

## **Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes February 27, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Chairman Karren, Commissioner Hegsted, Commissioner Raymond, Christine Boulter, Kristine Lund, Cody Taylor, Lorie Dye, Tammy Adkins, Jim Boulter, Robin Dunn, Mitch Whitmill, and Blair Olsen. Emily Kramer is clerk of the board. Mitch Whitmill gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Karren gave the prayer.

### **Elected Officials – Department Heads**

- **Staff Meeting**

Mitch is making changes to be in compliance with the new DEQ regulations. Tammy is starting YAC Court with Bonneville County which is a new program for 18 to 24 year olds. Lori is interviewing for an ag. agent on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 4H is starting. Cody is in the process of doing reappraisals. Kristine is working on warrants and tax deeds. Chris mentions that her office is busy with elections and that March 6<sup>th</sup> is the republican presidential caucus. Debbie brings up the need for a retention resolution. Chris mentions it needs to be an ordinance and offers to work on it. The Sheriff asks Jim when the frost law will take affect. Jim is not sure when or if it will, but will let the Sheriff know. The Sheriff mentions that he will need something from Robin on what property he can go after on the warrants. The Sheriff mentions that he's averaged 75 out of county holds this month. Commissioner Hegsted reports that the Commissioners attended a meeting in reference to the MSTI power line with Commissioners in Montana. Commissioner Raymond asks Mitch if he knew that DEQ has a new head. Jim mentions that he is trying to nail down oil prices. Robin mentions that the cities are trying to meet at least quarterly if not monthly.

### **Social Services – Edidt Ramirez**

- **Executive Session 67-2345(D)**

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 10:07 am pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 10:41 am.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to deny #2012-36 for nonemergent and the ability to pay, to deny #2012-37 for lack of information, to deny #2012-38 for hospital withdrawal and has medical insurance, to deny #2012-39 for lack of information, and to deny #2012-40 for ability to pay. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners sign the release of medically indigent liens for instrument numbers 391994, 392854, 390711, 390713, 391701, and 391995.

- **Executive Session 67-2345(D)(F)  
Hearing – Case #2011-56**

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 10:46 am pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D)(F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner

Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Marvin Smith is present on behalf of deceased patient and Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

Moved back into open session at 10:58 am.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to deny case #2011-56 for nonresidency and agree that it falls under the indigent statute. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to give Robin Dunn the authority to enter into interaction with EIRMC hospital to prepare the stipulation for judicial review. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Merle Hansen**

- **Teton Industrial Subdivision**

Merle distributes the Teton Industrial Subdivision plats. Merle has been working with a company in PA that wants to put in a facility in block 2. The company is a distribution company and is proposing a 44,905 foot building with a 2,656 office to total 47,561. They plan on having 108 parking spaces and 13 spaces for tractor trailers. Merle is before the commissioners to request the go ahead to be able to obtain a building permit without the complete infrastructure in place. Merle would like to only put the road into the well lot and power to the block without installing power to all the lots and completing the roads. The Commissioners discuss that if the subdivision was in stages that would be possible. Commissioners direct Merle to return to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **Lunch**

### **Elections – Shonna Allred**

- **Commissioner Districts Map**

Shonna distributes a map with the 2010 U.S. Census data. Shonna explains that the map is for the commissioners' review and changes will not occur until January 2014.

### **Clerk – Christine Boulter**

Chris distributes the mail.

- **Fair Housing Proclamation**

The Commissioners agree to becoming a Federal Fair Housing Act community.

- **Certificate of Residency**

None for signature.

- **Scanned County Ordinances**

Phyllis mentions that she scanned the county ordinances and wants to know if the Commissioners would like them added to the website. Commissioners agree that the ordinances would be good on the website and ask for them to be added. They also ask for a years worth of the minutes to be maintained online.

### **Paul Meigio – 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District – Underage Tobacco & Alcohol**

- **Research/Jefferson Co. – Tobacco Alcohol Programs**

Paul explains that he has been hired to work with juvenile SUDS and with the tobacco alcohol program. He explains that Twin Falls is a benchmark since they have a good curriculum, they have the youth in court within fourteen days, and they integrate all entities. Paul discusses his analysis of our county. Paul also mentions that Twin Falls does a screening process.

Commissioner Hegsted asks how often we meet with the youth. Tammy says we don't do anything with minor consumption and tobacco. Tammy explains that Twin Falls has every first time offender have an immediate court date, law enforcement contacts the parents, the coordinator and probation officer meet with the family, and then they do a screening process.

Tammy likes the idea of meeting with the families where they are at. Tammy says they have not delved into the logistics yet. Chairman Karren asks how much this will impact the office.

Tammy says she's been planning since they have been considering it for a year and has changed some of the case loads around to help facilitate this program. Commissioner Raymond asks if this becomes a growing program that is extremely successful will it help increase our funding chances. Tammy mentions the Millennium Fund has never been cut and that we have never received it. Tammy explains that the fund is being used to fund Paul. Commissioner Raymond asks who will be the governing board and Tammy explains the same umbrella as up there. The Commissioners support the program and they ask Paul and Tammy to move forward.

Commissioner Hegsted asks about the cost. Tammy explains that the Millennium Fund dollars cover Paul's salary and a PO has already been made available to attend court. Paul explains that a program fee will be charged and will be \$300 like Twin Falls. If they successfully complete the course they will get a refund at the completion of the program, their case will be dismissed, and they will have no other fees. Paul explains that Bonneville County is the fiscal agent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to amend the agenda at 1:57 pm to move up the Prosecuting Attorney's Executive Session because of availability on the agenda. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Attorney – Robin Dunn**

- **Executive Session 67-2345(F)**

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 1:58 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 2:41 pm.

Commissioners request Robin to review the judicial review and provide legal counsel at the next meeting. Commissioners ask Robin to send a demand letter to Thurgoods.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted for Robin to send a letter to Eagle Rock requesting payment by April 1, 2012 or they will no longer be able to access the landfill. Second by Commissioner Karren. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – nay. Chairman Karren – aye.

#### **Cameron Arial – Zions Bank (Telephonic)**

- **Re-funding of County COP**

Cameron updates the Commissioners that there are some other options for their consideration. He explains that the bond bank is still an option which would delay the principal payment till 2013. The new option provides a way to save a lot of money. Chairman Karren asks what the advantages of going this way are. Cameron says the county is able to lock in a historically low fixed interest rate and reduce the balloon payment by spreading it out over the remaining life of the bond which only increases the yearly payments by \$100,000 to \$120,000. Cameron mentions that by refinancing, there is a savings of \$415,000 in interest. Commissioner Raymond asks if the only disadvantage is the cash flow. Cameron says yes. The Commissioners want to reconsider this option in May.

#### **Del Kohtz – Idaho Water Co.**

- **Water Rights**

Did not show.

#### **Casey Bingham – Road & Bridge**

- **Executive Session 67-2345(B)**

**Motion** by Chairman Karren to go into executive session at 3:57 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(B). Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 4:21 pm.

Discussion held on a personnel issue.

#### **Commissioners**

- **Claims**

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the claims dated February 14 through February 27, 2012 to total \$120,088.22. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Commissioner Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Raymond – aye. Chairman Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.**

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*Chairman of the Board*

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