

**Jefferson Co. Special Commissioner Meeting
May 15, 2015**

Those present are Chairman Raymond, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Hancock, Attorney Robin Dunn, Emily Kramer, Kristine Lund, Cody Taylor, Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board.

Emergency Meeting Regarding Sheriff

[4:00:24 PM](#) Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chairman Raymond.

[4:00:29 PM](#) Chairman Raymond makes statement that it has been a very trying time for Jefferson County citizens. Wants to wish the Olsen family well in all their future endeavors. He also wants to thank Sheriff Olsen for his near 40 years of service in the county.

[4:01:20 PM](#) Chairman Raymond says on Wednesday May 13, 2015 a verdict was given in Twin Falls which immediately vacated office. Protocol and statute states when a sheriff is incapacitated for any reason his chief deputy takes over. Chairman Raymond had been in contact with the other commissioners as well as legal counsel.

[4:02:16 PM](#) Wednesday evening May 13, 2015 an executive emergency decision was made to make Deputy Steve Anderson acting sheriff.

[4:02:44 PM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to ratify action of selecting Steve Anderson as acting sheriff. Second by Commissioner Farnsworth. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

[4:03:42 PM](#) Chairman Raymond reads Idaho Statute, wants to state a vacancy in the office of sheriff.

[4:04:37 PM](#) Robin Dunn clarifies the law and deems Deputy Anderson in charge as of May 14, 2015.

[4:05:22 PM](#) Republican Central Committee will have the opportunity to obtain 3 applicants. This applicant would be in charge until January 2017.

[4:06:21 PM](#) Theron Josephson is here for the Republican Committee. The Jefferson County Commissioners have no oversight in who is chosen until the 3 names are submitted. Statute says the Republicans have 15 days; their own rule is 10 days.

[4:07:26 PM](#) Republican party is meeting on Thursday May 21, 2015 at the Jefferson County Courthouse at 7:30. Their intent is to have the names that evening. Chairman Raymond requests that they give the names to Emily Kramer so that the Commissioners will receive the names at the same time.

[4:08:20 PM](#) Once the Commissioners do get the names they also have 15 days. They plan to act as fast as possible.

[4:08:49 PM](#) Robin Dunn asks if anyone would have any questions for the chair. Explains Idaho Statute 31-2806 talks about the coroner can be authorized to act as sheriff if there is a conflict of interest. Reaffirms that the vacancy will be filled by the chief deputy. Also understands that the Republican Central has a little bit different time frame than the statute.

[4:10:20 PM](#) Theron Josephson chair of the Jefferson County Central Committee for Republicans. Wants to mention that his meeting is Thursday May 21, 2015 at 7:30. This is a committee meeting but they are opening that to the public. The eventual vote will not be public; they will choose 3 people and rank them in order. The meeting will be in Jefferson County courtroom 4.

[4:11:57 PM](#) Commissioner Hancock is glad that they have used the justice system and is ready to act as commissioners.

[4:12:23 PM](#) Commissioner Farnsworth asks if the choice has to be from the 3 applicants? Robin explains that it what is presented to the commissioners. They use the Republican Party because that was the party that Sheriff Olsen was in. So it depends which party was already in office. Commissioners are the final decision for interim period from time of vote until January 2017. Deputy Anderson is acting sheriff until the vote is made.

[4:14:19 PM](#) Chairman Raymond states the person must be a resident of Jefferson County. Asks for further questions.

[4:14:41 PM](#) Chairman Raymond states that they will not be involved in the meeting on Thursday.

[4:15:11 PM](#) Floor asks: How are they working so they can prevent something like this in the future? Chairman Raymond states that's a loaded question and he doesn't have the answer.

[4:15:30 PM](#) Commissioner Hancock says they are really being more careful justifying claims and being more cautious.

[4:15:57 PM](#) Robin Dunn explains the Idaho Association of Counties wants to come in to give some additional training for elected officials and commissioners.

[4:16:50 PM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Farnsworth to adjourn at 4:15. Second by Commissioner Hancock. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

Chairman of the Board

Clerk of the Board

County Clerk