

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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

Meeting convened at 9 A.M.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Crouch reported that the mayor of Jerome had presented an informative power point address on the State of the City the previous week. He and Commissioner Crozier had met with Airport Consultant Kent Atkin, who had advised to pursue the grant to upgrade the Jerome Airport runway and then update the Master Plan to allow for a longer runway. Commissioner Crouch had also attended the monthly Airport Advisory Board meeting and had discussed an enclosure for the fuel hoses with the airport manager.

Commissioner Crozier reported from projects and grants discussed by Jerome 20/20 directors to expand economic development in the County. He had attended a Fair Board meeting, where directors discussed plans for the 2019 fair. Commissioner Crozier also told the Board of a Tri-county Noxious Weed board meeting where directors approved a new computer for the supervisor.

Commissioner Howell stated the emergency management director would alert County employees about dangerous weather conditions. He also advised that the Board to consult the County liability insurance carrier (ICRMP) about limiting shooting in the Snake River Canyons Park.

DISCUSSION—MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Mike Tylka was present.

The Commissioners followed up from an inquiry from the planning and zoning administrator on February 11 about increasing mileage reimbursement. They considered what both the IRS and the State of Idaho pay.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to raise the mileage reimbursement to meet the IRS standard of \$.58 per mile. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes and was to be effective immediately.

APPROVE TIME RECORDS

The Board approved Time Records for the February 3 through February 16 payroll period for Cody Cantrell, Brent Culbertson, Deserae Jones, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commissioner Crouch suggested the Commissioners review the Employee/Supervisor Manual for ten minutes each week, to which the Board agreed.

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The Board signed a Claims Approval Report dated February 14, 2019, for the Insurance Deductible Trust, with a grand total of \$4,180.51.

The Board signed leave requests for Mario Umana and Brent Culbertson.

DONNA O'BRIEN—PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND FEES

Chief Deputy Treasurer Nina Lagle was present; also present was Mike Tylka. Donna O'Brien was not present.

Since Donna O'Brien was not present for the appointment she had made, the Commissioners asked Nina Lagle to comment on O'Brien's request to cancel interest and fees accumulated for taxes due on her mobile home.

Lagle stated that O'Brien owed \$19 for taxes on her mobile home due December 20, 2018, and another \$19 for taxes due June 20, 2019, plus interest of \$.27, penalty of \$.38, and a sheriff fee of \$70.58 for a Warrant of Distraint. She explained the whole year of 2018 taxes (\$38) plus the interest, penalty, and fee were due because O'Brien had missed the December deadline.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to deny the request of Donna O'Brien to waive her penalty, interest, and sheriff fee because she was not present and also because of a lack of evidence of extenuating circumstances. It was seconded, followed by discussion, and carried with unanimous ayes.

Lagle said she would send O'Brien a letter apprising her of the Board's decision.

LARRY HALL—SHOSHONE FALLS OVERLOOK PROJECT

Jerome 20/20 Executive Director Larry Hall was present. Also present was Mike Tylka, chairman of the Snake River Canyons Park Managing Board.

Larry Hall said he was pursuing the development of an overlook of Shoshone Falls even though he had not applied for a grant as planned. He presented a map and ideas for planning the project and for obtaining funding. One idea for fund raising would involve the public by offering a raffle or a silent auction.

Commissioner Crozier recommended hiring an engineer to ascertain whether the overlook site would be safe from seismic activity. He emphasized the importance of creating an overlook, which he said could be an anchor of the Park.

➤ Commissioner Crouch said he would give further grant funding sources to Hall.

DECISION—SCHOOL SAFETY PROJECTS DONATION, Continued

Present were Jeremy Presnell, M. V. Harrison, and Amanda Payne, all with the Jerome City Fire Department.

Jeremy Presnell followed up from a presentation to the Board by the Jerome police department and the school district on February 11 requesting \$4500 for safety projects at the Jerome High School.

Presnell and Amanda Payne expanded with information on trauma kits needed for a Stop the Bleed project. Presnell verified that the County could join an order for the kits.

The County emergency management director, Tanya Stitt, had sent an e-mail to the Commissioners stating that she had applied for a school safety grant and offered grant-matching funds from her budget to cover the \$4500 requested.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to approve an expenditure of \$4500 for the Stop the Bleed program, based on Tanya Stitt's recommendation, and contingent on receiving grant money for the school safety program. It was seconded, with no further discussion, and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Board planned no further action until a follow-up from Stitt.

TIM LARSON—AIRPORTS REPORT

Airports Manager Tim Larson was present.

Tim Larson reported he and his employee had plowed the Jerome Airport over the weekend, with the employee earning overtime compensation. He said the skid plates on the loader and the truck had broken but had been repaired. He added that the dump truck was losing power steering fluid and that he planned to have it repaired in March.

Larson said the new fuel hose motor had not yet arrived and that he expected repair to the other hose that week. Commissioner Crouch asked about the enclosure(s) for the fuel hoses and wanted to make sure there was a plan before pouring the necessary cement.

Larson told the Board he was beginning to move items from the terminal to the new terminal. Commissioner Howell suggested using inmate help.

Commissioner Howell asked again that Larson remove the weeds along the airport fence on Highway 25. Larson said he and his employee would haul them away. Commissioner Crozier gave Larson phone numbers for the tri-county weed supervisor to help him plan for weed control in the upcoming growing season. Commissioner Crouch suggested to Larson that he set certain days to work on different projects.

The Board asked that Larson produce a plan, including weed control, of what he would like to accomplish for the airports in 2019, with the resources he would need.

➤ It was determined Larson would bring a 2019 plan for the airports to the Board on March 11.

Meeting recessed at 11:50 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

SLUSHER CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL FOR THE SNAKE RIVER CANYONS PARK, Continued

Present were Mike Tylka and Greg Moore, representing the Snake River Canyons Park.

Commissioner Howell reported the Board needed an answer from the Idaho Department of Lands about the County establishing a parking lot for a planned overlook of Shoshone Falls.

ROY PRESCOTT—RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION UPDATE AND FUNDING

Roy Prescott, representing the Notch Butte Rangeland Fire Protection Association, was present.

Roy Prescott gave the Board a brief history of Rangeland Fire Protection Associations, which were formed five years ago in Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Gooding Counties as well as in five other counties in the State of Idaho. He said the local organizations had extinguished four fires in 2108 before Bureau of Land Management (BLM) crews were on the scenes.

Prescott stated the associations operate with equipment donated by the BLM and the State of Idaho as well as with private machinery. He said the donations from the local counties are not sufficient to cover the cost of liability insurance for the associations.

➤ Prescott said the Association would return to the Board in May to request \$1,000 from the FY 2019-20 budget, up from the \$500 allocated from the current budget year.

Commissioner Crozier asked about other funding sources for the associations. Prescott said they were investigating asking Idaho Power for help because quick responses to fires can save the power company from losing poles costing \$10,000 each.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—INDIGENT APPEAL HEARING, CASE NO. 1819-001

This executive session was not held because the indigent case had been dismissed.

MIKE SEIB—LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mike Seib was not present because of illness.

Sign Lazy T Subdivision Agreement Addendum: Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall was present. The Board signed the Lazy T Subdivision Agreement as it had approved it on February 11.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to approve the minutes of February 4 and February 11 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made Commissioner Crozier to follow staff recommendations for indigent matters. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved were Case Nos. 1718-055

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(amended); 1718-086; and 1718-104. Dismissed was Case No. 1819-001. The Board signed an Order of Suspension for Case No. 1819-048.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner