

**Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Chairman Raymond, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Hegsted, Jerry Ramirez, Sheriff Olsen, Scott Herrick, Mitch Whitmill, Lorie Dye, Tammy Adkins, and Naysha Foster. Emily Kramer is Clerk of the board. Lorie Dyer gave the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Raymond gave the prayer. Kristine Lund arrives at 9:04 am.

Commissioners – Elected Officials – Department Heads

- **Staff Meeting**

Kristine discusses what is going on in the Treasurer's Office. Chris arrives at 9:07 am. Robin arrives at 9:08 am. Other department heads and elected officials discuss workloads and progress.

- **Report on Assignments**

Commissioners report on the boards they sit on.

- **Trent Tustian – PCR Ink**

Trent explains he is starting a secondary company to sell ink. Trent says that he estimates 30 to 50% can be saved through him, but he'd like to set down with departments to provide an estimate. He supplies toner, ink cartridges, bulbs for projectors, and staples for copiers. Robin leaves at 9:55 am.

Commissioners

- **Jail Inspection**

Commissioners conduct a jail inspection.

Indigent Hearing - #2013-33, #2013-52

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

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to go into executive session at 10:36 am pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D). Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 10:54 am.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to table #2013-33 and #2013-52 and to continue to put forth more effort to bring the individual in to obtain more information and financial status. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

No medical review requested.

Social Services – Edidt Ramirez

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

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session at 11:02 am pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(D). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved back into open session at 11:25 am.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to deny #2014-05 for lack of cooperation, to deny #2014-6 for incomplete application, and to deny #2014-9 for lack of cooperation. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to adjourn for lunch at 11:28 am. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Motion passed unanimously.

Lunch

Road & Bridge – Jerry Ramirez & George Ricks

- **Vibratory Compactor**

Jerry says we really need a compactor because the old one keeps falling apart.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to enter into a lease for a vibratory compactor with Honnen Equipment for a total of \$16,826 for five years. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Generator Light Tower**

Jerry says the light tower heats up the equipment, but that is the only use he knows of. Jerry doesn't have an estimate for the light tower. Commissioners table a decision on the light tower until they get numbers.

- **Discuss Year-End Oil**

Discussion on year end oil. Jerry mentions there is no money for fog coating. Chairman Raymond asks how much they will need. Jerry says will need about \$70,000 to fog coat. Chris arrives at 1:05 pm. Chris mentions we can discuss this more during the budget work session.

- **Discuss Durapatcher Oil**

George mentions he's almost out of durapatcher oil and he'll need about \$13,000 more to keep patching. Robin mentions having it come out of the line and then to freeze the budget so it doesn't go over the overall.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to spend \$13,000 for more road oil for the durapatcher out of 02-00-641-00. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris mentions they got a bid on the sidewalk for \$10,400 from Straight Arrow. Public Works will do some of the work and they will need to rent a piece of equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to authorize the sidewalk installation down the middle of the parking lot to total \$10,400 by Straight Arrow plus other necessary expenditures. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin leaves at 1:30 pm.

Weed Department – Mitch Whitmill

- **Copy Machine Purchase from Road & Bridge**

Mitch agreed to purchase Road and Bridge’s copy machine. They mentioned for \$1,200, but Mitch got an appraisal value of \$1,000 for the copier.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to authorize the Weed Department to purchase the copy machine from Road and Bridge not to exceed \$1,200. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris leaves at 1:38 pm. Chris arrives at 1:40 pm. Chris leaves at 1:41 pm.

Commissioners

- **Claims**

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to approve the claims dated August 12, 2013 through August 23, 2013 to total \$204,016.79. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve the minutes of August 12, 2013. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Certificates of Residency**

The commissioners sign the certificates of residency.

- **MOU Signature for Oil Distributor**

Commissioners sign the MOU between Jefferson County and Madison County for use of the oil distributor.

- **LRHIP Project Document Summary Signatures**

Chairman Raymond signs the LRHIP project document summary.

Robin arrives at 2:30 pm.

- **ICRMP Training**

The commissioners complete their ICRMP training.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to pay the County Extension prepaids for the Eastern Idaho State Fair of \$500. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- **2014 Budget Work Session**

Chairman Raymond asks where the additional funds are in District Court for the new law clerk. Chris arrives at 2:38 pm. Chris says she barely got the numbers so she will have to increase the law clerk line. Chairman Raymond asks what we budgeted for the Senior Citizens. Chris says we budgeted \$5,000. Chairman Raymond asks about the engineering line for Road and Bridge. Discussion held. Chairman Raymond asks about the \$153,400 in capital – equipment. Discussion held. Chris discusses salaries.

BLM – Jeff Long

- **Request for Cleanup Assistance**

Jeff is the law enforcement ranger for Idaho Falls and is having a cleanup day west of the buttes on September 7th. Jeff is asking the commissioners permission to dispose of the waste at the Circular Butte landfill. Casey mentions there is a fee for tire disposal and that we need to have the garbage sorted. Casey proposes having them place the garbage in three different piles. Discussion held. Commissioner Hegsted would be in favor of supporting the project. Commissioner Farnsworth is okay with. The commissioners ask Jeff and Casey to work out the logistics.

Shane Rhodehouse

- **Request for Building Approval**

Shane has a piece of property near the pit he operates that he hasn't been able to develop. He would like to build his personal home on the first lot and he plans on putting in a private drive to county specifications. Naysha says in order to issue a building permit; one of three conditions needs to be met. Naysha says Shane can't afford to put the infrastructure in or bond it, and he does not wish to vacate the subdivision. Naysha mentions we have approved a similar request in the past. The commissioners give permission to issue a building permit to Shane with the stipulation that no lots are to be sold and no other building permits will be issued until the infrastructure is in or bonded. Commissioner Hegsted asks what the downside is to allowing this. Naysha says you will be setting precedence and to do it we would need stipulations in place.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to have Naysha draft an MOU between Jefferson County and Shane Rhodehouse stating that no lots are to be sold and no other building permits will be issued until the infrastructure is in or bonded to be presented at their next meeting. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Pinnock

- **Cross Country Team – Jefferson Lake**

Mary is requesting a waiver of the lake entrance fees for the cross country meet and mentions the kids are willing to do a service project in the spring. Emily mentions that she is in support of charging a flat fee of \$500 because all users should have to pay to use the lake.

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to approve a flat fee of \$500 for use of the lake for the cross country meet in September. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Attorney – Robin Dunn

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

Motion by Commissioner Hegsted to go into executive session at 3:48 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(F). Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved into regular session at 3:56 pm.

Discussion held on conflict.

Recess at 3:56 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to amend the agenda at 3:59 pm to address the lease of the Hamm roller. Second by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Raymond – aye. Farnsworth – aye.

Road & Bridge – Jerry Ramirez & George Ricks

- **Vibratory Compactor**

Casey presents the vibratory compactor lease agreement to sign. The commissioners sign.

Commissioners

- **Sheriff Blair Olsen**

The Sheriff wanted the opportunity to address the commission and anyone else in the room. The Sheriff discusses the cell phone issue that has been addressed. The Sheriff asks that the commission direct Mr. Dunn to contact the Attorney General's Office to conduct an investigation into the cell phone issue. The Sheriff mentions he received an email from local news media that had Bruce Baxter's address on it and had the Sheriff's credit card year end statements with the full credit card number on it. The Sheriff would like this investigated as well since no public records request was made for these documents and having the full credit card number on it put the county at risk. Robin asks the Chairman to speak. Chairman Raymond allows his. Robin mentions that the Attorney General's Office sent him a letter that they would honor a request at this time if it was sent to them.

- **Bruce Baxter**

1. **Procedure for Approving Claims for Sheriff**

2. **Proposal for Comprehensive Management System**

Bruce reads his statement. Chairman Raymond says many months ago about a year and a half ago. He had someone come to him with concerns about the county. He was concerned as well so he listened intently. Chairman Raymond told the person that if the story were true it would be very disconcerting. Chairman Raymond said he has heard that story repeated, it's become more believable, but it is still false. Chairman Raymond mentions that there were people that had reams of evidence and as a commission we asked to meet with them. However, the people decided they had other plans and would not be coming in to meet. Chairman Raymond tells a

story about growth hormones in milk. Chairman Raymond says he'll fight for Bruce's constitutional rights as well as the Sheriff.

Sheriff

- **City Contract Signatures**

The Sheriff mentions he only has one of the four city contracts and would like to postpone the signing of the city contracts it till October 15th.

Commissioners

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

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session at 4:36 pm pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(B)(F). Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Emily and Chris leave at 4:37 pm. Emily and Chris return at 5:23 pm.

Moved into regular session at 5:23 pm.

Discussion held on personnel issues. The commissioners support the Sheriff's proposition for inquiry.

Chairman Raymond tells Chris that they are going to change Emily's job duties come October 1st and have her do Emergency Management, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, and Executive Assistant to the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to adjourn at 5:33 pm. Second by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. Hegsted – aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk