

**Special Jefferson Co. Commissioner Meeting
August 31, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Those present are Chairman Raymond, Commissioner Hancock, Commissioner Farnsworth, Assessor Cody Taylor, Treasurer Kristine Lund, HR Emily Kramer, Public Works Jerry Ramirez, Planning & Zoning Naysha Foster, Solid Waste Ted Goodier, Weed Dept. Mitch Whitmill, Extension Office Lorie Dye, Sheriff Steve Anderson, Clerk Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board. Pledge given by Cody Taylor. Prayer given by Emily Kramer.

Commissioners

- **2016 County Budget Hearing**

[9:02:37 AM](#) Here for the public hearing for the 2015-2016 proposed budget. Commissioner Hancock mentions they are going to be working on new accounts to put money in for equipment and vehicle purchases. The budget will only show the money putting in each year. Will have to make sure they do budget with the saved money when they plan to purchase. Colleen mentions have had a few changes with the salaries.

[9:08:51 AM](#) Chairman Raymond states they have gone through the budget several times and are grateful that they have been able to balance. Do not have any intention to adopt the budget today. Will consider anything the public has to say. Ted Goodier asks if they are still receiving PILT funds. Chairman Raymond explains that as of this year this will be funded. PILT money is BLM money.

[9:12:59 AM](#) Lorie Dye points out what she feels is an error on county agent travel line. Approved amount is showing \$2,700 she had budgeted \$3,500. . Emily Kramer mentions an error on her utilities needs \$6,000 only \$600 was entered.

[9:17:21 AM](#) As they had reviewed the latest budget the commissioners have some concerns about the health insurance. The health insurance in the general fund is much lower. Marilyn is verifying the amounts. Open the meeting to public questions.

[9:18:10 AM](#) Patricia Scott - Asks about the lake celebration and what department will be covering the overtime? Sheriff Anderson said they had increased their overtime to make sure they can cover this celebration.

[9:19:28 AM](#) Patricia Scott - Asks about the salaries. Commissioner Hancock states they have 27 pay periods this year so that increased salaries around 3%. Have funded the step & grade as well as a 1% COLA for all employees. Elected officials are not based on any step & grade. Did approve a \$1,000 increase for elected officials, except the coroner he will receive a \$500 raise.

[9:21:21 AM](#) Patricia Scott – Asks about the Great Feeder discussions and if they proceed what is the county going to do? Commissioner Hancock mentions that is a private structure so the county would have to be granted an easement. Would also expect to have some public hearings before they would proceed.

[9:23:15 AM](#) Patricia Scott - Asks about the increase in the liability insurance? Chairman Raymond said they did not have a lot of control over this. Discuss almost a \$7,000 increase which is just under a 5% increase.

[9:25:20 AM](#) Patricia Scott would like to encourage them to have the public hearing in the evenings so that citizens can come in and speak. This is something the county can look into for future years.

[9:26:49 AM](#) Chairman Raymond asks if there are any other questions. There are none.

[9:27:30 AM](#) Chairman Raymond discusses that on the elected officials salaries it had come time to raise those. Chairman Raymond had expressed that he personally did not need to receive a raise. Does realize they need to keep all the commissioners pay the same. Chairman Raymond wants to donate his raise to the Reagan Day Memorial Scholarship fund at the next county fair.

[9:29:04 AM](#) Close the public hearing session.

- **Executive Session 74-206 (B) Personnel**

[9:29:52 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to move into executive session 74-206(B) Personnel. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye, Commissioner Hancock –aye, Chairman Raymond – aye. Motion passed.**

Open session at 9:41

- **Maintenance/Janitorial/Outside Maintenance Bids**

[9:42:02 AM](#) Commissioners had requested some references from Bryan Briggs which they have received and are reviewing. This will be entered in as an exhibit reads the references and work history. Request to go over the bids. Had opened these bids but had not released them yet. Bryan Briggs Construction and Dina Angell from Chore Busters.

[9:45:02 AM](#) **Robin Dunn is here.**

[9:45:06 AM](#) Chore Busters did not provide a proposal for the maintenance. Only bidding on the janitorial. In Dina's proposal the cost of janitorial is \$90,350 and the outside lawn care is \$42,575 for a total of \$132,925.

- [9:47:25 AM](#) Bryan Briggs did bid on the janitorial/maintenance/outside maintenance. Bryan's general maintenance bid is \$65,000 janitorial and outside maintenance \$55,000 for a total of \$120,000.
- [9:49:02 AM](#) Chairman Raymond asks if the commissioners are ready to make a decision. Commissioner Hancock said they had spoken with these individuals. Commissioners feel they are ready to proceed.
- [9:49:41 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to award maintenance and janitorial to Bryan Briggs construction. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye, Commissioner Hancock- aye, Chairman Raymond- aye. Motion passed.**
- **Sign Liquor License**
- [9:52:07 AM](#) Have one transfer licenses and 4 renewal licenses for the Commissioners to sign.
- **Executive Session 74-206 (F) Legal**
- [9:58:44 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to go into executive session 74-206 (F) Legal. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye, Commissioner Hancock – aye, Chairman Raymond – aye. Motion passed.**
- Open session at 10:15**
- [10:15:15 AM](#) Discussed legal personnel description. No decisions made or actions taken.
- **Executive Session 74-206 (B) Personnel**
- [10:15:32 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session 74-206 (B) Personnel. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye, Commissioner Hancock – aye, Chairman Raymond – aye. Motion passed.**
- Open session at 10:34**
- [10:33:58 AM](#) Discussed personnel issues. No decisions made or actions taken.
- **Silver Star Communications**
- [10:35:03 AM](#) Mike Miller introduces Spencer and Brady who are here from Silver Star Communications. Mike had not known that they also provided fiber.
- [10:36:42 AM](#) Brady opens up with some history of Silver Star. Have fiber in Wyoming, Boise, Seattle and Salt Lake. Madison Hospital and School districts have brought them in toward the county. If they are going to be doing that it is just as easy to bring it to Rigby as well.
- [10:38:52 AM](#) Spencer talks about usually run internet first. Not the concern at this time. Phone lines would carry over 2 PRI's would cost roughly \$1,100 with the construction cost up front. Another option would have the phones with a redundant line for internet. Discuss pricing. Appears the big cost is going to be the construction cost. Approximately \$50,000. Chairman Raymond asks about the monthly charge would be \$1,125.00. Discuss costs and options for splitting the fiber with other companies in the county.
- [10:46:36 AM](#) Mike Miller said that 1 PRI would hold 23 calls at one time. Mike Miller mentions that 911 is not included. Have 98 phones in the court house currently. Mike may contact BPS to run a survey to know how many people are on the phone at the same time and if they need 2 PRI's. Commissioner Hancock asks about the other county buildings. Those are not included in this proposal but are something they can check into.
- [10:49:24 AM](#) Chairman Raymond asks about how many businesses would be able to attach into the fiber. Looks like they would have around 10 businesses that may be able to split off the line. May want to speak with these businesses and see who all would be interested to see if they can reduce the cost.
- **Fremont Telecom**
- [10:53:38 AM](#) Mike introduces Kory Packer who is back here to answer any questions the commissioners may have. Had received three proposals on the August 24 meeting. All proposals are the same except for the construction costs.
- [10:56:26 AM](#) Chairman Raymond asks about bringing the line across the highway. Kory would want to upsize the fiber to cover the costs. Kory said they could look at giving the county some credit per businesses that utilize the same fiber lines.
- [10:58:05 AM](#) Kory knows there is interest in this. Have brought fiber over to another part of town.
- [10:59:11 AM](#) Mayor of Rigby is here just to hear the proposals are looking for fiber as well. Commissioner Farnsworth asks about if they can add PRIs as needed. They can once the fiber is here it's very versatile.
- [11:01:00 AM](#) Chairman Raymond says now they are back on the drawing board. Kory mentions that the probation office would be easy to hit on the way to the courthouse.
- [11:01:39 AM](#) Mayor Jason Richardson asks since the city building is about another mile away. Would they be able to piggyback off of this fiber?
- [11:03:34 AM](#) Kory believes he could they are teamed up with Rocky Mountain Power to run the fiber on the power poles.

[11:04:13 AM](#) Dave Swager from City of Rigby asks if they have executed with any other Cities. They do not have exclusive over the cities. They do not require them to be exclusive with Fremont telecom to run the fiber.

[11:09:10 AM](#) Mike talks about the options of the phones. The fiber does have a high up front cost but the amount lowered on the bills would help pay for that.

[11:12:52 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to adjourn at 11:12. Second by Commissioner Hancock. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk