

**JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Those present are Commissioner Hancock, Commissioner Martinez, Chairman Farnsworth, Assessor Cody Taylor, Treasurer Kristine Lund, Park & Recreation Mickey Eames, Planning & Zoning Kevin Hathaway, Noxious Weeds & Invasive Species Mitch Whitmill, Public Works Dave Walrath, Prosecutor Paul Butikofer, Sheriff Steve Anderson; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Anderson. Prayer offered by Cody Taylor. Clerk Colleen Poole is excused.

COMMISSIONERS – ELECTED OFFICIALS – DEPARTMENT HEADS

• **STAFF MEETING**

[9:01:14 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they see walls going up in the building. Had been to Moscow, Caldwell and Salmon. Picked a new Judge for Lemhi. Had been over for a health board meeting in Salmon and then went to Caldwell to help pick the new Judge.

[9:06:12 AM](#) Sheriff Steve Anderson have normal busy summer stuff going on. Waterways are out in Madison County looking for a fourteen year old and the detectives are heading to Bonneville County for a deputy suicide that they need help with. A few other issues over the weekend.

[9:07:00 AM](#) Noxious Weeds & Invasive Species Mitch Whitmill are out doing the weed chasing. Thinks they are catching up from the winds and rain have held them up just like every year. Trying to get around before everything blooms out. The backpack program is rocketing. The education and awareness has helped. Been working with Dave to put down sterilant on the roads they are working on.

[9:08:42 AM](#) Treasurer Kristine Lund had second half of 2017 collection last week. Was busy but the DMV always puts them to shame. Should be wrapping this up and will move toward the next year.

[9:09:24 AM](#) Assessor Cody Taylor in the process of meeting with people on their assessments. There is some counseling going on. Have two filed appeals. Values are up but like everyone should know the market is up. Brought the commissioners a packet with reading material to remind them on how the Board of Equalization work and what they need to remember for the process.

[9:10:33 AM](#) Park & Recreation Mickey Eames said this will be a busy week. Too much to worry about. Hope it goes off without a hitch. Asked Sheriff Anderson if a speed bump will hinder the flow of traffic. Sheriff Anderson said that this will slow people down. Have bands, twenty-three vendors and the camping is full. The celebration is all on Saturday. For those that don't know Tadd Jenkins put in another \$10,000 so they will have \$20,000 worth of fireworks this year. This will be choreographed to music. Almost all of the weekends are full for the remainder of the summer. Had a lot of help getting everything put back together. Appreciates Dave for all of the help getting gravel. Appreciates the Sheriff's Office for all of their help. Commissioner Hancock has been asked about smoking and non-smoking areas out at the lake. Mickey said that is another fight already dealing with the dogs. People should be courteous to others but that is not always the case. Commissioner Hancock said that this is a complaint from a lot of residents. Mickey said they can address this if they choose too. Commissioner Hancock said there are not any rules on smoking. Could have a designated smoking area.

[9:15:08 AM](#) Probation Tammy Adkins does not have anything. Been busy have a lot going on. Mickey said they will have their community service kids coming out to do some preparation work this week. Tammy said they have had a lot of individuals giving community service.

[9:15:57 AM](#) Emergency Manager/HR Rebecca Squires appreciates the input on these capability assessments. Ongoing feedback is appreciated. This is for the mitigation plan. Building the 2018 State Homeland Security Grant today. On the Human Resources side if anyone needs help on the new step & grade chart for employees let her know.

[9:16:57 AM](#) Public Works Dave Walrath appreciates Mitch helping get the roads ready and the Sheriff's Office having deputies out there while they are working. The really challenging part for the Lake road is when they get to the gate. Getting a late start. Did not have the stream line set up. Trying to make this straight. Thinks they should be pleased with the end product. After the Lake will go to 4100. Solid Waste side they are still taking in a lot of garbage. The work camp will be out in July to pick garbage. Sheriff Anderson asked if they have anyone that can fix a pothole. Dave said they have George who does this. Sheriff Anderson asked if there is a chance they could have a pothole fixed on the jail road from all of the heavy equipment. Dave will note this and take it to George.

[9:20:45 AM](#) Prosecutor Paul Butikofer does not have anything.

[9:21:31 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock updates on the building the second floor has been poured. Started to put the roof beams in. Figure they will have this closed in by the end of next week. All of the main floor is studded. The basement is fairly complete with what they were going to do. The elevator shaft had over three feet of water in this when they went and walked this. Rebecca said this was drying out. Commissioner Hancock said they have not had any sub issues. Did show a chip in the window to Colleen. This is moving along and are planning for them to move in on December 21. No major holdups at this point. Once the roof is on they can have multiple contractors in.

[9:27:10 AM](#) Sheriff Anderson asked who could spray the weeds. Mitch said no one has called him but he can come over and spray if it needs done.

[9:28:28 AM](#) Chief Deputy Clerk Audrey Moon asked for Colleen to get all budgets, expenses and revenues turned in today.

COMMISSIONERS

• **NEW BUILDING UPDATE**

[9:31:15 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they discussed this in the staff meeting. Paul is wondering dimensions is looking at what furniture to buy. Commissioner Hancock said he can look at the drawings. Chairman Farnsworth goes over moving the Emergency Manager back to the Planning & Zoning office and would have the Public Defender receptionist move there and have a door added into the commissioner office. Will leave the Public Defender office as a place for attorneys to use and meet with clients. Paul asked on security for the courthouse. Commissioner Hancock said they would have to have deputies to run this. Have not had a lot of major issues.

- **APPROVE COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES – (ACTION ITEM)**

[9:53:25 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve commissioner meeting minutes from June 11, 2018. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

[9:53:57 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Martinez to approve commissioner meeting and June 18, 2018 with noted change. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

[9:55:21 AM](#) Prosecutor Paul Butikofer left room

[9:55:21 AM](#) Recess until 10:00

Open session 10:00

PUBLIC WORKS – DAVE WALRATH

- **UPDATE**

[9:55:21 AM](#) Dave said they will be on the Lake road. The traffic will be the challenge. Dave said they may have to use one side of the gate. Next week is a short week with the holiday.

[10:01:35 AM](#) **Prosecutor Paul Butikofer is in the room**

[10:01:42 AM](#) Dave did get contacted that they will be doing the planking on 4100 railroad on July 7 and July 8. Was not planning on being there while they are there. May look at the following week or weekend. After the planking is in they will get the state's zipper to zip this out and repave this. Went to an RPO meeting and the School District was there. Talking about the new school on 200. Will have a traffic impact study done by Keller. This will be presented in the Planning & Zoning meeting on August 9.

[10:03:40 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said he has spoken with Kevin and will be looking at impact fees for a turn lane. Chairman Farnsworth said he had been called on some grass at an intersection. Dave said 4200 is bad. Commissioner Hancock said that 4100 is bad too.

[10:05:44 AM](#) Dave said the brush pile out at County Line is overflowing again. Had sent a draft agreement with Bonneville County to Commissioner Hancock. Commissioner Hancock said they need to get this to Weston. Dave said this is \$300 an hour for grinding and \$150 a load to haul this. Believes they spent less than \$10,000 last year. Traded with dumping at Circular Butte. Chairman Farnsworth asked if they are even yet. Dave thinks they are but would have to check. Commissioner Hancock said the grinding from Wilcox is \$600 an hour. Dave thinks it may not be comparing apples to apples but does not think Wilcox has the time to do that right now.

[10:07:17 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they should take these out and burn them. Dave said they did burn the pile in Crystal that was too dirty to grind. Commissioner Hancock said they would need to have a burn permit from DEQ. Dave said they use the chips out at the landfill. Paul asked if County Line takes wood products.

[10:09:41 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they take appliances. Dave said they do charge for the ones that have refrigerant. Commissioners discuss what is allowed at the County Line landfill. Chairman Farnsworth said they will take cardboard boxes if this is construction if it says toys they will not take it because they consider it household. Commissioner Hancock said this is because of DEQ. Had a discussion on this at the IAC meetings. Have several legislatures that would address this later this fall. Chairman Farnsworth said they talk about this at the public health meetings all the time. Commissioner Hancock said that during the DEQ meeting at the landfill he asked if this was mandatory and they said this was a suggestion.

[10:10:49 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they have thought of opening up the County Line landfill an additional day. It is super busy any time he goes. Dave said this is open from 9:00 to 4:30 on Friday and Saturday. Chairman Farnsworth said this is a thought because they are getting so busy. Went last weekend and had to wait in line and there were multiple people dumping. Dave said he can look at their staffing. Commissioner Hancock said it would probably only be for the summer months when people are cleaning up. Chairman Farnsworth asked if they will continue to take grass clippings. Commissioner Hancock said they think they should. Have heard so much positive input from the constituents. Chairman Farnsworth knows this is costing more money than they thought. Dave said they really need to work toward a transfer station. Commissioner Hancock thinks May, June, July, August and September be open an extra day. Chairman Farnsworth would like to see if they can open this another day. Dave said he will speak with Ted.

[10:16:14 AM](#) Dave mentions he will be off on Thursday and Friday for his son's wedding.

PARK & RECREATION – MICKEY EAMES

- **GATE MODIFICATION-PERIMETER FENCING – (ACTION ITEM)**

[10:17:11 AM](#) Mickey goes over the grant for the concrete fence. They do not have to match the funds but did put some in her budget. Are right in the ballpark on where they should be. Will put this out on the bid portal to get bids for this project. This is a fourteen foot fence out of concrete. Will only have a gap by the power pole they need five feet on both sides. Chairman Farnsworth said have also added sixty fire pits.

[10:21:32 AM](#) Mickey is here because the more they hear about the fence and the neighbors already fighting the more she feels this is going to be an issue. The ones that want the gate do not want the other neighbor to use this gate. There is squabbling already. If they are going to have a gate there would be a lock for them and a lock for the lake. The dogs are coming right through the fence and then the camp host has to try to catch them. There is a liability having this here. The fact that they can go and come as they please. Thinks this is going to be a problem. Commissioner Hancock said they could talk to the individuals that had come in and address these concerns.

[10:24:13 AM](#) Planning & Zoning Kevin Hathaway said when they have an access not controlled they will have individuals sneaking in. Mickey knows that these rules looked good on paper but this is making a huge issue already and the gate is not even in yet. They are coming in from behind

her office. Commissioner Hancock said a lock would solve this. Mickey said they need a fence and she did not budget for a fence. This whole thing causes heartburn. Commissioner Hancock said they will need to put up some chain-link fence. Chairman Farnsworth said this will be taken out of her budget. Kevin asked how much fence they have. Mickey said the tennis courts down to the dry bed. Chairman Farnsworth does not believe it would be that expensive and may be something that they can do themselves.

[10:27:10 AM](#) Kevin said sometimes they can get a work camp out to come help with this. Mickey said the lock is what she is looking at. Would need a walk-in pass to come through. The lock on our side is the only way to monitor this. This would be locked at night when the lake closes. Chairman Farnsworth thinks this will be abused if they do not have something. Commissioner Martinez thinks they should retract their previous motion to allow the gate. Chairman Farnsworth asked what they would do with lost balls if they had no way to have these returned. Mickey wants a fence to keep the people out and would recommend a higher fence. Commissioner Hancock said this is only for the homes that border the lake. Mickey said these are rules that are being broken. Mickey said if they could consider the lock for now. Would unlock this in the morning and lock it at night. Everyone has to have a walk-in lanyard. They cannot come in a group anymore. When they were speaking about walking around is not a big deal to get to the front entrance of the lake. Worked out there last night and had bikes galore coming and going with their lanyards. Chairman Farnsworth said this will help so they can monitor it. Hope the individuals realize they need to take care of this or they will be done and the gate will be taken out.

SOCIAL SERVICES – JACKIE MAUPIN

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

[10:38:28 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.

- **APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF INDIGENCY APPLICATION – (ACTION ITEM)**

[10:53:48 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Hancock to deny case #2018-24 because this is not medically necessary. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

[10:54:57 AM](#) Recess until 11:00

Open session 11:05

[11:05:50 AM](#) Deputy Prosecutor Weston Davis is in the room

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)**

[11:05:50 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Martinez to go into executive session 74-206 (F) - Legal. Second by Commissioner Hancock. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

Open session 11:19

[11:19:50 AM](#) Motion by Commissioner Hancock to opt in on the class action lawsuit regarding the shortage of PILT funding. This is the potential to obtain more funding that may have been owed. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.

[11:20:46 AM](#) Weston said he will have fill out the first page and Chairman Farnsworth will fill out the second page and will get this submitted.

[11:25:52 AM](#) Recess until 1:00

Open session 1:00

[1:00:35 PM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said that Commissioner Hancock will be here as soon as he can.

COMMISSIONERS – PLANNING & ZONING – KEVIN HATHAWAY

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION 74-206 (A) – PERSONNEL – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

[1:01:45 PM](#) Motion by Commissioner Martinez go into executive session 74-206 (A) – Personnel – Planning & Zoning Commission Interviews. Second by Chairman Farnsworth. Roll call taken. Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed. Open session 1:21

[1:22:17 PM](#) Motion by Commissioner Hancock to adjourn at 1:21. Second by Commissioner Martinez. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.

Chairman of the Board

Date

Clerk of the Board

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County Clerk

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