

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 15, 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 from his attendance at a Fair Board meeting. He said the Board was making \$600 monthly payments on the beef barn, with a \$58,000 balance. Directors said they would consider applying for a loan to build new grandstands. Extended discussion was held about noise complaints from events held at the rodeo grounds; complaints had also been received about construction after 10 P.M. on the Franklin plant. Commissioner Crozier said the Fair would lose about \$20,000 per year by limiting outdoor events.

Commissioner Crozier had joined a tour with the Jerome 20/20 executive director regarding grant applications and learned which projects would be most probable for funding.

Commissioner Crouch told the Board that Dairy West had given a presentation at a Jerome 20/20 board meeting on how it can help the dairy industry. The Commissioner had also given a radio interview and reported from an Airport Advisory Board meeting. He said that the airport consultant had stated that the County was not chosen to receive a grant from the federal government to repair the Jerome Airport runway in the next fiscal year. He added that a board member would determine whether a larger mower deck would fit on the Airport tractor.

Commissioner Howell offered some thoughts about reasonable alternatives to events at the Fairgrounds that disturb neighbors.

NANCY MARSHALL—PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION FEE REFUND

Planning and Zoning Clerk Kacie Buhler was present.

Kacie Buhler explained to the Board that Robert List had applied for a permit to create a subdivision in order to divide his property before the Zoning Ordinance was changed and that the revised ordinance would not require his creating a subdivision.

Robert List was present.

Buhler asked that the Board approve refunding List's subdivision fee because he had not proceeded with other subdivision requirements.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to refund \$830 to Robert List for a planning and zoning subdivision application. It was seconded, followed by discussion that it was because of a change in the zoning ordinance, and carried with unanimous ayes.

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CY LOOTENS—RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE POLLING PLACES

Election Specialist Cy Lootens was present.

Cy Lootens informed the Commissioners that an upcoming election would be for the Shoshone School district. He explained that only two parties live in the precincts that are in the school district, which would allow the mailing of ballots to those parties.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to adopt Resolution 2019-14 designating polling places in Jerome County for the Shoshone School District bond. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14

**DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES JEROME COUNTY
August 27, 2019**

**Shoshone School District Bond
Mail Ballot Precinct**

DESIGNATED PRECINCTS & POLLING PLACES:

Precincts

#5 Hazelton
(Shoshone School District)

#8 Shepherd View
(Shoshone School District)

Absentee/Early Voting

**Jerome County Voters in
Shoshone School District #312**
Same Day Registration and Voting

(S E A L)

Polling Places

Mail Ballot Precinct

Mail Ballot Precinct

Jerome County Courthouse, 300 North Lincoln,
Room 301, Jerome, Idaho

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DATED This 15th day of July 2019

/s/ Charles M. Howell
Charles M. Howell

/s/ A. Ben Crouch
A. Ben Crouch

/s/ John Crozier
John Crozier

SIGN COPIER LEASE WITH BUSINESS TECHS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to sign a lease with Business Techs for a copier at the public defenders’ office.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board signed an Employee Wage Change form to increase the salary of Deputy Sheriff Miguel Noriega because of his receipt of an intermediate certificate.

The Board signed a leave request for Nancy Marshall.

The Board signed a Direct Deposit Detail with a grand total of \$121,592.57 and Payroll Claims Approval by Fund with a grand total of \$305,042.69, both dated July 10, 2019, for the June 23, 2019, through July 6, 2019, payroll cycle.

TANYA STITT—EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management Director Tanya Stitt was present.

Report: Tanya Stitt commented on her monthly written report to the Commissioners. She requested to use grant funds from her office to purchase a security camera and a DVR update for Martha & Mary’s Food Pantry, explaining that the pantry had experienced thefts.

Commissioner Crouch said he would prefer an alarm system, and Stitt said she would return with a quote for such. Commissioner Howell expressed concern that the County already makes a yearly donation to the Pantry.

Stitt also requested to purchase driving impairment goggles for \$449 plus \$25 shipping, which the Board approved.

Stitt said the sheriff’s office, the Public Health District, Search and Rescue, the Idaho Department of Transportation, and SIRCOMM (emergency communications) would all provide representatives at the Office of Emergency Management booth at the Jerome County fair.

Stitt listed projects her office expected to fund through grants as well as community outreach and training events planned for June through September.

Trailer Exchange: Stitt followed up from her request on June 17 to exchange trailers with the City of Jerome by submitting a resolution to do so.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crouch to pass Resolution 2019-15 to approve the trading of utility trailers with the City of Jerome. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

RESOLUTION 2019-15

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF TRAILERS

WHEREAS, the Jerome County Office of Emergency Management (JCOEM) possesses a 2006 White Wells 10-foot cargo trailer, VIN #1WC200E1X64060330; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome Police Department possesses a 2006 Wells White 20-foot utility trailer, VIN #1WC200J2264061633; and

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WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution authorizing exchange of the 2006 White Wells 10-foot cargo trailer, VIN #1WC200E1X64060330; and authorizing its transfer to the City of Jerome Police Department; and accepting a 2006 Wells White 20-foot utility trailer, VIN #1WC200J2264061633, from the City of Jerome Police Department as a replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jerome Police Department 2006 Wells White 20-foot utility trailer, VIN #1WC200J2264061633, is larger, and the City currently has no way of hauling the trailer; and

WHEREAS, the JCOEM trailer is smaller and would be better suited for the City of Jerome Police Department use; and

WHEREAS, the JCOEM and the City of Jerome Police Department have agreed to transfer the trailers, title to the trailers, and all other necessary documentation to each trailer within 30 days after adoption of the resolution by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jerome County Commissioners of Jerome County, Idaho, to transfer the 2006 White Wells 10-foot cargo trailer, VIN #1WC200E1X64060330, in exchange for the City of Jerome Police Department 2006 Wells White 20-foot utility trailer, #1WC200J2264061633.

Adopted this 15 day of July 2019.

Board of Jerome County Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles M. Howell

Charles "Charlie" Howell, Chair

/s/ Jane White, deputy

Michelle Emerson, Jerome County Clerk

/s/ A. Ben Crouch

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chair

(S E A L)

/s/ John Crozier

John Crozier, Commissioner

Cell Phone Calls: Stitt reported it would become possible for the emergency dispatch center to download the location of a cell phone caller. She said developing the capability was tabled for now because of other pressing concerns with the agency.

DECISION—MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR SPOUSES

Present were Payroll Clerk Charry Cushman and Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober. Also present was Guy Stubbs, County medical insurance agent.

Charry Cushman presented the Board with the results of a survey taken by County employees about health insurance for spouses. Only 6.12 percent answered they would like to add their spouses to the County insurance plan.

Guy Stubbs said allowing employees to pay for their spouses to be covered by the County policy would increase premiums by \$21 a month for each County employee, resulting in over \$27,000 in premiums within a year as well as the cost of buying down the deductible amount.

The Board discussed whether it would be prudent to allow spousal coverage.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to sign the renewal rates proposal from Blue Cross of Idaho, keeping the benefits as they have been. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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The renewal rate from Blue Cross would be a three percent increase, while dental premiums would increase 11 percent.

❖ A Motion as made by Commissioner Crozier to decline coverage for spouses on the County health plan, followed by discussion that coverage was not cost effective. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

DECISION—HOMEOWNER EXEMPTION FOR STACY MILLER

Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober was present.

Commissioner Crozier brought information to the Board from Stacy Miller's request on July 8 to reduce his taxes because he had missed applying for a homeowner's exemption by the April 15 deadline. He said Miller would owe \$1,290.14 less in property taxes for 2019 if the homeowner exemption were in effect.

Commissioner Howell expressed concern about setting a precedent by forgiving taxes.

The Board determined that Miller should apply for a hardship exemption if he were unable to pay his taxes and sent him a letter declining to reduce his taxes because of the missing homeowner exemption but enclosing a Hardship Application.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to deny Stacy Miller's request for a homeowner exemption allowance because he missed the homeowner exemption deadline. It was seconded, followed by discussion that the Board would consider a hardship application, and carried with unanimous ayes.

Commissioner Howell recessed the Board of County Commissioners and reconvened as a Board of Equalization.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
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DECISION—HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FOR HENRY WHITE (recorded)

Present was Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober.

The Board continued its consideration of a property tax application from Henry White after consulting its attorney on July 8.

The Commissioners determined they needed more information on which to base a hardship exemption and sent the applicant a letter asking two specific questions and enclosing the County's Hardship Application.

Commissioner Howell adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened as a Board of Commissioners.

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Meeting recessed at 12 NOON.

Meeting reconvened at 1:38 P.M. with Commissioners Crouch and Crozier present.

REVIEW EMPLOYEE MANUAL

This matter was not addressed but continued until July 22, beginning on Page 34 of the Employee & Supervisor Manual.

TIM LARSON—AIRPORTS REPORT

Airports Manager Tim Larson was present.

Tim Larson reported that the Airport Advisory Board had recommended the County require a receipt from Thorpe Excavation for the disposal of asbestos from a building the Jerome Airport.

Commissioner Crozier stated a receipt would release the County from responsibility for the asbestos.

Larson presented a quote from Scarrow Excavation for demolishing the former terminal and said he was still waiting for a new quote from Thorpe Excavation. He explained that the estimate from Scarrow was generalized and that the owner would like to meet at the Airport with the Commissioners to determine what they would like to include in the quote.

Larson said the banner advertising the Fly-In on July 20 would be hung across Lincoln Avenue that day and that he would put the former banner on the Airport fence line.

1:45 P.M. - Commissioner Howell was present.

Larson informed the Board that a base jumper would join the Parachute Team at the Fly-In. He expected that there would be multiple jumps, and he said he had commitments from three pilots to give rides that day.

MESHIA HEATON—JED MESH LAND TAX PENALTIES AND INTEREST

The County treasurer had received payment for all taxes, penalties, and interest for this matter, making the anticipated request unnecessary.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve the minutes of July 8 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to approve indigent matters as recommended by staff. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved were Case Nos. 1819-012 and 1819-067. Denied were Case Nos. 1819-094; 1819-097; and 1819-105; dismissed was Case No. 1819-090.

Social Services Director Kim Drury was present. Also present were Cindy Morgado, Zions Bank; and Nethan Hogue.

Nethan Hogue was seeking a Subordination Agreement for a County statutory lien.

Commissioner Crozier asked if there would be any negative consequences attached with signing the Agreement, and Kim Drury said there would be none.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Crozier to sign the Subordination Agreement on behalf of Nathan and Melissa Hogue as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner