

Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes October 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am. Those present are Commissioner Farnsworth, Chairman Raymond, Robin Dunn and Emily Kramer. Edidt Ramirez and Chris Boulter are clerking the board. Commissioner Farnsworth leads in the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Raymond offered the prayer.

[8:59:56 AM](#)

Commissioners

- **Amended 2015 Budget Public Hearing**

Chairman Raymond gives introduction to those present about the Public Hearing. Clerk Boulter speaks next about revenues. Several members of the public are present as well as some department heads. (Exhibit is provided by Clerk Boulter) Chairman Raymond speaks after Clerk. 5 members of the public signed up to speak in favor of step and grade.

[9:16:35 AM](#) Emily Kramer speaks first on her views

[9:18:45 AM](#) Steve Anderson speaks next.

[9:21:22 AM](#) John Wolfe speaks and states his address (Chairman Raymond speaks to John Wolfe)

[9:23:16 AM](#) Naysha Foster speaks and states her address

[9:25:16 AM](#) Tammy Adkins speaks and states her address

[9:27:50 AM](#) Paul Snarr also speaks in favor.

[9:30:09 AM](#) Mitch Whitmill speaks in favor of step and grade and agrees it's time for it to be implemented.

Two members of the public speak against step and grade. Ruth Foster says there is concern that the county is already in debt and there is a question if taxes will go up. Clerk Boulter responds to the question and explains that PILT money would be helping to pay for step and grade.

Next to speak is Cheryl Hivley residing at 3513 E 430 N. in Lewisville. She thinks step and grade is good. She states that she would like to know who will be providing the raises to employees. She is concerned about the budget and feels that it may be better to put the funding apart so this could be implemented later. She believes people should be rewarded for a job well done and has an important question and would like to know who holds the title to the courthouse. The response to her questions is that it is with Idaho bond bank and asks to have research done as to what amount was lost with doing this with the Idaho bond bank. Chairman Raymond explains about what was done and he states he will research and give her answers. She states employees need to be rewarded but is concerned about the funding of this. Chairman Raymond states they understand that step and grade need to be handled in the proper way and cohesively. He states its time at this point to move forth with this and it will be an ongoing process. Chairman Raymond thanks those present for their input.

Commissioner Farnsworth speaks about his concern which is the sustainability of this. He says he doesn't want to vote in favor and then have to furlough or lose any more employees down the road. On other hand employees have gone a long time without a raise and then losing more employees in the mean time. He states step and grade could possibly make them more frugal. Commissioner Farnsworth also has concerns about evaluations and believes it will have to be looked into as far as department heads and officials.

Chairman Raymond states they have already voted to implement step and grade. The decision to be made today is if they can fund the program. If so they would open the budget and put in \$380,671.00 Cheryl Hively. Chairman Raymond informs Commissioner Farnsworth can make a motion if wanted in regards to this. Commissioner Farnsworth states that it is a tough decision and he will state what he feels is good for the employees

Motion is made by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve the funding for the step and grade and shortage in the justice fund; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye Motion passes

It will be reflected in the following payroll.

Public Works-Paul Snarr

- [10:01:44 AM](#) **Clarifications- Budget Issues**
Paul speaks reading a letter he wrote on clarifications
- [10:05:06 AM](#) **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Paul speaks about the thanksgiving holiday. He is suggesting that the week of thanksgiving his employees work 3, 8 hour days. Chairman Raymond wants to make sure that all employees are getting treated equally. Chairman Raymond also adds that the employees at road and bridge stated that 8 hour days were not very efficient in the past. Chairman Raymond states he would like this to be tabled to at least later in the day.
- [10:13:39 AM](#) **County Auction Discussion**
[10:14:22 AM](#) Paul speaks about the county auction. (Chairman Raymond comments during this discussion) Clerk Boulter directs a question to Paul about the auctioneer.
[10:26:00 AM](#) **Motion to go into Executive Session 67-2345 (B) by Commissioner Farnsworth; motion is seconded Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken (Employee/Commissioner Issues)**
[10:28:46 AM](#) Open Session 10:56
[10:57:59 AM](#) Discussed Personnel issues no decisions made

Commissioners

- [10:57:20 AM](#) **Idaho Falls Ambulance**
[10:57:36 AM](#) Carl Anderson speaks he is here with Central Fire. Contract has been read and approved by legal counsel. Contract is signed by Commissioners, clerk attest signature.
- [11:04:16 AM](#) **City-County GIS Agreement**
[11:05:15 AM](#) Emily presents the contract to the Commissioners. This is an annual agreement that is signed.
- [11:06:12 AM](#) **Sign Geosmith Mapping Contract**
Contract signed
[11:06:40 AM](#) This contract has already been approved, commissioners sign the Contract
- [11:07:17 AM](#) **Re-Sign June 4, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes**
[11:08:10 AM](#) Commissioners re-sign the minutes of June 4 2014
- [11:08:33 AM](#) **Christmas Eve Hours**
[11:08:58 AM](#) Kristine Lund leads in this discussion. Cody Taylor, Naysha Foster and Christine Boulter are present on this subject. Christine Boulter speaks next. Chairman Raymond asks a question. Clerk Boulter and Kristine Lund respond to the question. Naysha Foster also speaks. Cody Taylor adds to the conversations. Kristine Lund and Chairman Raymond ask questions to which Emily Kramer responds to. Commissioners Farnsworth also speaks on the subject.
[11:26:19 AM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to close the Courthouse on Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m. with exception to the non-essential staff; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. All in favor. Motion passes.**
[11:27:56 AM](#) **Social Services-Edidt Ramirez**
[11:28:43 AM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session 67-2345(D); motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**
Open session at 11:53 a.m. all records exempt from disclosure
[11:53:04 AM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth on indigent cases to deny case number 2014-71 due to voluntarily unemployed, deny case number 2015-16 due to voluntarily unemployed, approve case number 2014-69, and approve 2014-35; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**
[11:53:52 AM](#) break for lunch

[1:00:15 PM](#) **Planning & Zoning-Naysha Foster**

Robin Dunn is present after lunch break

- [1:02:54 PM](#) **Appoint New P&Z Board Member**

[1:02:46 PM](#) Naysha speaks about the replacement of the member for P&Z. Chairman Raymond speaks in regards to the nominees for this. Commissioner Farnsworth speaks in regards to the subject as well

[1:07:08 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to appoint Ty Belnap as the new P&Z board member; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. All in favor. motion passes**

- [1:07:56 PM](#) **Sign Butler Island Plat**

[1:08:11 PM](#) Naysha explains about this subject and explains that the only changes were mentioned in last meeting. Commissioners sign the plat that was approved last meeting

- [1:10:05 PM](#) **Sign Maintenance Agreement-New Pinter-Copier**

[1:10:25 PM](#) Naysha provides the contract to the commissioners and explains the agreement.

- [1:12:44 PM](#) **Ordinance #2014-05- Amendment Re-Lot Splits**

[1:13:17 PM](#) Naysha speaks about the amendments being made to this ordinance. She explains a public hearing was held. Chairman Raymond asks a question.

[1:20:25 PM](#) **Motion is made by Commissioner Farnsworth to adopt ordinance #2014-05 as amended; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. All in favor. Motion passes.**

[1:21:55 PM](#) **Commissioners**

- [1:22:09 PM](#) **Sign Certificates of Residency**

[1:22:36 PM](#) Commissioners sign certificates of Residency

- [1:23:35 PM](#) **Sign Neopost Mail Machine Contract/Clerk**

[1:24:01 PM](#) Lexie Kinghorn is present as well as Chris Boulter with this subject. Lexie gives an explanation to the Commissioners. Commissioners review the paperwork and contract. Chairman Raymond asks a couple of questions.

[1:31:24 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to accept the contract for the Neopost postage machine; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

[1:34:07 PM](#) **Commissioners**

- [1:34:15 PM](#) **Executive Session 67-2345(B)**
- [1:34:32 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to go into executive session 67-2345 (B)-Personnel; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

[1:35:17 PM](#) Barbara is present from University of Idaho is present.

[1:59:30 PM](#) Open session. Discussion held on personnel issues no decisions made

[2:00:26 PM](#) **Commissioners**

- [2:00:38 PM](#) **Landfill use fee**
- [2:01:06 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve resolution #2014-05; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**

Resolution signed and approved.

- [2:01:53 PM](#) **Building Purchase-Lease**

[2:02:49 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth speaks about possibly purchasing probation building and combining it with prosecutors office. Clerk Boulter speaks about this and Robin Dunn adds some information. Chairman Raymond also speaks.

- [2:13:26 PM](#) **Memorial Markers**

[2:13:35 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth speaks on this subject about memorial markers. Emily asks a question; Robin Dunn helps in answering the question. Chris Boulter speaks about her concerns.

[2:23:19 PM](#) **Motion made by Chairman Raymond to amend agenda to allow Treasurer Lund to come in about a issue that came up on a sale that is scheduled for the 21st of October; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. All in favor motion passes**

[2:24:20 PM](#) Kristine speaks about this subject that just came up.

[2:30:34 PM](#) Robin Dunn leaves the room

[2:30:46 PM](#) Chairman Raymond makes some comments. Commissioner Farnsworth speaks about subject as well. Direction is given to Kristine Lund on how to further proceed.

- [2:54:44 PM](#) **Approve Claims**
- [2:55:02 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth asks a question, Chairman responds to the question
- [3:16:45 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve claims dated 9-23-2014 to 9-30-2014 in the amount of \$265,548.62 ; motion seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. motion passes**
- [3:17:40 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth has a question about the packet for the FEMA training. Emily Kramer responds to the question and answers to Commissioner Farnsworth questions. He also asks about another claim on the sheriff's department.
- [3:23:02 PM](#) **Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to approve claims dated 10-1-2014 to 10-9-2014 in the amount of \$280,376.78; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. Roll call taken. Commissioner Farnsworth-aye, Chairman Raymond-aye. Motion passes**
- [3:23:28 PM](#) **Motion made by Chairman Raymond to approve meeting minutes dated September 22, 2014; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. All in favor motion passes.**
- [3:23:54 PM](#) **Thanksgiving Holiday training**
- [3:24:18 PM](#) Paul Snarr is present on this subject. Paul speaks about what he is proposing. Commissioner Farnsworth speaks about the subject. Chairman Raymond states his concerns. The decision is tabled until the next meeting with the commissioners.

[3:39:52 PM](#) **Commissioners**

- [3:40:01 PM](#) **ICRMP Discount Training**
- [3:40:46 PM](#) Emily provides training to the commissioners. Chairman comments on some of these points. Commissioner Farnsworth speaks about the points.
- [3:51:42 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth speaks again. About training
Commissioners will complete online ICRMP evaluation Recording stops while questions are answered.
- [3:54:57 PM](#) Robin Dunn exits the room
- [3:54:57 PM](#) Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Farnsworth; motion is seconded by Chairman Raymond. All in favor aye motion passes

Meeting adjourned

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk