes will have to be amended at the next hearing held for amendments.

Ms. Tarpley reported she had some difficulties with the City Council at their last meeting. She hopes they can work out these problems and establish a good working relationship.

The commissioners went over the planning and zoning budget with Ms. Tarpley. Some changes were made and she said she could operate with the recommended budget.

WEED DEPARTMENT

Keith Tweedie, weed supervisor, met with the Board to review his budget. Discussion was held on the budget and especially whether the revenues expected were reasonable. Mr. Tweedie agreed he could operate with the recommended budget.

EXTENSION SERVICE

Keith Bramwell, extension agent, reviewed his budget with the Commissioners. He felt he could operate under the proposed budget.

SHERIFF REPORT

Craig King, sheriff, introduced the new deputy, Mike Ballard, to the Commissioners. Mr. Ballard reported for duty August 2.

The Commissioners reviewed the sheriff's budget with him. He said he would need to purchase a new vehicle this year. He will need approximately \$20,000 net after trading in the Bronco. The Commissioners said they would put this in the budget and try to make it work.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS

Bonnie Stoddard presented the stipend for the Board of Guardians for fiscal year 2000. The amount of the stipend was \$75. She mentioned they would like one more person to serve on the Board from Clark County. The Commissioners said they would try to find another person.

GEM COMMUNITY

Mary Grover and Harold Wilson met with the Commission to discuss Gem Community projects. Mrs. Grover suggested possibly hiring a grant writer to help apply for grants. She didn't know if they could be paid a portion of the successful grants or not. The Commissioners said they would be willing to consider looking at that possibility.

Harold Wilson said there would be two meetings to discuss grant options for revitalizing downtown Dubois. The first will be at the City Building at 3:00 pm, August 12. The public meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on August 12, 1999.

Mr. Wilson asked the Commissioners if they objected to the Gem Community organization becoming separate from the County. They would file as a non-profit corporation, be able to accept tax-deducted donations, and have their own checking account. The Commissioners felt Mr. Wilson should pursue that option, since many of their projects involved the cities in Clark County and not just the County.

RANDY BROWN-THREE MILE TRAIL

Mr. Brown met with the commissioners regarding their decision in April 1999 to leave the RS2477 road in the Three Mile area open. Mr. Brown was disappointed with this decision. Commissioner Edwards responded that they had requested the Forest Service to leave all the RS2477 roads open, knowing they would be lucky if they actually left 50% of the roads open. They also felt that since Mr. Brown owned private property below the road, he could close the road on his private property. Mr. Brown felt this road had been singled out. The commission said this wasn't true. There were several RS2477 roads in the county that would be closed. The Commission reiterated that the assertion only pertained to that portion of road on the Forest Service, not on BLM or private ground.

AMBULANCE ISSUES

Penny Larsen, President of the volunteer EMT's and Ellen Tarpley, Ambulance Director met with the Board regarding EMT issues. Mrs. Larsen had attended a meeting in Malad regarding the legality issues of volunteer ambulance organizations. She asked if Clark County's volunteer EMT's have liability coverage under the County's insurance policy. A conference call was placed to ICRMP to ask this question. ICRMP advised they needed these questions in writing so that the underwriters could respond. The Clerk will draft this letter to ICRMP.

Mrs. Larsen asked who should be responsible for disciplinary action among the EMT's. The Board said the President of the EMT's should be the disciplinarian, but the matter should be discussed with the Commissioners first. The person whose action is pending should not serve on any ambulance runs until the matter is addressed.

The Commissioners asked Mrs. Larsen to draft a job description for the President and Director of the Ambulance crew. The Commissioners will review these descriptions and issue policies from them.

Mrs. Larsen stated there was a problem with Jefferson County Ambulance going on runs in Clark County. The Commissioners asked Penny and Ellen to find some sample protocols other counties are using, then bring them to the Commissioners so that a protocol could be formed with Jefferson County.

The Commissioners advised Mrs. Larsen to try to meet with the Mud Lake ambulance officials and try to work out the details for the protocol.

The budget for the Ambulance was reviewed. Mrs. Larsen asked that the supply budget be raised by \$1000. The commissioners agreed to try to add that amount.

Mrs. Tarpley presented the Blue Cross provider contract. She explained that the contract meant that the Ambulance would accept Blue Cross payment amounts. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to accept the contract.

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Vic Christensen, acting Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported on his department. He reported the mowing of the county roads is complete. Seal coating the Red Road and the Kilgore road from the Y to the County Shed was discussed. It was decided to go forward with these projects. These projects will be paid for out of the Road & Bridge budget in the approximate amount of \$40,000 for the additional materials needed. The Y to the County Shed will cost approximately the same for the additional materials needed and be paid for out of the Road and Bridge budget.

Mr. Christensen reported there are three cattle guards on the Kilgore-Yale Road that will probably need replaced. The Commissioners advised him to replace them if they he has enough money in his budget this fiscal year.

Bridge replacements in the Kilgore area were discussed. Mr. Christensen will get more definite estimates on the costs of replacing them.

The notice for a full-time person for road and bridge was late being posted, so a person has not been selected yet.

MEETING WITH CORONER

Ernie Sill, Coroner, met with the Board to discuss his budget. He commented he had added a Deputy Coroner position in his budget. Orvin Jorgenson would serve in this position. He stated Mr. Jorgenson had helped him in this capacity for many years and had never been compensated for it. The Board thought they could work this position into the budget.

ROAD & BRIDGE SUPERVISOR

Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to appoint Vic Christensen as permanent Road and Bridge Supervisor.

INDIGENT CASES

The clerk reported that the County had received appeals on Indigent Cases 99-01 and 99-02. She reported she would schedule Case 99-01 for hearing on September 13, 1999. Case 99-02 will not be scheduled at this time, because the applicant has applied for medicare.

APPROVAL OF TAX ROLL

The Board reviewed the new values in each category for 1999. There being no persons protesting their values a motion was made by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous that the real and personal property rolls values are approved in the amount of \$82,609,036, an increase of \$3,424,153 from 1998.

THREE MILE ROAD

Mac Murdock, Targhee Forest Supervisor, met with the Commissioners regarding the RS2477 road in Three Mile. He had met with Randy Brown previously about the road.

Mr. Murdock said Mr. Brown had requested that the road on his property in Three Mile be left off of the Travel Plan Map for the Forest Service. Mr. Murdock had also contacted the BLM and they too requested that the road on BLM property in the same area be left off of the travel plan map. Mr. Murdock said the Forest Service would comply with these requests. The Travel Plan map would only show the RS2477 road open on the Forest Service property.

TIME SHEETS

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, that all Clark County employees, with the exception of elected officials, shall turn in a time sheet, approved by their supervisor, to the payroll clerk on a monthly payroll basis, effective August 26, 1999.

COURTHOUSE HOURS SET

Motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, that all offices in the Courthouse are open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, unless otherwise declared by the County Commissioners.

Meeting Continued to September 7, 1999 at 9:00 am for a public budget hearing.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1999 BUDGET HEARING

The Board met this day in special session for the purpose of a public budget hearing. Present were Commissioners: Charles R. Vadnais, Ted Edwards and Greg Shenton, and Clerk Conni Owen.

There being no taxpayers or interested parties present or questions concerning the budgets as advertised motion by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Shenton, unanimous, to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 as follows:

General	\$ 829,112.85
Road and Bridge	\$ 771,410.00
Ambulance	\$ 65,416.70
District Court	\$ 111,050.00
Fair, County	\$ 11,975.00
Health District	\$ 7,572.00
Indigent and Charity	\$ 147,987.79
Junior College Tuition	\$ 6,923.00
County/City Building	\$ 3,100.00
Revaluation	\$ 20,484.12
Solid Waste	\$ 32,292.00
Tort	\$ 29,500.00
Weeds	\$ 131,755.20
Juvenile Justice	\$ 19,650.00

Revenue Sharing-State	\$ 433,055.00
Highway-Special State	\$ 821,000.00
Cloud Seeding	\$ 5,000.00
Land Use	\$ 21,924.93
Soil Conservation	\$ 3,000.00
Disaster/Emergency	\$ 15,000.00
PILT	\$ <u>513,615.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,000,823.59

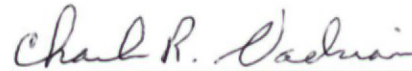
ADVANCED EMT BACKUP

Ellen Tarpley, ambulance director, reported to the Board that Orvin Jorgenson, presently the only advanced EMT, has to be out of town for two weekends. Ms. Tarpley found advanced EMT's from Ricks College who are willing to cover for the ambulance on the weekends Mr. Jorgenson is gone at no charge. Motion by Commissioner Shenton, seconded by Commissioner Edwards, unanimous, to pay for motel and meals for this person who will be covering for the ambulance.

There being no further business this meeting was adjourned.



Conni S. Owen, Clerk



Charles R. Vadnais, Chairman