

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

Meeting convened at 9 A.M.

Commissioner Howell was excused for an electrical class and a land conveyance meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Crozier reported he had attended a South Central Community Action Partnership board meeting where directors made plans for the agency's Empty Bowls fundraiser. He had also attended a Citizens advisory meeting to discuss a bond election in May for a new school in Jerome.

Commissioner Crozier was present at an informational meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department and Planning and Zoning personnel about additional lanes being constructed on Highway 93, which are planned for completion by October. He said widening another section would follow next year. He added that constructing another bridge across the Snake River Canyon would require massive federal funding.

Commissioner Crozier and Commissioner Crouch had attended employee training offered by the County's liability insurance company (ICRMP) to qualify the County for a premium discount.

Commissioner Crouch had served as a director for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce. He said he had also attended a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the Little Tigers Day Care in Jerome.

Commissioner Crouch had spoken with Seth Grigg, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, about a bill in the State Legislature for a property tax budget freeze and with a citizen about trash accumulation near the Flying J truck stop. He said he would speak with Flying J personnel and with property owners about the loose trash that is blown to neighboring properties.

Both Commissioner Crouch and Commissioner Howell had attended a Rotary meeting.

APPROVE TIME RECORDS

The Commissioners approved Time Records for Cody Cantrell, Brent Culbertson, Deserae Jones, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana for the February 16, 2020, through February 29, 2020, payroll cycle.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to approve indigent matters per staff recommendation. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved were Case Nos.

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1819-121 and 1920-026. Denied was Case No. 1920-023; dismissed were Case Nos. 1819-130 and 1920-005.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board signed leave requests for Brent Culbertson (4), Mario Umana, and Deserae Jones.

The Board signed a Claims Approval Report dated February 28, 2020, for the Insurance Deductible Trust Fund, with a grand total of \$804.19.

STEVE HINES—EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

Extension Educator Steve Hines was present.

Steve Hines spoke from his monthly written report of personnel activities in the University of Idaho extension office. He reported a busy February teaching classes, giving presentations, and instructing rifle training. He said he had met with representatives from Agri Source on a potential cover crop project and had led a discussion on how to reach more ag producers with concerns about nitrates and phosphates in water systems.

Hines said he had also attended hay and forage meetings, the Fair Board Appreciation Dinner, and the personnel training from the County's liability insurance carrier as well as had handled several phone calls.

Hines reported Extension Educator Gretchen Manker had presented diabetes classes, judged a career and leaders contest, and attended a food access meeting for the Jerome school district. Manker had also presented a lesson on careers for Juntos 4-H high school students and attended a National Juntos Call—Planning National Juntos Convening.

The Board discussed the Juntos program with Hines, who said it began as a “go on” after high school program.

Nutrition Advisor Celia Villacana had taught classes at the Lincoln County extension office and at Jerome elementary and middle schools.

Hines stated 4-H Coordinator Tina Miller had reported that six youth had attended Know Your Government in Boise, with two on the planning committee for 2021. He also said the tenth annual livestock education day was well attended and a huge success.

PUBLIC HEARING—RESOLUTION FOR PLANNING AND ZONING FEES (recorded)

Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall and Zoning Clerk Kacie Buhler were present. No one from the public was present.

Nancy Marshall presented the Planning and Zoning staff's evaluation for revising Resolution 2017-1 and setting new fees charged in her office. She told why some fees were increased, decreased, deleted, or added. She said the new figures were based on tracking the amount of time and materials used in her office for various applications. She also included charts showing what surrounding counties charge.

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❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to adopt Resolution 2020-16 to revise planning and zoning rates that will act as a revision of Resolution 2017-1. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

➤ Signing the resolution was scheduled for March 9.

RICK HABERMAN—HOMEOWNER EXEMPTIONS

Assessor Rick Haberman and Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober were present.

Rick Haberman presented a Notice of Cancellation, explaining why his office had terminated and reinstated a homeowner exemption. He said he had reinstated the exemption when he learned that a change of address was for a son with the same name as the homeowner but that the homeowner was still living in the house.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to reinstate the homeowner exemption for Parcel No. RPJ14940030140 for Charles C. and Dawn M. Pond and cancel taxes based on \$58,696 of assessed value, which represents the value of the homeowner exemption if it had been applied, per staff recommendation. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Haberman explained that his office had entered another homeowner exemption electronically but it was not applied to the account, and he recommended cancelling taxes accordingly.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to reinstate a homeowner's exemption for Michael J. and Annette Christiansen, Parcel No. RP000340000140, to correct a homeowner's exemption that had not been applied and to recommend cancelling taxes based on \$100,000 of assessed value, which represents the value of the homeowner exemption if it had been applied. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE SELECTION

Commissioner Howell was present by speakerphone.

Commissioner Howell asked the other Commissioners if one of them would be interested in serving on the Magistrate Commission to select a new judge for Minidoka County. He said the Board chairman is on the Commission but may allow another Commissioner to take his place.

Commissioner Crouch expressed that he would like to serve on the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner