

Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes July 23, 2012

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Chairman Karren, Commissioner Hegsted, Commissioner Raymond, Jim Boulter, Naysha Foster, Lorie Dye, Robin Dunn, Mitch Whitmill, and Blair Olsen. Emily Kramer is Clerk of the board. Naysha Foster gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Hegsted gave the prayer.

Elected Officials & Department Heads

- **Staff Meeting**

Lorie mentions that John Hogge has started and is doing a great job. Lorie says we have a couple weeks till the start of the fairs. The Sheriff mentions that they are gearing up for the three day musical festival at Heise. Commissioner Raymond thanks the Sheriff for being there at events. Robin thinks we need to bring the mayors in and work with Road & Bridge. Robin thinks it would be neat to chip seal from Dove Avenue out to the waste water treatment plan. Robin wants us to invite mayors to a meeting to vent. Robin wants us to work hard on applying for grants, providing information to the public, and cities. Naysha mentions involving the Chamber of Commerce. Lorie mentions adding a walking path on 3800. Commissioner Hegsted says he doesn't know any other venues to reach every household. Robin says inserts in tax notices may be a way. Naysha mentions that they are staying pretty busy. Mitch mentions that they had a great crowd at the levee project and they sent out a number of enforcement letters. Mitch discusses the problems we will face if sage grouse are listed as endangered species. Commissioner Raymond mentions that there are three things (invasive species, wildfire, and infrastructure) that threaten the sage grouse. Commissioner Raymond discusses that there will be more mandates with invasive species but counties will not be able to keep up with them. Naysha mentions we have to adopt the 2009 International Building Code so we will be having a public hearing. We have a special interest group that is going to inspect nine homes that have been built since January for energy efficiency.

Commissioner Hegsted leaves.

Extension Office – Lorie Dye

- **Vehicle Purchase from P & Z**

Lorie shows Naysha some bids for the truck that she wants to buy from the Building Department. Naysha says anything from \$11,000 to \$13,000 she would be fine with. Lorie mentions that it has been smoked in heavily. Lorie is proposing \$11,000. Naysha says that is acceptable. Lorie will need to do it in two budget years. On October 1, she could pay \$6,500 which would include the \$3,000 from Clark County. At present, Lorie has \$4,500 from the extension budget with \$3,330 coming from capital and the other \$1,170 coming from the Vehicle/operating expense line. Lorie would like to make this work. Commissioner Raymond asks who is going to pay for the detail. Naysha says she planned on doing it. Commissioner Raymond asked if the timing is okay. Naysha says yes.

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to transfer the Ford F-150 from Planning and Zoning to Extension Office for the cost of \$11,000. Second by Chairman Karren. Roll call taken. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Hegsted – not present. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raymond asks Lorie to follow up with Clark County. Naysha would like the money directly to Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Raymond mentions it needs to be a contribution. Lorie says she will make sure it is ear tagged for Planning & Zoning.

Carl Legg – Eastern Idaho Railroad

- **License Agreement for #1125 Crossing**

Carl is wondering what the status of putting in the temporary breakaway emergency fence is at the #1125 crossing. Carl mentions that there are two cement barriers that need to be moved. Jim mentions that Robin is working with Kendall in putting the fence in. Chairman Karren mentions that they will talk with Robin and either he or Emily will write him a letter on the status. Robin arrives. Commissioner Hegsted returns. Carl is called. Robin mentions that the first part of the fence is done and they are waiting on having an inspection by the railroad on the installation of the rest. Robin thought that they had to have someone there watching the installation. Robin will have Kendall finish the fence and the railroad will inspect it afterwards.

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to move part of the 4:30 p.m. agenda item up to 10:18 a.m. because of time available. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney – Robin Dunn

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

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 10:19 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved into open session at 10:45 a.m.

Discussion had on litigation.

Commissioner Hegsted leaves.

Shaun Bills – SOAR Wellness

- **Employee Wellness Report**

Shaun mentions they want to evaluate, educate, and link. Shaun discusses that in the past we did some web based campaigns. Shaun discusses the work place is the best place to educate employees. Shaun says his program is to bring the information to the employee. Shaun mentions when you track it you control it which is the health habit challenge. Shaun discusses the other options. Shaun explains that the fee would be \$10 per employee per month if we want to build a wellness program. Commissioner Hegsted arrives. Shaun has some groups that require spouses to do the onsite training. The presentation will be posted online as well. The Max Pulse is a new test that they are offering which is a three to five minute test. Shaun recommends high and high risk categories to utilize it, but anyone is welcome. The

Commissioners will put this in their budget packet. Debbie asks if we can use the Veba account for it.

Commissioner – Jerald Raymond

- **Sage Grouse Discussion**

Commissioner Raymond mentions we have cooperating status and the next conference call is August 9th. John Hogge is working on what prescriptive grazing will do to our county economically. 2015 will be when the decision will be made on the sage grouse issue. Commissioner Raymond says the price tag will not stop on public land. Wildfire is the greatest danger to the species. Commissioner Raymond will keep monitoring it and reporting back. There are core, important, and general. Jefferson County does not have a lot of core habitat in our county (some in the Hamer region).

Social Services – Edidt Ramirez

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

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to go into executive session at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D). Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 11:33 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to deny #2012-63 for lack of information and incomplete application, to deny #2012-64 for ability to pay, to approve #2012-65, and to approve #2012-68. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

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Public Works – Jim Boulter

- **Scale Fee Discussion**

Jim asks if we are going to hold on the scale fee this year since we haven't raised it in May. The scale fee is for the contracts we have with other counties. Commissioner Hegsted says the inflation rate has held so maybe we should just hold. Commissioner Raymond asks about the overall income. Jim says he believes the revenue is down it all depends on the weather. Commissioner Raymond agrees with Commissioner Hegsted.

Motion by Chairman Karren to hold the scale fee for the contracts we have with other counties the same as last year. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Alternate Daily Cover Approval**

The alternate daily cover passed which calls for the use of spray applicator all week and dirt cover on Saturdays. There was no public comment and DEQ and DHS approved it. The spray applicator will save money.

- **Tractor Purchase**

Jim mentions that the tractor purchase is on hold because of cash. Jim would like a 120 HP tractor which will be used in the summer and winter. Commissioner Raymond has talked to a few people on the Kubota and they seem very happy with them. Jim would like to talk with the Clerk about funds. Jim mentions that a buyout on the tractor would be better than a lease.

- **Pickup Purchase**

Jim would like to replace Bart's truck. Jim likes to spec out the same as what they had (6 cylinder diesel). The pickup would have a snow plow and sander. Jim explains that it is a time consuming project to outfit the pickup. He would like to transfer Bart's truck to Brian H. Commissioner Raymond asks if Jim is planning to purchase the pickup out right. Jim says yes. Jim mentions that he may be \$120,000 short of cash at the end of the year based on the Clerk's estimate if he spends out of all of his lines. Jim mentions that he is trying to upgrade the fleet. Jim will get estimates on pickups and bring them back in to the Commissioners for a decision.

- **Replacement Roller Discussion**

For 2013, Jim would like to upgrade the compaction rollers. Jim will get estimates on them. Commissioner Raymond asks how often we use them. Jim says the rubber tire is used during chip seal season and the steel drum roller is used for road building compaction. Commissioner Raymond asks about the trade in value on the old one. Jim doesn't know how much he will get because of the age of the machine.

- **Road Maintenance Update**

The Hamer and Osgood stretches have been chip sealed. The Heise stretch is presently being chip sealed. Next will be 3900 E from County Line to Old Yellowstone and Blackstone Subdivision. Commissioner Raymond asks how the cash is revolving. Jim says the cash comes out of the oil fund and back into the Road & Bridge cash fund. Commissioner Raymond asks about having a trust fund for the oil. Commissioner Raymond asks Jim to work with the Clerk on setting up a trust. Once they are done with chip sealing, they will be de-treeing in the right-of-way and repairing potholes. Commissioner Raymond asks about culverts. Jim says we have changed culverts out if they are getting rusty. 3500 and County Line the bridge will need to be widened. Utilizing a box culvert design is recommended. The 3600 and 500 they are going to apply for a grant. The bridge at 3400 north of highway 48 needs widened. Commissioner Hegsted asks if they have done any culvert replacement. Jim mentions in Osgood. Commissioner Raymond asks Jim to check out the culvert north of Skarrs, Jim will check it out. The bridge at Camas has been classified as a 38% rating and will need attention in the future. The problem with Camas is the backup downstream which we can't do anything about because it is protected water. If the culverts are rusty or damaged they are put on a replacement list.

- **Dead Animals**

Jim asks the Commissioners how they want to handle the dead animals that are in the county right-of-way. Whose budget does it come out of? Jim mentions if Public Works is going to be responsible for handling dead animals Public Works will need to outfit a trailer with a hoist. Jim says in the past we have taken the backhoe out to remove the animals. The Commissioners ask to table the discussion till after the budget. Chairman Karren mentions that owners should take care of their dead animals. Jim mentions he would be willing to put some money towards an enforcement officer to take care of these issues. Commissioner Raymond asks how Jim feels

about cross training an employee to be an enforcement officer. Jim explains that possibly an employee in the department could be cross trained in the future, he recommends that an enforcement officer remain under the Sheriffs jurisdiction . Naysha has been doing research on how other counties handle code enforcement and she found out they have a code enforcement officer in the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners

- **Tax Deed Auctions**

Chairman Karren welcomes everyone to the tax deed auction. Chairman Karren mentions that Robin has been asked to auction the properties. Robin goes over the terms of the sale. Guaranteed funds are cash, cashier's check or bank wire transfer, due and payable by end of business on the sale date (5:00 p.m. 07/23/12). Robin is going to sell them by parcel. One person asks what the redemption period is. Kristine mentions it is over.

The first parcel is RP006070010010. The legal is: Lot 1 Block 1 Reed Acres SEC 4 TWP 4 NORTH RGE 39 EBM. The previous owner was John Knowles. The minimum bid is \$3,418.97. Wade Peterson bids the minimum bid. Tony Allen bids \$4,000. Wade Peterson bids \$4,500. Tony Allen bids \$5,000. Wade Peterson bids \$5,500. Tony Allen bids \$6,000. Wade Peterson bids \$6,500. Tony Allen bids \$7,000. Wade Peterson bids \$7,500. Tony Allen bids \$8,000. Wade Peterson bids \$8,500 which is the final bid.

The second parcel is RP006850030250. The legal is: Lot 25 BLK 3 Stony Brooke Estates DIV #1 SEC 12 TWP 4 NORTH RGE 38 EBM. The previous owner was Lincoln Financial Group LLC. The minimum bid is \$1524.89. Nina Herrington bids the minimum. Wade Peterson bids \$1,600. Nina bids \$1,650. Wade bids \$2,000. Nina bids \$2,100. Wade bids \$2,500. Tony Allen bids \$2,600. Wade bids \$2,700. Tony Allen bids \$2,800. Wade bids \$2,900. Tony bids \$3,500. Wade bids \$3,600. Tony bids \$3750. Wade bids \$3800. Tony bids 4000. Wade bids 4100. Tony bids \$4,500. Wade bids \$4600. Tony bids \$4,700. Wade bids \$4,800. Tony bids \$4,900. Wade bids \$5,000. Tony bids \$5,200. Wade Peterson bids \$5,500 which is the final bid.

The third parcel is RP006850040130. The legal is: Lot 13 BLK 4 Stony Brooke Estates DIV #1 SEC 12 TWP 4 NORTH RGE 38 EBM. The previous owner was Lincoln Financial Group LLC. The minimum bid is \$1524.89. K. Doyle Russell bids \$2,350. Tony bids \$3,000. Seth Bagley 3500. Tony \$4,000. Seth \$4,200. Tony \$4,500. Seth \$4,600. Tony \$5,000. Seth \$5,200. Tony \$5,300. Seth 5400. Tony 5500. Seth Bagley bids \$5600 which is the final bid.

The fourth parcel is RP04N40E194213. The legal is: Beginning at a point that is East along the section line 1308.84 feet and South 1302.56 feet from the Northwest Corner of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 40 East of the Boise Meridian; running thence S89°29'48"E 516.49 feet; thence South 536.19 feet; thence N50°34'04"W 450.22 feet; thence N65°00'20"W 129.65 feet; thence N14°21'58"W 206.44 feet to the point of beginning; containing 3.88 acres more or less. SUBJECT TO: A 30 foot wide roadway and utility easement along the North side of said tract. ALSO: Beginning at a point that is East along the section line 1189.85 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 40 East of the Boise Meridian; running thence S1°26'45"W 602.1 feet; thence S14°53'34"E 740.0 feet; this being the West line

of a 20 foot wide roadway and utility easement. ALSO: Beginning at a point that is East along the section line 1308.94 feet and South 1302.56 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 40 East of the Boise Meridian; running thence S89°29'48"E 1237.96 feet; this being the North line of a 30 foot wide roadway and utility easement. The previous owner was Pamela Johnson and Theola Grover. The minimum bid is \$1421.61. Ed Croft bids the minimum bid and it is the final bid.

The fifth parcel is parcel RP06N33E110141. The legal is: Beginning at a point that is 740 feet West and 839 feet South of the Northeast Corner of Section 11, Township 6 North, Range 33 East of the Boise Meridian, Jefferson County, Idaho, and running thence North 214 feet; thence East 300 feet; thence South 214 feet; thence West 300 feet to the point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH a 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress, the East line of which is described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the above described property and running thence South 362.7 feet, more or less, to the Northerly line of Highway No. 28. The previous owner was Hal and Kaylene Gneiting. The minimum bid is \$997.27. Tony Allen bids the minimum bid. Seth Bagley bids \$1,000. Tony Allen bids \$1,100 which is the final bid.

The sixth parcel is RP07N36E327500. The legal is: a parcel of land situated in Jefferson County, State of Idaho, Township 7 North, Range 36 East of the Boise Meridian, Section 32, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the South Quarter (S1/4) corner of Section 32, Township 7 North, Range 36 E.B.M., said point also being the True Point of Beginning. Thence N 89°37'57" west along the south line of Section 32 for a Distance of 750.00 feet; Thence N 44°44'30" E for a Distance of 1049.01 feet to the North-South Centerline of Section 32; Thence S 00°53'05" E along said Centerline for a Distance of 750.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning, containing 6.46 acres more or less. The previous owners are Mark and Shirley Christenson. The minimum bid is \$1389.57. Seth Bagley bids the minimum bid. Kyle Kimbell \$1,500. Seth Bagley \$1,800. Kyle \$2,000. Seth Bagley \$2,200. Kyle bids \$2,500. Seth Bagley bids \$2,800. Kyle bids \$3,000. Seth \$3,200. Kyle \$3,500. Seth \$3,700. Kyle \$4,000. Seth \$4,200. Kyle \$4,500. Seth \$4,600. Kyle Kimbell bids \$4,800 which is the final bid.

The seventh parcel is RPA00600000170. The legal is lot 17, Boulevard Addition. The previous owner is Lorraine Smith. The minimum bid is \$7247.95. The owners have offered to come in and pay before 5 pm if the Commissioners will allow them to do so. They would like the parcel to be withdrawn from the sale.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to withdraw parcel RPA00600000170 from the auction because the owner Lorraine Smith is coming in to pay with cash before 5 pm today. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Kristine discusses the property owned by Gerald Read parcel #RPC02200030020.

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to allow an extension to redeem till February 28, 2013 on parcel #RPC02200030020 owned by Gerald Read. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Claims**

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the claims dated July 9, 2012 through July 20, 2012 to total \$408,395.14. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Commissioner Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to approve the minutes of July 9, 2012 with a change of Ruth Foster. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Recording System for Commissioners' Meeting Room**

Naysha mentions that we have to have a transcribable record for public hearings and her machine has died. Everyone borrows the P & Z machine for their hearings. Naysha would like to see a permanent recording system like in the courtroom installed in the Commissioners' meeting. She would like to see other departments contribute. Naysha has a public hearing on August 2nd and needs to have something in place before hand.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the Phase 4 bid not to exceed \$1,950 to upgrade our recording system in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 2:52 p.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(B). Second by Chairman Karren. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 3:09 pm.

The Commissioners table a discussion on a PTO issue and ask for it to be placed on the agenda for August 1, 2012.

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to move the second half of the 4:30 p.m. agenda item up to 3:13 p.m. because of time available. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney – Robin Dunn

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

Motion by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 3:14 p.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 3:53 p.m.

Discussion had on litigation.

Paul Butikofer

• **Executive Session 67-2345(A)**

Motion by Chairman Karren to go into executive session at 3:54 p.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(A). Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 4:28 p.m.

Discussion had on a personnel issue.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk