

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, May 7, 2018

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Catherine Roemer, Vice Chairman
Roger Morley, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 9 A.M.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Morley stated he had networked at a Jerome Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event.

Commissioner Howell reported the SIRCOMM (emergency communications) director was negotiating with a proposal from the Zurcher company to provide a computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. The SIRCOMM board was also waiting to see whether a new deputy director would accept the Board's terms of employment.

Commissioner Howell said the maintenance supervisor at the Fairgrounds would soon be moving into the house recently purchased by the County.

MAY 22 MEETING

All three Commissioners agreed that they would plan to be present at a Tuesday morning meeting on May 22.

APPROVAL OF DRUG TESTER POSITION

The Commissioners had received a job description for a new position with the misdemeanor probation department.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to accept the part-time drug testing technician job description and the part-time position. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commissioner Roemer reported two Requests for Proposals for an airport consultant had been received by the deadline and that she would clarify the next step with legal counsel.

Commissioner Howell signed two Permits for the Sale of Safe and Sane Fireworks to Outlet Fireworks, LLC, Kimberly, to be used at Crossroads Point and at 5350 US Highway 93 (Flying J Travel Plaza), both Jerome, from June 23, 2018, to July 5, 2018.

The Board signed Employee Wage Change forms to hire Gabriela Arteaga as a deputy clerk, effective May 1, 2018, and Dena Estrada as a dental assistant in the sheriff's department, effective May 3, 2018.

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The Board signed forms to increase the salaries of Deputy Sheriffs Jason Wethern, effective April 30, 2018, and James Ridgway, effective April 29, 2018, for their promotions.

The Board signed a leave request for Deserae Jones.

The Board signed a Direct Deposit Detail with a grand total of \$104,235.01 and a Payroll Claims Approval by Fund with a grand total of \$280,931.43, both for the May 4 payday.

STEVE HINES—EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

Extension Educator Steve Hines was present.

Hines reported from a busy two previous months in his office. Included in his report were plantings for seed trials, planning for next winter's programs, updating the economic section of the management plan for the Water Resource Commission, presenting cover crop production information at a growers' meeting, and attending the University of Idaho Annual Conference as well as market animal and 4-H Leaders Council meetings and Department of Agriculture Worker Protection Safety training.

The Family and Consumer Sciences educator had continued providing diabetes, cooking, and wellness information as well as attending the U of I Conference and hosting 4-H Consumer Decision Education Day.

Hines said the community nutrition advisor had taught about nutrition, wellness, and food safety as well as attended training for Eat Smart Idaho.

The 4-H coordinator had weighed in pigs and dairy heifers and had registered five youth raising turkeys. Jerome had hosted a Goat Education Day and a Consumer Decision Day and Mock contest.

Hines brought three bids for to replace struts and align a County vehicle.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to approve repairs to the 2013 Ram pickup in the amount of \$580.27 as requested. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Hines told the Board he would like to move a storage shed to part of the current garden area and fence a place for office vehicle parking. He also said he would pursue direct billing for a hotel in Salmon and hire part-time help for the 4-H coordinator at Fair time.

ART BROWN AND RUSS HOWELL—REQUEST FOR R&J SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT EXTENSION

Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown and P&Z Assistant Administrator Nancy Marshall were present. Also present were Russ and Jackie Howell.

Commissioner Howell had recused himself.

The Planning and Zoning Office had presented paperwork showing the history of the R&J Subdivision and the ordinance requirement that a developer must record a final plat during his final extension period to avoid filing another preliminary plat application.

Russ Howell requested a three-year extension of the preliminary plat for the R&J Subdivision because he said he would like to proceed with developing the property, and he explained the improvements he had made to it.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to grant a three-year extension to the preliminary plat of the R&J Subdivision, to expire on April 25, 2021. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Howell told the Board the Venturing Program he had previously informed the Board of was continuing. He then invited the Commissioners to attend a “Celebrate Wellbriety” event.

GARY TAYLOR—BIDS FOR A SHOP AT THE JAIL COMPLEX

Present were Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor as well as Deputy Sheriffs Chad Kingsland and Chris McRoberts. Also present were Charles Wiegard and Bob Wilhelm.

Taylor brought bids for either a wood or a steel shop at the jail complex. He said the sheriff’s department would like the building to store its boat, the command unit, and any vehicle with crime evidence still in it.

Commissioner Roemer asked if the shop could include a shop area for the County maintenance supervisor, and Taylor said that was a possibility. She said she believed a shop would be worth the investment but that she would like the Board to consult the County clerk/auditor about the cost. Taylor mentioned that using asphalt from the City of Jerome would save enough on gravel to pay for almost half of a shop.

Commissioner Howell advised the County could not pay in advance of receiving materials for a shop, and Wilhelm said he could work with that fact.

MARY HOLLY—REGIONAL ANIMAL FACILITY

Present was Mary Holly, a volunteer for the Anythings Pawsable Foundation. Also present was Charles Wiegard.

Holly sought support from the County for a regional animal facility, which would include an animal hospital. She stated rescue organizations could not handle the volume of animals needing rescue.

Holly explained that building a new non-profit facility to serve Jerome, Cassia, and Minidoka Counties would bring donations and grants to such a project.

Commissioner Morley asked what the County’s role would be. Holly said her Foundation would raise funds to build the facility, followed by costs to keep the facility open. She asked that the County write a letter of support.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to draft a letter of support for a proposed regional animal facility as brought forth by Mary Holley, Anythings Pawsable Foundation, Inc., not committing the County to any financial obligations at this time. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

DECISIONS—WAIVERS OF SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FEES

The Board discussed whether it wanted to exempt any entities from solid waste charges, following Commissioner Morley's report from the Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District on April 30. Commissioner Morley said some other counties had excused such organizations as highway districts, schools, and public cemeteries with either full or partial exemptions.

Commissioners Roemer and Morley did not favor exempting government entities.

- The Commissioners determined to consider exemptions at a future date.

Meeting recessed at 11:54 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2 P.M. with Commissioners Roemer and Morley present and Commissioner Roemer presiding. Commissioner Howell was attending a meeting.

MICHELLE EMERSON—CLERK MATTERS

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was not present due to illness. The Board continued her request regarding public defender expenses until May 14 and signed a wage change form to hire Gabriela Arteaga as a deputy clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—INDIGENT APPEAL HEARING, CASE NO. 1718-029

Present were Social Services Director Kim Drury and Attorney Mike Seib.

❖ 2 P.M. - A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to hear an indigent appeal. It was seconded and carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2:07 P.M. - Return to open session.

Signing a written decision of the appeal was set for May 14.

MIKE SEIB—LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mike Seib was present.

Decision for Indigent Case No. 1718-030: A written decision upholding the denial of Indigent Case No. 1718-030 was signed with other indigent documents.

Discussion on Interim Ordinance: Commissioner Roemer questioned referencing an attorney's opinion in an ordinance, to which Seib said was lawful

Down payments: Seib agreed that the County could not pay a builder in advance of his services. He suggested that the County maintenance supervisor could be the general contractor for a project and order the necessary materials.

Seib counseled the County to advertise for Requests for Proposals to build a County shop. Further consideration of the shop was put on the May 21 agenda.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to approve the minutes of April 30, 2018, April 23, 2018, and January 3, 2017, as written. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to approve indigent matters as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Denied were Case Nos. 1718-053 and 1718-057. The Commissioners signed an Order upholding the denial of Case No. 1718-030 following an appeal hearing on April 30.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Catherine M. Roemer, Commissioner

Roger M. Morley, Commissioner