

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

January 12, 2015

The Board met this day in regular session. Those present were Commissioners Greg Shenton, Tod Shenton and Nick Hillman, Prosecuting Attorney Kent Gauchay and Deputy Clerk Russ Kerr and County Clerk Velvet Killian.

CLAIMS

The following claims were reviewed and approved for payment.

Current Expense	\$21,867.77
Road & Bridge	\$46,121.14
Ambulance	\$ 2,537.03
District Court	\$ 2,374.10
Fair	\$ 508.88
Health District	\$ 1,634.90
Indigent & Charity	\$ 15.00
Economic Development	\$ 321.07
County/City Building	\$ 818.68
Revaluation	\$ 166.00
Solid Waste	\$ 207.99
Weeds	\$ 7,272.46
Juvenile Justice	\$ 4,812.16
Land Use	\$ 318.43
911 System	\$ 4,825.98
Disaster/Emergency	\$ 125.00
Election Consolidation	\$ 94.58
TOTAL	\$94,021.17

OATHS ADMINISTERED

Judge Penny Stanford administered the oath of office to Commissioner Nick Hillman for a four year term, Commissioner Greg Shenton for a two year term, Velvet Killian, Clerk for a four year term, Annette Zweifel, Treasurer for a four year term, Carrie May, Assessor for a four year term, and Brenda Laird, Coroner for a four year term.

RESIGNATION

Velvet Killian, Clerk submitted a letter of resignation to the board effective 01/12/2015. Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman unanimous. Prosecuting Attorney Kent Gauchay acknowledged her service to Clark County. Prosecuting Attorney Kent Gauchay informed the board to notify the Republican Committee regarding the vacancy. Velvet Killian was then excused for the remainder of the meeting. The committee will have 15 days to submit nominations to the Board of Commissioners.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to nominate Commissioner Greg Shenton for the position of Chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Nick Hillman seconded, unanimous. Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to appoint Kent Gauchay as County Prosecuting Attorney for a four year term. Commissioner Nick Hillman seconded, unanimous. Let it be noted that Commissioner Greg Shenton will oversee the Basin Advisory Group, Magistrate Courts, 5C Detention, Health Districts, and Cloud Seeding. Commissioner Tod Shenton will oversee Office of Species Conservation, SRS-RAC, Eastern Idaho Solid Waste District., and Weed Department. Commissioner Nick Hillman will oversee High Country RC&D, the Development Group, and BLM.

CORONERS UPDATE

Brenda Laird, Coroner, met with the Board to report the surge protector used on coroner vehicle to keep it charged is working well. She also requested permission to make spare keys for the vehicle and have one housed at the Sheriff's Office. She requested permission from the Board to attend a Coroner's Conference in Las Vegas, NV. She will not be attending Coroner training in St. Louis. Commissioner Greg Shenton noted that any additional training would be beneficial.

ROAD & BRIDGE UPDATE

Darrin May, road and bridge supervisor, met with the Board to report that the new rotary cutter is working well. He has trained the R&B crew, along with Bo Billman, weed supervisor, on how to operate. They are retrofitting an old plow to a grader rather than scrapping it. Mr. May reported they received their new I-Works, employee tracking program. He will get with Whisper Mountain to upload current maps with latitude/longitude. Mr. May and Aaron Swenson from Forsgren met with the Board to discuss gravel pits on the Department of Lands for the A-2 project. There are two possible locations. Taking more samples to determine which site to use. They will have to get EPA and ITD approval for project. Also, discussed were the Engineering fees for Beaver Creek Bridge. Suggestion made to make payment over next two years. There was a conference call with Gerald Flatz of LHTAC, regarding the Beaver Creek Bridge Project. Discussed was the widening of the bridge from one lane to two lanes, and what type of bridge would be best suited for the project. The Commissioners also discussed the payment for project and how long to spread out the payments.

Mr. May told the board that the crushing contract had been completed by Brett Price Excavating. The budget for the project was to have \$100,000 but only has \$70,000. The contract is to pay them \$75,000. Mr. May asked the board which budget line would pay the additional \$5,000. In addition to this accounting error, the funding for Cutting Tips was put under the benefits portion of payroll, rather than as an expenses item. The Commissioners asked Mr. Kerr, the Chief Deputy Clerk, to check with Searle-Hart and IAC about moving this item into the expenses line. Mr. Kerr will report to the Commissioners next month on his findings. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to pull \$5,000 out of the Forest Apportionment expense line to pay for the remainder of the crushing contract. Commissioner Nick Hillman, seconded the motion, unanimous.

EXTENTION OFFICE UPDATE

Laurie Small and John Hoagg met with the Board to discuss a review of the 2014 year. Topics of discussion were the 4-H Program & a Sagebrush Reduction Study. Mr. Hoagg discussed some classes that were coming up for 2015. Commissioner Greg Shenton, asked Mrs. Small if she would be willing to put up a bulletin of the 2015 trainings and seminars and post them for public view outside the extension Office. Mrs. Small commented that she would and also sought permission to attend the 6 weeks of Farm Management Classes, held once per week. The Commissioners gave her permission to attend. No motion needed.

Mrs. Small is currently holding community enrichment classes. Public is welcome to attend. Mrs. Small also commented on the success of the 4H program she held last summer in 2014. The classes we well attended, and she is planning on having more classes this year and involving people in our community to help teach needed skills to the students.

FOREST SERVICE

Spencer Johnston, acting ranger for the Forest Service reported that the new ranger, Bill Davis, will begin on February 9, 2015. They will begin the Birch Creek project in the spring along with a scoping project in late March. They will be seeking public comment on both projects. Commissioner Greg Shenton asked about possible yurts in the Kilgore area for Search & Rescue efforts and snowmobilers. Mr. Johnston expressed the Forest Service desire to continue good public relations with the county.

ELECTED OFFICIALS MEETING

The county elected officials met with the Board. Discussion was held regarding an ICRMP Meeting to be held the following day. It would begin at 1:00 pm for all employees and then again at 3:00 pm for elected officials and department heads. Jim McNall from ICRMP in Boise would be holding the meetings. Sheriff May ordered a security code lock door for the dispatch entrance of the courthouse. The code would be given to employees only and would be a more secure entrance/exit for the dispatch area especially during nonworking business hours. Carrie May mentioned that Steve Wallace and Dave Kinghorn from the State Board of Tax Appeals were traveling around the state and would be stopping in on January 22 to visit Clark County. Mr. Kerr asked if all County Commissioners would be attending the IAC meetings in February. All are going.

SHERIFF'S UPDATE

Bart May, Clark County Sheriff, met with the Board to update them on his office. He provided the Board with a proposal for a radio & equipment maintenance agreement from Teton Communications. The agreement would be valid for 10 years. He also expressed concern that

his deputy's video/camera systems were not working. The overtime patrol grant would pay for one. The systems are approximately 5K per unit. It is a huge liability not having one in their vehicles. Commissioner Nick Hillman made a motion to order two new systems. The grant to purchase one and the county the other. Seconded by Commissioner Tod Shenton, unanimous.

CITY/MAYOR

Mayor Randy Mead met with the Board to discuss a road maintenance agreement between the City/County. He also expressed the need of new carpet in the city/county annex building. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Kerri Ellis, reported that the development council would like to go from a 7 board council to a 9 board council. They have received two applications to replace the current vacancy. They would need one additional applicant to fill the 9th position. Kelly Monk and Jan May are the current applicants. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to approve both applicants. Seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous. A donation from Mary Grover and the senior citizens was made for a commercial kitchen in the community building. Kerri Ellis will apply for a grant to help with additional funding. Kerri Ellis will get letters of support from other members of senior citizen board. Ms. Ellis requested permission to represent Yellowstone/Teton Territory Board at conference in San Antonio, TX. There will be no cost to the county. Commissioners approved the travel. No motion needed. Ms. Ellis reported that the county website needs work. It doesn't allow for changes. Ms. Ellis is seeking alternatives for a new website that is more manageable.

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning and Zoning board is in need of a new member from the Spencer area. There will be a survey mailed from P&Z and Rick Fawcett. Kerri Ellis commented that P&Z needs help with the postage. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to allow. Seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

Superintendent Dan Lantis and school board members Orvin Jorgensen and Melissa Farr met with the Board regarding an error in the General Obligation Bond Levy. The State Tax Commission (STC) submitted four options of correction to Treasurer Annette Zweifel. After discussion, the board agreed with the STC that option one would be the easiest decision. Option one reads as follows:

The easiest is to leave the levy the way it is. Let the school collect the money and then make sure when they submit their budget L-2 for the next year that they have included the already collected amount. (So this should lower the amount they would be asking for the following year.) Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

The school agreed to send a letter of explanation in the next monthly newsletter. They would

also inform taxpayers to contact the school board of trustee's or county commissioners with any additional questions. Treasurer, Annette Zweifel, suggested a joint trust fund that both the county and school would have to sign on for release of the additional tax dollars. Attorney, Kent Gauchay stated that the county is mandated by law to turn the money over to the school. The error was found on the school L-2 and it's their budget. We are not authorized to keep the money.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / EMS UPDATE

Mr. Russ Kerr discussed with the Board that he had received some extra funding from Homeland Security, which paid for money spent by the County for the Emergency Management position. The amount of the award was \$1102.26. Mr. Kerr sought permission to accept the extra funding. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

Mr. Kerr also discussed his 2014 EMS statistics with the board, stating that there were 39 Ambulance calls in 2014. Mr. Kerr discussed billing for the runs and why some runs we don't bill for, such as a no transport call or calls that are cancelled.

OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

College Residency-

The Board was presented a Certificate of Residency/Affidavit for Kathy Wagoner. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to approve the certificate, seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

Statement of Work-

The Board was presented a contract with Idaho Power. Said contract is in co-operation with Cloud Seeding. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to approve the contract once it has been approved by Attorney Kent Gauchay. Seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

21st Century Grant-

The Board was presented with a Letter of Support for the after school grant. Commissioner Tod Shenton made the motion to approve the letter, seconded by Commissioner Nick Hillman, unanimous.

Validation Hearing Date

Tabled until February meeting.

Jail Inspection

Tabled until February.

Approval of Minutes

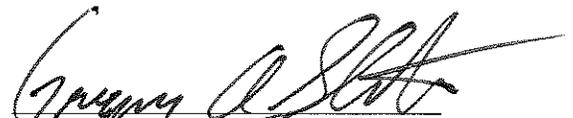
Minutes from December's Commissioner meeting were reviewed. Several changes were presented. Chief Deputy Clerk, Mr. Russ Kerr is to make the necessary changes, and re-present the Board with the final copy at February's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Tod Shenton moved to enter into executive session, pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 67-2345, subsection (1) (b) to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Nick Hillman. Unanimous. Those present were: Commissioners Greg Shenton, Tod Shenton, and Nick Hillman.

General Session resumed at 6:00p.m. The Commissioners asked Mr. Russ Kerr to take over the Clerk's responsibilities until a new clerk can be appointed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m.


Russell D. Kerr, Chief Deputy Clerk


Gregory A. Shenton, Commissioner