

**JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Those present are Commissioner Hancock, Commissioner Martinez, Chairman Farnsworth, Park & Recreation Mickey Eames, HR/Emergency Management Rebecca Squires, Planning & Zoning Kevin Hathaway, Clerk Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Farnsworth. Prayer offered by Rebecca Squires.

PARK & RECREATION – MICKEY EAMES

• **RESOLUTION #2018-15 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

[9:01:34 AM](#) Mickey has brought a resolution for transfer of funds for the front-end loader and backhoe. Chairman Farnsworth reads resolution #2018-15 "Be it ordained by the Commissioners of Jefferson County, Idaho that monies be transferred from Fund #18-00-499-00 (Park & Recreation Repairs/Maintenance –Other) to fund 23-00 (Solid Waste) in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the purchase of a front-end loader/backhoe." Commissioner Hancock thinks this will be a benefit.

[9:04:12 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve resolution #2018-15 for transfer of funds. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

PLANNING & ZONING – KEVIN HATHAWAY

• **RESOLUTION #2018-16 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

[9:05:07 AM](#) Kevin said this is to fund the compliance officer. Are proposing to take funds from the consultant line. Colleen said this will be transferred into the benefits and salary line. Commissioner Hancock asked if they looked at the other two lines. Colleen did not want to take the chance of going over. Checked with legal and the auditor and they are all on board with this transfer.

[9:06:29 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth reads resolution #2018-16 " Be it ordained by the Commissioners of Jefferson County, Idaho that monies be transferred from the Consultants line in Planning & Zoning/Building Fund (1-21-689-00) to a Code Compliance Technician line to be created in Fund 1-21 in the amount of \$17,608 and transfer from the Consultants line (1-21-689-00) to the General Retirement line (1-18-410-00) the amount of \$2,000 and the Consultant line (1-21-689-00) to the General Social Security line (1-18-411-00) the amount of \$2,500 and the Consultant line (1-21-689-00) to the General Life Insurance line (1-18-412-00) the amount of \$50.00 and from the Consultant line (1-21-689-00) to the General Medical Insurance line (1-18-413-00) the amount of \$5,000 for a total transfer from the Consultant line in the Planning & Zoning in the amount of \$27,158."

[9:07:53 AM](#) Colleen said that they sat down and looked at the step & grade and this is based off the highest amount they can offer for the position. Does leave over \$32,000 in the consultant line.

[9:08:25 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve resolution #2018-16 for transfer of funds. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Commissioner Hancock said this individual will be used in other areas in the office besides as a compliance officer. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

• **EMPLOYEE STEP & GRADE CORRECTION**

[9:09:06 AM](#) Kevin asked Rebecca to help explain this. Rebecca said that last year under the former Planning & Zoning Administrator during the budget process there was a building inspector that had not received commercial certification. There was a step increase that was held until this was completed. This was obtained on September 18, 2017. Never received a personnel action form to increase the wage to what was budgeted and appropriate. In reviewing the payroll that oversight came to light. Wanted to let them know what was happening. Error is in the amount of \$380.81. Will propose a lump payment to correct this and then a personnel action form to bring his pay to the correct amount. This was budgeted for the year. Commissioner Hancock remembers this was supposed to be added once the test was passed. They had agreed upon this. Colleen said this may have been due to the changeover.

[9:11:51 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve the action for the building inspector within approval of the prior budget with a step increase and a lump payment of \$380.81 to correct this issue. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

• **POLITICAL SIGN ORDINANCE**

[9:13:12 AM](#) Kevin said first of all contrary to popular belief part of his responsibility is to monitor the correct and lawful placement of signs even temporary campaign signs. When candidates filed for office had worked with the Clerk's Office. Passed out the forms as they registered as candidates provides commissioners the packet. Will work on updating the temporary sign permit. This states who the candidate is. Has the requirements of the signs. Shows they need to have who paid for the sign. Have a log sheet for individuals to sign if they put a sign on private property. Also included a copy of the ordinance detailing locations. Have given about a month or so to get this filled out since candidates are still putting up signs. Last week they began pulling signs in the right-of-way or would have a potential hazard, blocking sight triangles and may affect safety. These are the only signs they have given any attention to at this point. Informed his staff that there are no favorites. Just have to look at where the signs are. Have taken pictures of the signs that were incorrectly placed so they have this documentation. Notified the candidates if they did pull signs.

[9:17:20 AM](#) Kevin said looking at the old ordinance. Political signage references Idaho Code 40-1910. Our code is compliant with State code. Question is why they make people sign for placement of signs on their property. There is no direct reasoning in the ordinance. Suspects a campaign sign could be placed after having approval. Then someone else will start placing signs there without permission. The owner can always go remove these, Feels our ordinance states this to protect the private property owner from anyone saying they removed signs without having permission.

[9:19:51 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth reads through a letter from Kevin. There was some confusion related to the county ordinance 3.5.7 temporary signs. Current ordinance clearly lists the requirements for temporary campaign signs and placement. Under section four of the ordinance

it states that temporary political signs or banners may be erected by any person, party, group, or organization by applicant upon a form provided by the Planning and Zoning Department. One permit shall be sufficient for all temporary political signs erected during any one campaign. Under section five it continues that signs may be placed on private property with written consent of property owner during the campaign and up to ninety days. Feels this needs the property owner consent to protect the property owner from having unwanted signs placed on their property. It appears they are in compliance with all state rules and regulations regarding temporary signs. For the record they have not removed any campaign signs that were not in the public right-of-way or that did not cause a potential safety hazard. Proposes this be reviewed but will proceed as written.

[9:21:46 AM](#) Kevin said had a person accuse him of picking sides. Chairman Farnsworth said the state highway may be picking sides as well. Kevin said the state highway has been removing signs. Not sure why there is so much heartburn about following county ordinance. Gives everyone until this week to become compliant and submit their applications. If they have not then they can go and remove signs.

[9:23:07 AM](#) Ernie Tate comes up with a question. Specifically looking for distances and if they are from the center of the highway or the edge of the road. Knows the state has a certain width of right-of-way. To be honest driving through the county they have tried to meet the criteria. Sometimes it does not make sense and it is not easy to ascertain where they can locate signs. Chairman Farnsworth said Lewisville Highway is sixty but knows some are more and others are less. Chairman Farnsworth said they can go off of the fence line. Ernie thinks it is a great idea to get the permission and they try and do the best they can. If there is not a fence it is hard to know where to place these signs. Chairman Farnsworth mentions that on highway they asked to put these behind the power poles. Kevin said if they have a power line to go by or possibly a fence. Not allowed to put them on canals or ditches.

[9:27:37 AM](#) Kevin said they are looking at hazards. Knows there are a lot of state signs that are incorrectly placed. They do take these but they do not destroy them. Kevin said they can call in to make sure these are located in the right places. Ernie said they may have some that might be out of compliance. Kevin said he could leave his number and they could call him if they came across any. Hazards are going to be their priority. Ernie asked if there is not a power line is there a distance they can measure over. Used to be the Road & Bridge supervisor for Butte County. Knows that there are conditions but they need something solid to go by. Out in the Terreton area when you step off the road some of the powerlines are twenty-five feet some are eighty feet. Kevin said on a county road they could call Road & Bridge.

[9:30:28 AM](#) Audrey Wolfensberger comes up is listening to this and is concerned about the tax dollars that it is costing to implement this ordinance as well as the liability for the county. Hears it takes a lot of time. Where are the resources coming from? How much are they paying to implement this ordinance? Personally has not had any signs removed by the state, county or city. As a candidate if they are not sure what this road is or that road is and they uproot someone's sign but don't take another sign that is also not compliant is this opening them up to a liability if they do not have actual guidelines? Kevin said state code requires this. Audrey feels this could be meddling in a campaign by removing certain signs but not all of them. Kevin said that they are equal opportunity offender. Colleen mentions this is an issue every election.

[9:32:16 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said at this point they need to look at if they are going to continue upholding the ordinance or if they are going to amend this ordinance. Audrey said would like to implement with personal property if someone calls or text and wants a sign why do they need to secure their signature. Understands it protects them from unwanted signs. On the other hand it is not allowing our citizens to be excited about the Democratic process and say they want a sign. Chairman Farnsworth said a lot of people will take signs and place them for you. Audrey said this is to help them. Chairman Farnsworth said they could send paper so they know where the signs are located. Commissioner Hancock said some complaints he has had they feel they should do away with this. If someone else puts a sign there without permission then if the property owner decides to remove then they should be allowed to remove this. Commissioner Hancock was contacted by Senator Siddoway because he had a bunch of calls from Boise on the elections for the government standpoint saying we are the only county in state that is going out and doing this and did not appreciate it. Chairman Farnsworth said they need to understand it is our county not theirs. Audrey said meddling is a hot topic. Chairman Farnsworth said they need to follow county law. If they have an ordinance then they need to adhere to this. If this is a little strong then they may need to lighten this up some. Not saying one is wrong and the other is right. Kevin does not believe they are the only county. The signatures are required because there is a penalty. If these are not removed by the fifth day after the campaign can access the property owner a fine or remove this for a fine. This is giving the property owner recognition. They can remove this anytime they want. Trying to protect the property owners.

[9:35:28 AM](#) Commissioner Martinez thinks it is helpful to make sure they get signatures because then he knows where the signs are so they can go out the next day and get these all picked back up. Colleen said there need to be clarification some are getting actual signatures and others are only getting verbal. Audrey asked if a text or Facebook knows she has a lot of requests on her page. Kevin does not feel having the signatures is a hardship. Their focus is safety and hazards within the right-of-way. Have to enforce right-of-way. This is a sacred thing to the county. Ernie fully understands the right-of-way he understands but it would help to be given a specific number know that sometimes it is obvious with a fence or power line. Some cases there is not so they need a number from the edge of the road or the center of the road. When talking about safety issues drive down 4400 where all the mailboxes are so close to the road. Chairman Farnsworth said they do not want to mention mailboxes.

[9:38:00 AM](#) Audrey thinks there is liability to the county if they are favoring a specific candidate. Paul said that they need to focus on public safety and not necessarily the right-of-way or private property with signatures. Kevin said if they have two fence posts and a big piece of plywood then five or ten feet may not be enough. Paul said they have different right-of-ways throughout the county seems like they are splitting hairs. If they only focus on this if there is a hazard. Chairman Farnsworth said a lot of these signs have steel fence posts, rebar and plywood here lies a safety issue. So how far off the road. Kevin thinks this is subjective a little bit. Relies on the interpretation and if they can justify the safety concerns. Not sure they can say this number of feet in all locations. If they say right-of-way that is why that is in there. This is all they have been concerned with is hazard and right-of-way.

[9:40:31 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said the people placing signs are trying to determine where the right-of-way is. Thinks if they look at safety only on not that it is three feet within the right-of-way so they are going to pull this. Look at the safety issue. When thinking about this how many fence posts do they have along the roadways. Kevin said maybe not that close. Commissioner Hancock said if these are on private property

not in a sight hazard. Paul said a step further they may be in violation of the right-of-way of the road because this varies but it does affect any public safety.

[9:42:11 AM](#) Ernie said in the Terreton there are miles of road that power poles are eight feet off the road. Measured these to check. Miles of huge power poles eight feet off the road. Perfectly understands public safety but there is ambiguity between safety. Audrey appreciates they take pictures so the candidate can be shown. Paul said some may still complain that this is not a public safety issue but if they think this is. Kevin said the other reason if the property owner has agreed to a sign then they can show you where their property line is. Audrey asked if they are taking verbal confirmation. Commissioner Hancock thinks they should.

[9:43:46 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth appreciates Planning & Zoning doing his job because they do have an ordinance on this regardless to what people think. Paul said they need to decide now the way it is written now the decision is he would like to hear from the other political candidates. Does the board want to amend the current zoning ordinance? Chairman Farnsworth said they would have to do this to change any of these items. Commissioner Martinez said they only have four weeks left. Chairman Farnsworth said they still can address this for future elections. Jessica Roach comes up she likes getting permission. Sometimes it is hard to get signatures if they are out in Hamer. Have been emailing people to get these. Biggest concern is she just wants to know they are not out of compliance since it varies. Chairman Farnsworth said that these are expensive. Want to talk to them but knows getting a signature is sometimes impossible. Jessica said it means more having the candidate get that permission means more than just placing a sign because there is another one. Chairman Farnsworth said they could list where the sign is and write verbal. Kevin said this helps protect the property owner. They are not approaching that they hate these signs. Seen some from campaigns years ago. Chairman Farnsworth said they would need to amend this.

[9:46:54 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said if they amend this they would have to advertise this. Kevin would like time to do some research with other counties and have something to present later. For the primary cycle they are not going to have time to get this changed. They will just proceed as they have with safety concerns.

[9:48:12 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said in the meantime get them as far off as possible but remember that Highway 48 is State not county. Colleen agrees adds that if the ordinance says no ditch banks eventhough this may not affect public safety. Commissioner Hancock said looking at property lines the ditch bank is owned by the land owner. Jessica said on the county map they can online and look at the boundary lines could this still be in the right-of-way. Commissioner Hancock said it could be any county roads property owns to the center of the road. This is part of their parcel. Chairman Farnsworth said the ordinance is in place the only thing is they can let Kevin do his job and look at this. May be able to amend this for the sign wars to continue while making it safe for the public.

COMMISSIONERS

• FIVE ACRES AND UNDER – AG

[9:51:36 AM](#) Cody said that they are changing this because under Idaho Code this is a commissioner decision. Feels it would be easier if these came straight to the commissioners and bypassed their office during the process. Colleen said in the future do they have the individual bring these to the commissioners themselves. Chairman Farnsworth said that this is something new and Cody is right do they just come to them and handle these or how are they going to do it. Cody provides the Idaho Code and shows which exemptions need to be approved by the commissioners. Ag over five acres does not require an application. Colleen said this does not say any other avenues. Cody said they had asked they continue to help but finds this may not be the best way to go.

[9:53:34 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they could notice the people if they want to have the ag exemption then they would get on the agenda with them. Cody said they make the approvals by April 15 and the Assessor's Office needs to be notified by May 15. Chairman Farnsworth said they come to the board. Colleen said that she sends out a letter and will get this to the Assessor's Office. Commissioner Hancock asked who would notify these individuals. Cody said this is an annual exemption. May put this on the property owner to apply. Chairman Farnsworth asked when they send out tax notices if they can add that they need to apply with the commissioners. Cody said this is from January until April 15. Chairman Farnsworth said that they can drop these off to the Clerk's Office and review these without them here. Could be similar to certificates of residency. Commissioner Hancock asked how they notify them. Cody said they had sent out the application to the ones that have had been approved in the past. Could get this information to the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Hancock said what if someone buys a parcel. Cody said they can let them know. They will still be involved but Idaho Code said this is their decision. Felt this was a step that was not required. Cody said this is similar to the churches, water companies and senior citizens center have done these. Colleen said they can work this out.

[9:57:41 AM](#) Commissioners review the two applications that were turned in.

[9:59:27 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve the ag exemption for five acres and under for Carma Lufkin for parcel #RP05N39E313016. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[9:59:53 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve the ag exemption for five acres and under for Gary Clark for parcel #RP04N38E341300. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

CLERK – COLLEEN POOLE

• ODYSSEY – MERCHANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

[10:00:19 AM](#) Colleen said they had a participation agreement that they will participate in Odyssey. Sent this to Weston who has asked to look at the master agreement before they actually sign this. Commissioner Hancock asked why this is a merchant agreement. Colleen said they just want an agreement saying they are participating. Will put this on the next agenda.

• RESOLUTION #2018-14 DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

[10:01:29 AM](#) Colleen has listed the cell phones that they would like to send off to Pace Butler to see if they can get anything out of them. Garn has wiped these clean.

[10:02:08 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve resolution #2018-14 for disposition of county cell phones. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[10:03:02 AM](#) Commissioner Martinez spoke with Sam Tower may have some need at the Women's Shelter in the future.

IDAHO REPRESENTATIVE 35B - KAREY HANKS

• LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

[10:03:44 AM](#) Karey said there was a lot of stuff that happened this year. May have to write down any questions and get back to them. Had over 770 bills that were drafted and introduced. Over 600 on the floor. Had to get the unemployment tax change in fast so this would hit on their first quarter. Met with Fremont County and they had already noticed a difference. Chairman Farnsworth said the Health Care Bill for the Public Health. The thing that frustrated them was it was a six to one vote amongst the health board on the formula funding. Representative Blanksma still pushed this forward trying to lock this in for three years which would obligate future commissioners over the one year. Over there for IAC and sat in during questions. Tried to wrap his head around it. Made a trip down when it went before the Senate to try to argue their point. Karey said this did pass. Chairman Farnsworth said this passed because Senator Potts brought up a lot of good questions if this is not a tie in opposition or for then why were they listening to this. Because four were against one on the fence and two for it. One of the ones for this represented the board where they would get more money. Had Senator Lee pushed this realized this but the people wanted it. Had the lion's share of the senators in their pockets. Did change this from a three year lock in to a two year lock in. Karey asked what bill. Chairman Farnsworth believes this was Bill 562. Did get to watch some of the headache they go through. The funding formula is tricky try to allocate the money from the state to the seven districts to fund all programs.

[10:08:13 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said that District 4 wants the lion's share of the money but have no additional programs. Wages for their people are way up and ours are down. They know they have the power and control so they do not listen. Karey said they do have so much power they do work on this but they do have a lot of power. On the phone this morning that they have some washouts on the roads in Clark County. Commissioner Hancock said they had a lot last year. Chairman Farnsworth said that Fremont and Clark got hit. Commissioner Hancock said they had terrible washouts last year. Karey asked if they got any emergency help. Commissioner Hancock said they declared a disaster have not recouped all of the funds yet. Shortly after this they had all of the problems in Florida and Houston. Have received about \$200,000 in reimbursements. Chairman Farnsworth said that the funds are coming in is just slower than anticipated. Commissioner Hancock said they fixed a lot of the issues. Chairman Farnsworth brings up a bill on the building codes. This was an ugly one glad to see this did not go through. Commissioner Hancock said this was trying to restrict counties on implementing their own building code standards. Chairman Farnsworth said building in Ada is going to be different then Fremont. There was some compromise.

[10:11:28 AM](#) Karey said if they email her and let her know issues that affect them. Helps to know boots on the ground how this affects the county. Chairman Farnsworth said after watching realized that they really do need more information from them before these bills end up on the floor. Like the funding formula has taken six years to wrap his head around this. Need as Commissioners to give them as much ammunition as they can. If they are accessible to them can sit down and go over any questions. Goes through the process so know what answers would be beneficial. Karey had been contacting the Sheriff's about things that affect law enforcement. Couple have been responsive and this is helpful. Did receive some information from Geri Rackow. Chairman Farnsworth said she has really been fighting this. The formula funding really affects them. The way that District 4 wanted this funding this could put District 2 out of business and reduce District 6 by \$40,000. If this is for public health but only two counties get the funding they will lose this help.

[10:13:43 AM](#) Karey said the Boise area has more resources because of how big they are. Have a bigger budgets. Commissioner Hancock said they have more services available. Take District 7 is servicing Lemhi, Custer these counties are way out and do not have other locations to go to. Do not have hospitals available or other options for people to go to. Chairman Farnsworth said it is frustrating. He sits on the health board and try to do this funding formula but Ada County bows their backs when they are already taking twenty-five percent. Karey said they have the population but that does not help because they have more services available. Chairman Farnsworth said looking at the population of the amount they serve. In some programs our district is helping more people than they are. Hard part is in bigger counties people do not want to go to public health. Karey said that we do not always have that many options. Chairman Farnsworth said this adds money into their paychecks. Karey is not sure what to do about it.

[10:15:50 AM](#) **Deputy Prosecutor Weston Davis is in the room**

[10:15:59 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they may need to look at the districts that this is a four to three vote and the majority vote wins. Karey said a lot of them do not want to get involved feels they do not need to have the legislature involved. Chairman Farnsworth said that is similar to what Senator Potts brought up. Senator Lee squashed that idea because they had more Senators in their corner. At what point does the majority count. Changed the formula twice to try and benefit the whole population. The legislature does not need to hear this if there is a majority vote. Need to bring bills that affect the whole population. It was interesting and frustrating to watch the process. Karey said this is hard felt they were able to get few bills that were brought in. Commissioner Martinez brings up one changing the voting process that only for a specific district could vote for that person. Chairman Farnsworth said he was totally against this until he sat down and learned more specifics. Commissioner Martinez said that they take care of the whole county. Karey asked if they like this idea.

[10:19:04 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they can only run in the district they live so he is in District 1. One of his constituents from District 1 likes you but others from District 2 and District 3 can vote you out. If they can only vote in your district then how does this work when looking at passing bills. Take in six roads from each district then they have to cut these down since there is only so much money. Would have to go back to his district to decide on three roads. Would have to fight for their district. Made more sense when this was presented. Colleen said this could go the

other way too. Commissioner Martinez said this could work both ways. Colleen said this would make extra work and they vote as a county since they make county decisions. Karey said they would have to be careful so this would not divide the county. Colleen said they have them from districts now so the whole county is represented. Feels if they did this then they would only worry about their district because they are the only ones that can vote. Commissioner Martinez said he had been mending a lot of fences on the westside because there had been a lack of communication. But the majority of activity of the county is right here. Chairman Farnsworth said the population is usually gets taken care of first because this is hit the hardest. Karey said that the county is exploding having a lot of people come in.

[10:22:57 AM](#) Karey attempts to visit all county commissioners and schools in the district even though she is from Fremont County. Does not believe she should just represent Fremont. Knows more things from the area. Have people in your area that know and like you.

[10:23:44 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth understands where Senator Lee came from doing what the people want. But still needs to go to the people and look at the holes in their plans. Want to push for us need to give all the ammunition. Karey said then this helps her understand. Chairman Farnsworth said she represents Fremont, Jefferson, Clark and Butte. Have people from all four pushing for one thing. Have to know how to close the holes up. Karey said this does help if she is able to have that feedback information. Does get crazy. If they are able to come over it is nice to be able to talk the commissioners. Chairman Farnsworth said that he learned a lot. If he gets re-elected knows how to handle some of these situations in the future. Come in and meet together so they can go over any questions that may be raised. The way this was presented did not explain this because felt they already had the Senators on board. Learned a lot on how to handle this in the future. Karey said it does help to have information. If she has good resources. Chairman Farnsworth said that health care is hard to understand. Karey said that Health & Welfare is overwhelming. Believes there is redundancy.

[10:26:32 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said that they have so many bills. Karey said that she does not have much pull yet but was able to stop the Idaho First Plan offering more birth control services. Bill 464 Medicaid expansion this would have been a hundred million with \$30 million from the state to start. Knows they need to do things with their health insurance. Few had 615 which focused on direct primary cares. This would have been less expensive for the state to help those that do need it. Did not get this through committee this year. Knows Bryan Zollinger is working on this and will have this better next year. Hopeful to get a Governor to work with us instead of telling them what to do. Knows his agenda and that is followed. This should come from the legislature up to the Governor. Feels politics can be a dirty name some times. But they do work in politics and work to do the best that she can for the people in the area. Chairman Farnsworth feels this is the worst time of year with the re-election and the slime that comes out. Once that gets over the actual job is easier. Karey likes speaking with individuals. Will go and speak with Kevin on the sign issues. Chairman Farnsworth said that his has been a big deal. Karey said they did get the tax reduction this year. Tax credit for children was going to be \$130 and instead got this to \$205. Knows that not everyone has kids at home but can help our kids and grandkids. Chairman Farnsworth said this is similar to school bonds have to pay this forward for all children to go to school because this was passed for him and his kids to go in the past. Karey said this is around \$175 per household. Added around a hundred million put about sixty percent of the budget into education. Still do not pay teachers enough. Have been told by teachers are pulled out to teach a new program and only try this for a few months. This is not liked so they do the process over again. Have to pay for someone else to be in the class. A lot of them feel they need to let teachers teach. Need to mentor these younger teachers to know what works. Part of this is budget and adding employees. Added 370 state employees last year which includes medical and PERSI.

[10:33:01 AM](#) Karey said that bill 658 the trespass bill. Some of the highlights because there were some sportsman that thought this would be bad. This has a consistent definition of what trespassing is. Did not know what the rules were and Fish & Game had separate rules. Does specify the posting requirements. Leaves the Fish & Game fines and penalties. Does not criminalize this behavior. If they have questions will get some answers. Know that Farm Bureau and other agriculture entities were on board. It is not a perfect bill it is hard to pass perfect bills but if they have the structure then they can adjust this. Helped make this make more sense having it more organized. Chairman Farnsworth said a hardship would be what they do to the property owner that stretched out their property lines that are not theirs. Karey believes this will be addressed. This is supposed to be posted. Chairman Farnsworth said they have a foundation that they may have to tweak. Karey said the fines were raised to \$300. Does not want to criticize law enforcement but for \$50 it was too much of a hassle. They have other important items to take care of. Totally supports our law enforcement and they have priorities.

[10:37:05 AM](#) Karey said if she is re-elected will be here next fall if they have items to address. Probably come back in around November. Chairman Farnsworth said they need to get some ammunition so that she can push a bill. Commissioners thank her for coming in. Karey said that this has been overwhelming but feels that she is learning a lot.

DEPUTY PROSECUTOR – WESTON DAVIS

- **LEGAL COUNSEL: EXECUTIVE SESSION IC 74-206 FOR PERSONNEL, HIRING CONSIDERATION, EMPLOYEE EVALUATION AND COMPLAINTS (1)(A) & (B), PENDING LITIGATION (1)(F), OR DELIBERATIONS ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY (1)(C) – (AS NEEDED)**

[10:38:47 AM](#) Weston said it has been busy. Colleen said that she has gotten the master agreement and will get that to him and put this item on the next agenda. Knows they talked about the campaign issue. Sent an email on Friday about this. Paul said he forwarded this to the commissioners. Chairman Farnsworth said that Kevin is going to look around at what other counties do and they may amend this in the future. Weston said as the county grows the issues will be more complex. Have more people coming in from other areas and are used to having items lined out. As these issues come up they can make notes. Has talked with Kevin to try and bring all the ordinances together and putting these in one book. Madison County has taken old stuff and put in new bottles. It is nice because they know when the old ordinance was affective then they can know if the individual is grandfathered in. Knows this is a big undertaking. As these ordinances come up they may want to make notes for proposed changes in the future.

[10:41:50 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said that these ordinances have been sitting and no one wanted to touch them. Had added this into Kevin's job description to maintain these.

[10:42:44 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to go into executive session 74-206 (B) - Personnel. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed. Commissioner Hancock amends this to (F) – Legal. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

Open session 11:10

SOCIAL SERVICES – JACKIE MAUPIN

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION 31-874 & 74-206(D) – RECORDS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE**

[11:10:13 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Martinez to go into executive session 31-874 & 74-206 (D) – Records exempt from disclosure. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[11:10:33 AM](#) Prosecutor Paul Butikofer left room

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[11:18:15 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Martinez to deny case #2018-18 for lack of cooperation Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[11:18:58 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve the order to dismiss case #2017-14. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

PUBLIC WORKS – DAVE WALRATH

- **UPDATE**

[11:19:48 AM](#) Dave said today they are hauling chips from B-28 ITD source to the Montevue pit. Hauled 1,100 tons last week. Will haul around 1,400 today they have an extra truck. Chairman Farnsworth asked how many tons in a yard? Dave said one and a half. First order of mag-chloride will be here today. Buy this from Dust Busters. Obtains three quotes and goes with the lowest one. Start with mag the rest of the week. Will be building head walls on some culverts two on 3800 and one on 4100. Last week brought in an agreement with Department of Corrections for Human Resources. Dave said Paul wanted a beginning and end date. Got a response back from Christy Johnson from IDOC said that they do not put dates on the HRA because they put this on the actual work plan and use this for many work plans. At any time they wish to cancel this agreement at any time they can. Provide with details what they need for projects. Will provide with details what they need done for the project. Also the client will not do any favors for the inmates. Have an HRA signed with Jefferson County but not with Solid Waste. If they do not agree to sign this HRA then they will no longer be able to do projects.

[11:24:22 AM](#) Weston asked if he could review this think that his response is he would like to have dates in here. Dave said Paul looked at it last week during the meeting. Commissioner Hancock asked is this not for a particular term to begin with. Dave said this is indefinite and is for a multitude of projects. Weston said this is the inmate deal they would like dates but not sure it is super firm on that. Dave said the work plan agreement that has been signed did have dates in it. This is a more generic agreement. Weston said he thinks this is the same as the one from last year. Dave said they do have one approved but was for the county in general this one is for the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Hancock said they mentioned payment have we not paid. Dave believes that we have. Weston will look this over.

[11:26:55 AM](#) Dave had a meeting with Simplot on County Line by the Osgood store. Representatives from Bonneville County and ITD. Looked at the area that got flooded last year. Identified a couple of culverts that are undersized. The one under Basset Road is only eighteen inches will increase this to twenty-four inches. Simplot had a twelve inch pipe that they will increase this to a thirty inch pipe this should resolve a lot of issues. Shows a letter with an aerial view of the property and where the water flows. With the maintenance agreement with Bonneville County Jefferson County maintains Basset Road. Chairman Farnsworth said there is a homeowner right here that has to build a dam across the road. Dave said they have been in contact with them. Believes putting in a twenty-four inch pipe will help move the water. Chairman Farnsworth asked if this will be big enough. Dave thinks it will be do not want to send down too much water at a time. This will be something they are working on in conjunction with Simplot, Bonneville County and ITD.

[11:32:51 AM](#) Dave said he will be gone next week to the NACE conference in Wisconsin will have someone here to provide them with an update. Not a lot for solid waste. Had a big day at the landfill with 513 tons a few Friday's ago. Chairman Farnsworth said he stopped out and saw the new waste handler at County Line. Asked if they took off the hard tires yet. Dave said the tires have been switched out now.

[11:35:37 AM](#) Weston has reviewed the HRA agreement. They have two agreements one has terms and conditions. This other one is a Human Resource Agreement. Have a separate contract that controls the times. This is protecting the county by detailing what will be provided. Does not see anything in the agreement that jumps out that they should not sign. Can terminate this with thirty days' notice.

[11:37:19 AM](#) Commissioner Martinez asked on a video he sent Dave. Dave said that Kirt had just graded this so there was some loose gravel. Was able to drive this at 55 mph with no problem. Chairman Farnsworth had a text about a tree on 540 N and Yellowstone. Dave was alerted about this from a citizen. Chairman Farnsworth believes that Arbor Tech has taken care of this. On the stop sign from the north they were going to groom a willow tree. Also believes they are out of money. Commissioner Hancock said they only budgeted \$10,000. Chairman Farnsworth said that in the meantime they will still have these issues what will they do. Could take the Road & Bridge off of roads to cut brush. Commissioner Hancock said they may have to look at the budget and where to transfer funds. Dave said he does have some seasonal individuals budgeted. Chairman Farnsworth goes over how expensive it is for the county to cut these trees. A tree trimmer has a bucket truck, trimmer, chipper and can put out a sign.

[11:41:11 AM](#) Dave said they had two head walls hit on Yellowstone on the east side across from Grover's All Wheels. If there is a Sheriff's report this should be an insurance issue. Had to have disabled the vehicle.

[11:42:07 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve the agreement with Idaho Department of Corrections Human Resources Agreement with Solid Waste. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

COMMISSIONERS

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 (B) – PERSONNEL – EVALUATION**
* PUBLIC WORKS

[11:43:52 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Martinez to go into executive session 74-206 (B) – Personnel - Evaluation. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

Deputy Prosecutor Weston Davis is not in room

Open session 1:01

COMMISSIONERS

- **NEW BUILDING UPDATE**

[1:01:43 PM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they have a sidewalk going out to connect the buildings. Commissioner Hancock said that they will start with block today or tomorrow. Have a meeting on Thursday. Chairman Farnsworth said that he went down in the basement. It looks good. Commissioner Hancock said they have change order number seven to run the conduit for the generator which was not part of the original bid for \$2,651. Have a change order for Mountain Electric cost for the sub.

[1:03:33 PM](#) Rebecca said Josh from Omni Security called was getting calls about exterior boxes and cables. Does not have contract and did not think the county had put this out to bid. Wanted her to look into this. Commissioner Hancock said that they were going to check with John. Rebecca said there is some indecision on this and there needs to be a decision made. Garn comes in to discuss this. Commissioner Hancock said question on the electrical and security for the new building. Asked what John said? Garn said they did not relay any plans. Had asked the Sheriff on Thursday they need to know what they layout is for security and needed to know who was in charge. Was going to ponder on this and that is all he knows. Chairman Farnsworth said they are starting blocks and need to know where to put boxes. Commissioner Hancock said they told them a position. Garn said they decided four feet high and similar to this building. Commissioner Hancock said they did call Omni but they were told they were already one of their subs and that is why DL Beck is calling them. Garn said this ties back into the system with the Sheriff's Office.

[1:07:45 PM](#) Rebecca asked if the Sheriff's Office is changing vendor. Commissioner Hancock is not sure why Omni was upset. Chairman Farnsworth said they should not get too upset the more help they get the more likely they could get the job. Rebecca said that he was not unpleasant just impatient and wanted an answer. Just needs an answer to return a phone call. Commissioner Hancock said that they already did the measurements. Garn said they did ask about security camera boxes. Commissioner Hancock said they asked height. Garn said they could be level with the first floor and second floor. Commissioner Hancock said they can go over to the Sheriff's Office after the meeting to get this taken care of. Rebecca asked she was copied into an email about doing an electrical hookup this week. Will go and print this and bring it in. Forwarded this onto the Sheriff.

[1:09:36 PM](#) Commissioner Hancock said that he is not sure they have approved change order number seven they knew it existed. Sees that this has a signature though on March 19 so they must have. Does not know of any other change orders other than they will be getting a price on the ramp. Will point out that they have not agreed to \$10,000 for Mountain West to run electricity to that building. Still thinks this is steep. Chairman Farnsworth said they could dig the trench and pipe this in.

[1:12:01 PM](#) Colleen said there were questions when Planning & Zoning moves do they take everything with them and move this to the new building? Some departments that are moving may need to add items into their budgets. Knows their file cabinets are custom for them. Chairman Farnsworth thought Planning & Zoning will take everything over they may need some additional items. Then the Assessor and Treasurer will spread out over there. Colleen said they need to keep in mind a few things they will need. Garn said that Planning & Zoning will need desks because these cubicles are attached. Colleen wanted to know what to tell them. Is planning to have budget sheets at staff meeting.

- **APPROVE COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES**

[1:16:39 PM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve commissioner meeting minutes from April 2, 2018 with noted change. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[1:17:51 PM](#) Recess to review claims

Open session 1:34

- **APPROVE CLAIMS**

[1:34:15 PM](#) Chairman Farnsworth asked under Maverik Country Store for Magistrate Restitution are these all to the store. Colleen said they take the last one paid and put it under that vendor. Under Park & Recreation have the concrete steel listed? Colleen said they already saw this it needs moved because this is for the new building. Chairman Farnsworth noticed they spent \$35,000 for the Sheriff's van. Commissioner Hancock said they had to send this for the lights and equipment. Asked Colleen if they are getting any money back for Civil Science from the LHTAC project. Colleen said they are getting some back. Colleen said this is so much because it has been three weeks with Public Health, 5C, and a loader purchase which were some substantial payments.

[1:37:02 PM](#) Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve claims from 3/26/2018 to 4/13/2018 for \$784,817.21. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

[1:37:27 PM](#) Motion by Commissioner Hancock to adjourn at 1:37. Second by Commissioner Martinez. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

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