

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 4, 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 Crozier reported he had attended a Ribbon Cutting and toured the additions to Mr. Gas in Jerome; the other Commissioners had attended also.

Commissioner Crouch had participated in a Legislative Update, where he said 70 residents as well as 10 government representatives had been present.

Commissioner Howell reported the gasification project at the regional landfill was not producing gas as clean as desired. In addition to meeting with the Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District Board, he had attended a SIRCOMM (emergency communications) meeting. He said the agency was fully staffed, radio frequencies had been changed, and updating of the CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system was progressing.

NANCY MARSHALL—SET PUBLIC HEARING

Planning and Zoning Administrator Nancy Marshall was present.

Nancy Marshall confirmed with the Commissioners that they could hold a public hearing on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 P.M. to consider an application for a rezone.

Commissioner Howell advised that the hearing would be quasi-judicial, in which the Commissioners would serve as judges of a recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission. As such, the Commissioners could not receive prior information that would influence their decision.

Marshall also verified that the Commissioners would meet with representatives of the Middle-Snake Regional Water Resource Commission on Monday, March 25, at 6 P.M., with pizza served before the update from the Commission.

APPROVE TIME RECORDS

The Commissioners signed Employee Time Records for the February 17, 2019, through March 2, 2019, payroll cycle for the following employees: Cody Cantrell, Brent Culbertson, Deserae Jones, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana.

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BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board signed a Claims Approval Report dated February 28, 2019, from the General (Building and Grounds Maintenance) and District Court II Funds, with a grand total of \$5,669.75.

The Board signed leave requests for Mario Umana, Deserae Jones, and Brent Culbertson (2).

The Board signed an Employee Wage Change form to hire Billy Richards as seasonal help at the Fairgrounds, beginning February 27, 2019.

The Board signed a Claims Approval Report dated February 27, 2019, for the Insurance Deductible Trust Fund, with a grand total of \$2,008.95.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners determined to meet with the sheriff on March 11 about deputies working for other agencies in their off-duty hours.

GARY TAYLOR—AMMUNITION TRADES

Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor was present.

Deputy Taylor questioned whether the County could trade some ammunition for weapons no longer used by his department for ammunition of equal value from another party.

- Commissioner Howell said the Board would consult its attorney later that day.

GREG VAWSER—ROCK CREEK FIRE DISTRICT DECISION, Continued

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was present. Also present were James Pennington and Greg Vawser, representing the Rock Creek Fire District emergency medical technicians.

Greg Vawser brought the Board charts showing the number of responses of emergency medical technicians to Jerome County residents during February as well as the average response time.

The District had requested added funding on January 28 for half the salary of an additional technician. Vawser said \$5,670 would help pay for the technician through the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Howell commented that the Fire District was a great benefit to Jerome County.

Vawser and Pennington were excused.

The Commissioners discussed granting the extra funding requested by the fire district.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to award Rock Creek Fire District \$5,670 to finish the current fiscal year. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

MICHELLE EMERSON—CLERK MATTERS

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was present.

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Video Arraignment Software: Michelle Emerson authorized a payment of \$1,159 for video arraignment software necessary for the Judicial Annex Building.

Xerox Bid: Emerson reported that department heads were satisfied with their equipment and were not interested in a bid from Xerox.

Meeting recessed at 11 A.M. for the Commissioners to tour the Jerome Airport.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

REVIEW EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Carl Nellis, Mike Tylka, and Kellee Traughber were present.

The Commissioners reviewed the Employee/Supervisor Manual, from Page 4 through Page 8.

CARL NELLIS—LETTER TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Carl Nellis, Mike Tylka, and Kellee Traughber were present.

Carl Nellis presented a draft letter from the Commissioners to the Bureau of Land Management requesting to move rocks in order to restrict refuse dumping over the Snake River canyon rim.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to present the letter to Mr. Longstreth, as composed by Mr. Nellis, concerning the placement of rocks to deter unauthorized trash dumping over the Snake River Canyon rim. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Nellis said he would ask the North Side Canal Company about the use of a truck for hauling the rocks.

TIM LARSON—AIRPORTS REPORT

Airports Manager Tim Larson was present.

Report: Tim Larson reported the Federal Aviation Administration had again postponed moving weather station equipment to the new Jerome Airport terminal, setting it for March 18. He told the Commissioners he would obtain three estimates for additional cable needed to receive UHF/VHF radio reception in the new terminal.

Larson asked for a one-week extension for presenting his 2019 plan for the airports, saying his proposal would be substantive. He had conferred with the Federal Aviation Administration about aerial application of weed killer and said the agency would be providing written documentation against such a practice.

The Commissioners warned Larson about being late for two consecutive months in posting an Airport Advisory Board meeting agenda 48 hours in advance, adding that he could be subject to a fine or postponement of the meeting.

Fuel Hoses: Larson said a fuel hose at the Jerome Airport had been repaired.

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Larson was excused.

The Commissioners considered the Airport Board directors' recommendation to demolish the current terminal at the Jerome Airport.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to tear down the old airport terminal whenever the FAA equipment is moved to the new terminal. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

AL KINGSLAND—NEW TECH SECURITY UPDATES

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was present. Also present was Al Kingsland, New Tech Security.

The Commissioners followed up on a quote for security updates that Michelle Emerson had given them on January 25 by clarifying the quote from New Tech Security with Al Kingsland.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to accept the New Tech bid for the security upgrade at the Judicial Annex for a total of \$15,910. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

TEVIAN EKREN-KOBER—TAX CANCELLATIONS

Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober was not present due to illness.

CONNIE STOFFER—SOUTHERN IDAHO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Connie Stouffer, executive director, and Alexa Wilhelm, rural services coordinator, were present representing Southern Idaho Economic Development. Also present were Don Zuck, Mike Tylka, and Greg Moore.

Connie Stouffer told the Commissioners the background of Southern Idaho Economic Development (SIED) as well as some of its activities. She said the organization serves all of Magic Valley, including talent recruitment and help for rural communities.

Stouffer explained that her organization had added a rural services coordinator when Southern Idaho Rural Development merged with it. She said an additional County fee of \$2,500 is necessary for SIED to include rural communities with populations under 5,000 in its services. These cities can also take advantage of services by paying a fee of \$1,500.

Commissioner Crouch noted that if the County paid the fee to include its two small communities, then each community could reimburse the County \$1,250.

Stouffer requested a tax exemption form (63-602NN) to give to a \$200 million organization interested in locating locally (Project Golden).

MIKE SEIB—LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mike Seib was present. Also present were present were Don Zuck, Mike Tylka, and Greg Moore, representing the Snake River Canyons Park.

Fairgrounds Lease: The Board agreed with the final draft of a lease developed for property at the Fairgrounds.

Shooting Ordinance: Commissioner Howell said the Commissioners had consulted the County's liability insurance company (ICRMP) and wished to pursue an ordinance that would restrict shooting in part of the Snake River Canyons Park. Greg Moore requested that the ordinance be in effect May 1 so that signs could be posted in the Park before the annual clean up by volunteers.

➤ Signing Ordinance 2019-1 was scheduled for March 11, after which it would be published to become effective.

Ammunition Question from the A.M.: Mike Seib said he had conferred with the County sheriff about trading ammunition and counseled he would work with the sheriff to trade ammunition boxes for ammunition of equal value.

❖ **Executive Session:** 4:20 P.M. - A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b), personnel. It was seconded and carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

5:00 P.M. - Return to open session. No action was taken, but the Commissioners said the matter discussed was to be continued.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to approve the minutes of February 25 and 26 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve indigent matters as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved was Case No. 1718-040. Denied was Case No. 1819-044. An Order of Suspension was signed for Case No. 1819-042.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner