

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 4, 2019

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman
John Crozier, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 9:05 A.M.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Crouch reported he had heard an overview of the South Central Public Health District services at its board meeting. He had learned that the district consisted of eight local counties, employed 79 persons, and operated under an \$8 million budget.

Commissioner Howell reported from a Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste meeting where directors had addressed problems with the new gas-to-energy project.

All three Commissioners had attended a safe driving course for employees in order for the County to qualify for a liability insurance discount.

FEBRUARY 26 MEETING

The Commissioners confirmed that they would be able to attend a Tuesday meeting on February 26 in order to hear the County financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, from the County's outside auditor.

JUDGE'S BENCH

The Board addressed its project to clean out and organize a room in the Courthouse basement.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to disassemble and dispose of the judge's bench in the Courthouse basement. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

APPROVE TIME RECORDS

The Board approved Time Records for the January 20, 2019, through February 2, 2019, payroll period for the following employees: Cody Cantrell, Brent Culbertson, Deserae Jones, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana.

Lon McDonald was present. He expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their leadership and inquired about the commemorative bricks on an outside wall of the Courthouse.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Commissioners signed leave requests for Brent Culbertson, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana.

The Board signed a Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Eric Fermin Luna Anaya.

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OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Howell reported he had requested Mike Tylka to ask the Department of Fish & Game for permission before proceeding with graveling a turn-around area at the top of Yingst Grade as approved by the Commissioners on January 28. He said he had attempted consulting with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) about creating a parking lot in preparation of an overlook of Shoshone Falls but had not heard back from an IDL representative.

STEVE HINES—EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

Extension Educators Steve Hines and Gretchen Manker were present.

Steve Hines introduced Gretchen Manker to the new Commissioners as the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) educator in his office. He then submitted a written report of extension activities in December and January.

As the department head and crops educator, Hines listed the classes he had taught as well as the meetings he had attended and expanded on the rifle training he had taught to potential 4-H leaders.

Gretchen Manker told the Commissioners she was also a registered dietician. She elaborated on her diabetes prevention program and her work with middle and high school Latino students to help them stay in school and go on to higher education.

Manker also told of classes taught by Celia Villacana, the community nutrition advisor for Eat Smart Idaho.

Hines concluded by telling of the activities of Tina Miller as 4-H coordinator. He said 71 students were enrolled in Juntos 4-H clubs implemented by Manker in Jerome schools. He added that Jerome had hosted the State Livestock Skill-a-Thon and would be hosting the State Shooting Sports Invitational. Hines stated four youth would be attending the Know Your Government Conference in Boise.

SHARDE McMILLAN AND RENALDI CONSTRUCTION—REFUND

Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall, Zoning Clerk Kacie Buhler, and Assistant Building Official Sharde McMillan were present. Also present were Jim Renaldi, Renaldi Construction; and Jeanine Thomas, Magaw Industries (the applicant).

Kacie Buhler asked that the County refund the cost of a Building Permit for Renaldi Construction.

Sharde McMillan explained that the construction company did not want to use its building permit approved in October of 2018.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to issue a building permit refund to Renaldi Construction in the amount of \$1,101.35. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

NANCY MARSHALL AND KACIE BUHLER—LAZY T CONTRACT EXTENSION

Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall and Zoning Clerk Kacie Buhler were present. Also present was Curtis Turner.

Nancy Marshall said that Curtis Turner was present representing his father, Ted Turner of the Lazy T Ranch Estates. She told the Board that Ted Turner needed to comply with an agreement made with the Commissioners in 2018 to place monuments in the third phase of his subdivision by April 16, 2019, and to cover the additional costs to do so.

Curtis Turner explained that his father would like to continue to farm in the subdivision for another season before placing the monuments.

Marshall stated she had consulted the County attorney, who had advised that the Commissioners could approve an addendum to the 2018 agreement. She recommended an addendum and an increase in the amount of money in the trust fund to cover the costs of the monuments.

➤ The Board determined to ask its legal counsel to write an addendum between Turner and the County to set the monuments.

Turner expressed concern about the maintenance of walking paths in the first two developed phases of the subdivision.

Marshall advised that the subdivision's homeowners association was responsible for managing its plan.

TIM LARSON—AIRPORTS REPORT

Airports Manager Tim Larson was present.

Report: Tim Larson reported the Federal Aviation Administration had alerted him that it would move the weather station at the Jerome Airport to the new terminal on March 6. He told the Commissioners that Leonard Petroleum was not available that week to repair and replace fuel reels at the Jerome Airport, as approved by the Commissioners on January 28.

Larson said he had found some holes in the airport fence line and would fill them in to prevent small wildlife from accessing the airport runway. Larson reported that some deer had jumped the part of the fence that was not chain link and could not jump out. He had alerted Fish & Game, which had removed the animals. He said there was some damage to the fence and recommended all chain link fencing.

Fuel Log: Larson presented a fuel log as requested by the Commissioners on January 28 showing gallons purchased, amounts, and numbers of sales from 2017, 2018, and 2019 statistics.

SCOTT HEDRICK CONSTRUCTION—JAIL EXPANSION

Present were Sheriff George Oppedyk, Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor, and Jail Administrator Marisela Ibarra as well as Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim. Also present was Scott Hedrick of Hedrick Construction, which had built the current County jail.

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Sheriff Oppedyk advocated adding two more pods to the County jail completed in 2016. He suggested building an open dorm style, which would minimize cost and expedite construction. The sheriff said the demand for jail space from out-of-county sources was high. He added that the addition would require only two more jailers as well as an increase in food, power, and water costs but would still be a moneymaker.

Sheriff Oppedyk said he believed renting additional beds would pay for the expansion that Jerome County would need for its own prisoners in the future.

Scott Hedrick stated the infrastructure for water and sewer was available and that it would take about three months to complete plans for new pods.

Commissioner Crozier verified that an additional four pods was part of the original plan when building the jail.

McKim said that County Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson had recommended that the Board wait two more years in order to have more funding available.

➤ Hedrick agreed to prepare a cost estimate to build two pods as well as preparation for building four pods, after which the Board would consult with Emerson.

Hedrick was excused.

Commissioner Crozier brought a citizen complaint to the Board about sheriff deputies working for another entity when off duty.

Sheriff Oppedyk confirmed that other organizations occasionally hire deputies and that they have arrest powers even if they are off-duty.

➤ It was determined that the Board would consult its legal counsel about the matter.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve the minutes of January 28 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to approve the indigent as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Commissioner Howell signed liens for the Social Services department.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner