

Jefferson County Commissioner Meeting Minutes July 22, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. Those present are Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Hegsted and Chairman Raymond. Edidt Ramirez and Chris Boulter are clerking the board. Commissioners Hegsted leads in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Farnsworth offered the prayer.

Clerk- Christine Boulter

- **2015 Budget**
- Clerk is not present. Commissioner Hegsted discusses the budget for 5C. There will be a 3% increase for operations. The increase was approved by a 3-2 vote. Jefferson and Madison Counties voted against the increases. There will be a \$40,000.00 increase for workers compensation and an anticipated 12% increase for health insurance.

Motion to amend the agenda to move the Public Works to 3:00 p.m. because of time available by Commissioner Hegsted; motion is seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Hegsted – aye. Farnsworth – aye. Raymond – aye. All in favor. motion passes

Public Works-Paul Snarr

- **Excess Equipment**
Paul Snarr hands to the commissioners a sheet regarding the excess equipment in road and bridge department. This list shows how many graders and loaders are available as well as the miscellaneous equipment. Paul suggests selling 3 or 4 graders and reports they are in pretty good shape. He feels equipment needs to be used and by the information Paul has received these graders are not in use. Chairman Raymond explains that he knows the graders were purchased for snow removal and isn't sure if it would be better to sell or keep them. Paul reports he has met with solid waste after going over the excessive equipment list.
- **Vehicle Purchase**
Paul speaks about replacing the old sheriff car that is used by Solid Waste with the Road and Bridge ford escape. He has looked into two equinoxes at Tadd Jenkins which if purchased one would be for his use and the other for Casey and Roxanne's use. Paul provides a sheet from Tadd Jenkins Chevrolet. He would like to purchase them this year. He would like to sell the Dakota at auction.

Motion made by Commissioner Hegsted to purchase the two equinoxes for Road and Bridge; seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye. Chairman Raymond aye. Motion to table the motion to purchase the vehicles by Commissioner Farnsworth until the revenue for Road and Bridge balance is reviewed; seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hegsted – aye. Commissioner Farnsworth – aye. Chairman Raymond aye.

- **2015 Budget Request**

Sheets are presented to commissioners by Paul. Landfill budget is down a little on salaries. Paul speaks about moving an employee to full time for half of the year around the summer months and return to part time remaining 6 months. There is discussion held about a backup employee that would fill in when a regular employee is absent to work. Some line items come down based on the comparisons from other years. Commissioners now review the road and bridge proposal for budget.

Clerk- Christine Boulter

- **2015 Budget**

Chris hands sheets to the commissioners regarding the budget. Bottom line approximately is \$5,769,007.00. Discussion is held about the budget and the next budget meeting on Thursday. Problems seem to be arising with increases. There are options on the insurance available Chris discusses this with the Commissioners.

Commissioners decided to have an email sent out to the department heads to inform them that the budget is looking very similar to what last year's budget was. Chris recommends freezing the budget to increase cash carryover. The commissioners agree.

Commissioners request that Chris contact Carlos Aponte to discuss options that are available for insurance and provide information with numbers.

Chris points out a couple of departments that are requesting quite a bit more than last year and explains why they are requesting more.

Commissioners

- **Madison Co. Garbage Fee**

Commissioner Hegsted states he talked to Madison County Commissioner Kimber Ricks after the flash flooding in Rexburg. Kimber was wondering if there would be a discount for the garbage and furniture that was soaked to take to Jefferson County landfill. After that Madison County got a DEQ waiver to dump in their pit. So it seems like this may be a mute question since they were able to take it to their pit. Kimber suggested that if discount was offered they would pass the information onto their constituents.

- **2015 Budget**

Emily will draft an email to department heads.

Motion to adjourn at 4:39 p.m. made by Commissioner Farnsworth, motion is seconded by Commissioner Hegsted. All in favor. Motion passes.

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk