

## **Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes November 15, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Chairman Karren, Commissioner Hegsted, and Commissioner Raymond. Emily Kramer is Clerk of the board. Richard Horne gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Hegsted gave the prayer.

### **EIPH - Richard Horne**

- **Annual Report**

Richard thanks the commissioners for allowing him to come up and speak. He also wants to demonstrate a new program. Richard announces that he is retiring and the board has accepted his resignation. Following the application and interview process, the board at their February meeting will appoint a new director. Richard says after 41 years its time. Commissioner Hegsted says he has done an awesome job. Commissioner Raymond thanks him for his service. Richard thanks the Commissioners for their support. Richard thanks Commissioner Hegsted and Chairman Karren for their service on the board. Richard thanks Debbie for serving as a board member and presents her with her framed picture. Richard says we will need to nominate a commissioner to replace Chairman Karren on the board. The next meeting will be in February. Commissioner Hegsted asks Richard to explain the process of nominating a commissioner. Richard says the Commissioners nominate a representative and submit the name to the board. The name goes out to the other county commissioners for their support and then the person is appointed. Richard goes on to state that the department does not feel any need to reduce hours of any employees at the Rigby office. Richard says they feel the current staffing and office hours are efficient. They plan on making no changes unless the Commissioners have a problem. Richard thanks them for their support at the Mud Lake office. Commissioner Karren mentions she obtained a bid for railing. Richard says the department will be doing some more work at the Mud Lake building. In addition, under the new direction the department will consider expanding the Rigby building. The flow through that building is not very efficient. Richard does not know where the health department is going in the future. They are watching the Title X planning and the Obamacare outcome. They are also working on going to electronic medical records and there will be some big changes going on. Robin Dunn says it may be helpful to the commissioners if they receive more statistical information from the health department. Geri Rackow the Deputy Director is here to present the new program. Before beginning Geri asks permission to ask one more question. She says a discussion at the last board meeting was that there was a \$500 budget to do maintenance at the Mud Lake Office and she just wants to confirm. Chairman Karren says the rent is \$1,800 and the utilities are \$1,300, so the commissioners decided at a previous meeting to budget \$500 a year for maintenance. Geri presents that their new program is Network of Care which is a public health assessment and welfare program. The website is <http://jefferson.id.networkofcare.org/ph/index.aspx> It has health indicators, status, statistics, and a huge bunch of health resources. Geri provides a tour of the website. The health district wants to empower people to make better health decisions. Geri asks if they have any questions. Geri says they are trying to promote this throughout the community and it went live in September. Richard says they are willing to present to community groups on request.

### **Nolan Gneiting**

- **Building Permits**

Nolan Gneiting did not appear.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to amend the agenda at 9:52 a.m. to discuss the 2:00 p.m. executive session because of time available. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to add County Clerk’s Business and a commissioner report on the BLM Cooperating Agency status to the agenda at 1:30 p.m. because the information was just received and to move the Supreme Court Letter Signature item to 1:50 p.m. because the Judge will be delayed. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Prosecutor – Robin Dunn**

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 9:54 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(B & F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 10:24 a.m.

Discussion held on pending litigation and a personnel issue. Commissioners direct Tammy A. to write a letter that she feels appropriate to the employee, have them sign that they received it, and provide an opportunity to comment on the issue.

### **Probation – Tammy Adkins**

- **Quarterly Report**

Tammy distributes her quarterly report. She discusses that there has been some discussion with PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). She was advised that with the PREA stipulations there is some training that counselors and probation officers will have to have before they can enter the jail and detention center. Tammy is concerned with jumping ahead on training. Tammy does not want to fork out the money for her staff to go to training in January if it is not necessary because the federal decision on PRIA is not out yet. Chairman Karren asks why on page 4 of the quarterly report there is zero for restitution collected. Tammy says they don’t have a lot of outstanding restitution being owed. She explains that there will always be an increase in collection around tax season because that is when they make their collection push. Commissioner Raymond asks if we had a YAC court graduate. Tammy says yes.

### **GIS – Sherry Lufkin and Cody Taylor**

- **County Data**

Sherry says the purpose of the meeting is to discuss data sharing with the State of Idaho. Sherry explains that this past year the IGO (Idaho Geospatial Office) officer has made great strides and has gained the support of almost all counties in Idaho for data sharing. The State prepared a data sharing agreement if the county agrees to share parcel data. She explains that the state recognizes that a data set that is statewide is efficient and is a benefit to other federal and state agencies. They also recognize that there is a need for public access to this data. Sherry explains that this agreement asks the counties to share a minimal of attributes to include parcel number,

acreage, owner, mail address, site address, categories, legal description, and values. Sherry explains that this is data that we have been willing to share. If we share this, the data will be shared free with other State and Federal agencies as is our practice. Sherry asks for a signature on the agreement and asks if anyone has any questions. Commissioner Hegsted asks what the downside is. Sherry says she doesn't see any. She explains that each county is the best source for county data and it will make it very efficient. Commissioner Hegsted asks if Sherry has ever seen a need for other counties to share information. Sherry says yes, for zoning purposes, 911, and she only sees it as a plus. Robin asks if Sherry has ever considered it from a national security standpoint. Sherry says the State is not asking for secure information. Sherry says we don't include sensitive points for distribution. Sherry says they have avenues to restrict data. Robin says shouldn't it be a State concern to not distribute certain data? Sherry says she looks at it differently. If we had a disaster, she would want the Federal and State agencies to have as much data as possible to be able to deal with disaster. Sherry asks if there is any concern on what the State is asking for. Chairman Karren asks is this information currently public information. Sherry says yes. Commissioner Raymond asks what the need for data is from the public. Sherry says BLM, Fish & Game, if these agencies have to contact every county when they are working on a project, it can be time consuming. If they can go to a state website and download county data that will help them then it will be more efficient. Sherry says public interest includes realtors, appraisers, buyers, etc... Chairman Karren says the bottom line is this information is already accessible to the public and we will just be making it more efficient by signing this agreement. Cody explains that Robin has reviewed the first draft, but he has not reviewed the recent revisions. Sherry mentions any data we share with the State is already shared on our website. Chairman Karren asks if Robin needs to review the agreement. Robin says yes he needs to review it, but they can sign and make it effective at a future date. Commissioner Raymond says that he is concerned because of encroachment on private property rights and he's sensitive to sharing information for private use. Robin is concerned that this involves more government intervention. Commissioner Raymond doesn't want to make it easier. Sherry says from an economic development if our data is out there an investor will know we are present and forward thinking. The commissioners will think on this agreement and will decide at the next meeting.

Sherry says the City of Rigby came to us and feels like the agreement we had in 2012 was working well for them and they would like to resign for FY2013. They currently pay a monthly retainer fee of \$396 with that they use our servers, we maintain their web map, and GIS employees are available if they have any questions. They did not use the county for any special projects and we did not have to bill them for anything in addition to what was covered in the agreement.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to proceed with the FY2013 GIS agreement with Jefferson County and the City of Rigby. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Sherry mentions that they had another topic they would like to discuss, but since they are out of time they will get on the next agenda.

## **Social Services – Edidt Ramirez**

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. 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 #2013-11 pending a decision from SSD, to deny #2013-12 for lack of information, and to deny nonmedical application #2013-1 for other resources. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Lunch**

## **Weed Department – Mitch Whitmill**

- **Equipment Purchase**

Mitch explains that in the budget he set money aside to purchase a RTV to use for work on irrigation ditches, snow plowing, and to pull the grass seed drill. Mitch is looking at a Kubota. He looked at a John Deere but the load capacity was only 600 lbs. Commissioner Hegsted asks about a Bobcat. Mitch said he talked with the dealer and they don't have anything like what he's looking for. Commissioner Hegsted shows Mitch a Bobcat online.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the Kubota RTV purchase from Agri Service in Twin Falls, ID to total \$19,533. This motion is void if Mitch receives a quote from Bobcat which is within five to ten percent of the total. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Karren – aye. Raymond – aye.

## **Dell Rae Howard**

- **Casualty Loss**

Dell Rae needs to file for a casualty loss because her home caught on fire on October 29, 2012. It won't be livable for six to nine months. Tammy used the statute to determine the taxable value that needs to be cancelled for tax year 2012 which is \$373.08.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to cancel \$373.08 on parcel no. RP006520030110 owned by James and Dell Rae Howard for casualty loss. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Commissioners**

- **Supreme Court Letter Signature**

Judge Schinderling is present and explains that the Supreme Court has asked for a letter from Jefferson County to present to the legislature in support of the request for a new district judge position. The only concern that Judge Schinderling has is the increased cost to the counties. He explains that a new district judge presiding in Jefferson County would take some of the load off of Judge Moeller in Madison and from Bonneville County. Robin adds that Burt has contacted him and if we want to go ahead with this we need to get it out this week. Judge Schinderling

says the legislature is on the verge of having their organizational meeting. He wants to be prepared to move on the proposals as quickly as we can. He explains that in the early part of December they will be having the district meeting. Patti will be putting together these proposals together for the meetings in January. Chairman Karren asks Chris how she feels about this. Chris says that we planned on this happening and it's really a privilege. Judge Schinderling doesn't think it will impact anymore clerk's time. Commissioner Raymond asks if we are currently sharing expenses with six counties, if we do this we will be sharing expenses with only three other counties. Judge Schinderling says he would anticipate some responsibility to Bonneville, Butte, Custer, and Lemhi, and maybe the Upper Valley. He explains that he and Burt have discussed the ten counties paying a certain amount based on the caseload. He says it will certainly increase the costs to have a sixth law clerk. Robin says he talked with Judge Crowley the other day and we don't have the equipment to do video arraignments. The Judge says we have it, but we have to go to the bridge. Robin says it's not working. The Judge hopes within the next six months the Judges will be able to take their laptops they will be getting into the court room. Chris will contact Computer Arts to check on the status of video arraignments.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to write a letter in support for a new district judge position to preside in Jefferson County. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Claims**

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the claims dated October 23, 2012 through November 14, 2012 to total \$307,265.45. 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 October 22, 2012. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Recertification of Circular Butte Landfill Plan**

Commissioners sign the recertification of the Circular Butte Landfill Plan.

- **Shop with the Cop**

The commissioners received a request of support for the shop with the cop program to total \$1,500. Chris explains that we have normally supported the program and we pay it out of the indigent fund.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to approve supporting the Shop with the Cop program to total \$1,500. Second by Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **ICRMP Training**

The commissioners conduct an ICRMP discussion on sexual harassment.

- **BLM Cooperating Agency Status**

Commissioner Raymond says that we have continued co-operating status with the BLM on the National Greater Sage-Grouse issue. Commissioner Raymond reports that one alternative is the Government Taskforce which is up against a deadline and they are not making much progress. Commissioner Raymond says that he personally supports the Governor's Taskforce which he feels makes the most sense. Two of the other options are no action and no grazing. Chairman Karren asks to be kept informed of the situation.

- **Election Report**

Shonna says we had an 82% voter turnout. Shonna asks for a signature on the election reports. Chairman Karren says she and Commissioner Raymond were contacted about some election violations because some people were campaigning to close to the polling places. Shonna says she gave instruction to the Chief Judges to make sure campaigners were beyond a 100 ft from the polling place. Chairman Karren asks if people were offended who were they supposed to contact. Shonna said no one contacted her personally if they did she would have contacted a deputy. Shonna said she did not have to contact any deputies.

**Clerk – Christine Boulter**

- **Clerk's Business**

The commissioners sign Greg Shenton's appointment to the Eastern Idaho Public Health District Board of Health.

**Motion** by Commissioner Raymond to approve resolution #2013-01 for destruction of records. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Karren – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris asks Robin if resolution numbers should renumber at the beginning of the fiscal year. Robin says the number is about finding the resolution. He recommends renumbering by fiscal year.

Discussion held on cloud seeding. Chairman Karren abstains from the discussion because she is on the board.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hegsted to support \$5,000 out of the commissioner's contingency fund for cloud seeding support. Second by Commissioner Raymond. Roll call taken. Karren – abstained. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye.

**Prosecutor – Robin Dunn**

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

Agenda amended at beginning to move executive session to 9:54 am because of time available.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.**

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*Chairman of the Board*

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*County Clerk*

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