

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

October 14, 2015

The Board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Tod Shenton, Nick Hillman, Prosecuting Attorney Kent Gauchay, Clerk, Kerri Ellis.

CLAIMS for 2015

The following claims were reviewed and approved for payment

Current Expense	\$14,441.01
Road & Bridge	\$18,367.26
Ambulance	5,034.23
District Court	706.16
County Fair	70.14
Health District	112.90
Revenue Sharing	1801.70
County/City Building	455.33
Indigent	509.76
Solid Waste	995.26
Weeds	547.13
Land Use Plan	1389.71
911 System	155.49
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3000.00
Economic Development	130.03
Junior College	200.00
Revaluation	68.52
TOTAL	\$48166.12

CLAIMS for 2016

The following claims were reviewed and approved for payment

Current Expense	\$4395.37
Ambulance	58.59
District Court	517.71
County Fair	33.07
Health District	1449.00
Solid Waste	58.76
Juvenile Justice	4812.16
Land Use	281.57
911 System	898.32
Weeds	31.57
Land Use Plan	1389.71
TOTAL	\$12536.12

**Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to approve the 2015 and 2016 claims as submitted.
Second by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Unanimous.**

GIS System

Assessor, Carrie May was not able to be present due to illness. Deputy Assessor, Ashley Leonardson discussed the decision by Whisper Mountain to end their website management and GIS Services Agreement October 1, 2015. Whisper Mountain can continue services until December 31, 2015 for an additional \$325 per month. However after December 31, 2015 no services will be available for website management, GIS, or Planning and Zoning Consultation. Deputy Assessor, Ashley Leonardson reported a cost of \$1400 to buy the software and \$400 for annual license fee. **Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to pay the additional \$325 to Whisper Mountain for the Month of October and take the funds out of the General Fund. Second by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Unanimous**

Bureau of Land Management

Jeremy Casterson, with the Bureau of Land Management, discussed with the Commissioners the Sage Grouse Plans. He reported that Clark County has some areas that will fall into the protective habitat tiers. Jeremy Casterson expressed that law suits are coming so the BLM is not sure if that will mean that the plan will not be implemented until they resolve the issues or if that will mean no plan at all. Jeremy also presented maps of areas of commercial harvesting for wild land fire protection under the Shot Gun Valley Forestry Project. Jeremy reported that the Warm Creek Road is a public road and needs administrative access for the BLM. Discussion was held on the validation hearing. Jeremy was going to meet with the Forest Service and get back to Clark County Commissioners

Gem Plan

Tim Marks, with Gem Plan, reported to the Commissioners that Gem Plan gave no rate increases to Clark County. Clark County was a -1% which is showing the pooling mix works. Tim reported that more counties are wanting to come on board with the Gem Plan with the Affordable Health Care Act. As of January small group will change from 100 employees to 50. Tim reported that Computer Arts will do the reporting program on the Affordable Health Care Act. The 2018 Cadillac Tax may require some changes in the deductible.

Sheriff Update

Bart May, Clark Co. Sheriff, reported that Clark Co. ambulance has had 37 runs in the past month and a half.

Sheriff May expressed his concerns for the rapid depletion of the ambulance funds. Sheriff May reported that his department is having a hard time finding people to fill his part time positions.

Economic Development

Susanna Mizell, Economic Development Director, reported that Mountain America Credit Union is looking to expand their service area. Susanna asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to have a conversation with Mountain America about the potential in Clark County. Susanna also presented a Development Agreement for the Development Company on the Community Center Project. The County would contribute \$3000 towards the project to pay for the cost of putting the contract together. Rick Miller, with the Development Company, had met with several architectural firms and reported to Susanna that two firms to consider would be JRW & Assoc. out of Rexburg, and JPC Architects out of Driggs. Susanna reported that JRW & Associates will provide 100% of the upfront work at no cost and 8% construction to finish after that. JPC Architects wants 10% construction and no free up front costs. Susanna reported that her choice would be JRW & Assoc. however she feels both are qualified.

Motion by Commissioner Nick Hillman to work with JRW & Associates out of Rexburg. Second by Commissioner Tod Shenton. Unanimous

Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to sign agreement with the Development Company to secure grant for the Commercial Kitchen. Second by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Unanimous.

Susanna Mizell, Economic Development Director, expressed her concern for the lack of willing participants to serve on the Economic Development Council. Susanna reported that in a conversation with the Idaho Department of Commerce the Department was moving toward a regional relationship with the counties of Jefferson, Fremont, and Clark.

Road and Bridge Update

Cody Eck, with Western States Caterpillar, reported that Clark County had the lowest idle time in the area based on a 5 year analysis. Cody reported that it will allow Clark Co. to save some money. Cody said the Bingham Co. Public Works has an agreement on a new grader. Clark County could piggy back off of Bingham County contract. The County requested a copy of the bid award letter from Bingham Co.. Cody said that there is a guaranteed buy back on the 143 m grader of \$195,000. Delivery date would be 16 weeks out but could possibly be sooner. The grader has a guaranteed fuel burn rate of 4-5gals and hour. Cody reported that Western States will provide the training on operation and maintenance of the machine.

Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to purchase grader with the stated buy back upon receipt of necessary documentation of piggy back by Western States. Seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Unanimous.

Pleasant Valley Bridge

Matt Hall from HMM, Mack Kesler and Otto Grande with LHTAC and Aaron Swenson with Forsgren, project engineers on the Pleasant Valley Bridge, reported that there a couple of options at this time on the completion of the bridge project. First they could keep running and force the contractor to the contract time and finish. Second stop contract time in middle of November and then resume in April-May of 2016 to complete the project. With the second option snowmobile crossing this winter would be possible. The second option appears to be the better option.

A-2 Road Project

Aaron Swenson, with Forsgren Associates, gave an update on the A-2 Road. Aaron reported that the BLM showed that there is prime grazing and prime forestry involved in several areas. Aaron reported he will put together a letter to send to Gerry Flatz of LHTAC requesting to combine the two projects and would submit the letter to the Commissioners for approval.

Darin May, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported the R&B department is completing the project at Eddie Creek.

Darin reported that George Thomas is retiring on January 1st and will be taking vacation most of December so he would like to start advertising for his position so he could get someone in time for George to do some training with them before he leaves. Darin stated that Cole was hired with all his tools, which he has marked and boxed. Darin wanted to confirm that all of Cole's tools would be covered under ICRMP. Darin said that the fuel from Conrad Bishoff shows an increase because of state tax increase.

Commissioner Greg Shenton left the meeting.

Other Topics of Discussion

Cloud Seeding

The Cloud Seeding Winter Modification Contract Agreement for "Let It Snow" was reviewed. **Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to approve the Winter Modification Contract Agreement with Let It Snow. Second by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Motion passed**

Computer Arts

Discussion on the Computer Arts Agreement for 2016 was held. Discussion on the total of hours needed to complete to contract.

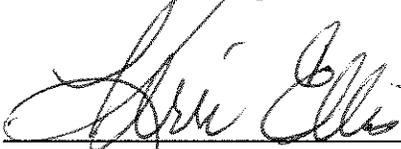
Motion by Commissioner Tod Shenton to sign the Computer Arts agreement with 51-100 hours. Second by Commissioner Nick Hillman. Motion passed.

Lions Skating Rink

Discussion was held on the School and Lions Club request for help with construction of the ice skating rink. It was decided to wait until next month as location had changed.

Road Validation Hearing

Discussion was held on setting a date for the validation hearing. It was decided to wait until next month's meeting to set the date.



Clerk, Kerri Ellis



Commissioner, Greg Shenton