

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, November 26, 2018

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

Meeting convened at 9:02 A.M.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Howell reported he had viewed manure on a roadway in response to a citizen's complaint and had referred the matter to the sheriff's office.

Commissioner Howell said he had attended a hearing to expand an Urban Renewal Area for the City of Jerome and had reported that neither the County Commissioners nor the Ambulance District had any comments.

NOMINATION FOR IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BOARD

Continued from November 19

Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch was present.

The Commissioners were in receipt of a Nomination Form for a board member nominee for the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program (CAT). A cover letter explained that the current District IV (Jerome, Twin Falls, Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Cassia Counties) representative was retiring.

The Commissioners chose to nominate Charles Howell to serve on the CAT Board.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch was present.

Commissioner Howell signed Catering Permits for El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, to be used December 1, 2018, from 5 P.M.-12 A.M. and February 2, 2019, from 5 P.M.-11 P.M., both at 392 B East 300 South, Jerome.

The Board signed an Employee Wage Change form to increase the salary of Deputy Sheriff Rick Bohling because he had obtained his Advanced Certificate.

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

CLAIMS

Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch was present.

Commissioner Howell signed claims for the October 23, 2018, to November 27, 2018, claim cycle as follows.

BUDGET TOTALS

10/23/2018 TO 11/27/2018

#	DEPARTMENT	PAYROLL	ACCT PAY	GRAND TOTAL
1	CLERK	\$ 45,912.08	\$ 338.35	\$ 46,250.43
2	ASSESSOR	\$ 12,202.85	\$ 398.60	\$ 12,601.45
3	TREASURER	\$ 9,866.44	\$ 363.84	\$ 10,230.28
4	HUMAN RESOURCES			
5	COMMISSIONERS	\$ 7,687.94	\$ 761.14	\$ 8,449.08
6	CORONER	\$ 790.48	\$ 435.00	\$ 1,225.48
10	BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 8,978.00	\$ 6,279.39	\$ 15,257.39
11	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 3,259.21	\$ 2,584.10	\$ 5,843.31
13	EXTENSION AGENT	\$ 5,608.85	\$ 620.89	\$ 6,229.74
14	DATA PROCESSING	\$ 2,454.78	\$ 28,099.88	\$ 30,554.66
15	ELECTIONS		\$ 14,330.57	\$ 14,330.57
18	GENERAL	\$ 35,899.15	\$ 87,767.54	\$ 123,666.69
21	PLANNING & ZONING	\$ 15,783.81	\$ 2,180.36	\$ 17,964.17
22	GIS	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 764.87	\$ 3,464.87
29	GENERAL FUND RESERVE			
30	VETERANS	\$ 1,095.56	\$ 62.48	\$ 1,158.04
	Sub Total (General Fund)	\$ 152,239.15	\$ 144,987.01	\$ 297,226.16
4	SHERIFF	\$ 83,969.24	\$ 22,889.99	\$ 106,859.23
5	SHERIFF-DETENTION	\$ 90,417.01	\$ 18,875.89	\$ 109,292.90
6	ADULT PROBATION	\$ 13,858.50	\$ 2,609.73	\$ 16,468.23
7	PROSECUTOR	\$ 32,802.81	\$ 841.61	\$ 33,644.42
8	PUBLIC DEFENDERS		\$ 25,278.16	\$ 25,278.16
9	JUVENILE PROBATION	\$ 15,035.07	\$ 8,689.25	\$ 23,724.32
18	GENERAL JUSTICE	\$ 70,871.39	\$ 9,415.06	\$ 80,286.45
	Sub Total (Justice Fund)	\$ 306,754.02	\$ 88,659.69	\$ 395,413.71
3	AIRPORT	\$ 6,882.95	\$ 34,550.60	\$ 41,433.55
6	DISTRICT COURT	\$ 10,320.29	\$ 33,724.49	\$ 44,044.78
7	FAIR	\$ 8,935.73		\$ 8,935.73
9	CAPITAL FAIR			\$ -
11	HEALTH DISTRICT		\$ 10,536.43	\$ 10,536.43
15	ELECTION CONSOLIDATION	\$ 4,271.35		\$ 4,271.35
16	INDIGENT	\$ 6,879.88	\$ 94,055.67	\$ 100,935.53
20	REVALUATION	\$ 28,089.55	\$ 519.23	\$ 28,608.78
23	SOLID WASTE		\$ 478,669.50	\$ 478,669.50
24	TORT		\$ 100,238.00	\$ 100,238.00
27	WEED			\$ -
29	AMBULANCE			\$ -
38	WATERWAYS BOARD			\$ -
38	WATERWAYS SHERIFF			\$ -
40	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY			\$ -
41	BOND REDEMPTION			\$ -
	GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 524,372.90	\$ 985,940.62	\$ 1,510,313.52

APPROVE TIME RECORDS

Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch was present.

The Board approved Time Records for the November 11, 2108, through November 24, 2018, payroll period for Cody Cantrell, Brent Culbertson, Deserae Jones, Nancy Marshall, and Mario Umana.

MARIO UMANA—JUVENILE PROBATION REPORT

Juvenile Probation Administrator Mario Umana was present. Also present was Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

The Board reviewed a Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report for October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018, to be submitted to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections by December 1, 2018.

Umana read his office statistics from October 13, 2018, through November 23, 2018, which included 88 juveniles on probation and \$940 in fees paid.

9:32 A.M. - Commissioner Roemer was present.

Umana requested to use grant funds from the Contingency Management Program to enhance comradeship and morale within his department. He also wished to purchase gift baskets for members of the diversion board.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to authorize the County to allot \$675 from contingency management grant funds to juvenile probation for team building. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

DESERAE JONES—MISDEMEANOR PROBATION REPORT

Misdemeanor Probation Administrator Deserae Jones was present. Also present was Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

Jones said the employees under her supervision elected to work all day on Christmas Eve. She reported October statistics from her office, which included 464 adults on probation and a total of \$6,402.27 in fees collected.

Jones followed up on a request from Commissioner Howell for statistics on drug-testing fees, collections, and expenses. She also said it had been working well when a judge sentenced an offender to supervised probation until he or she had completed the terms of probation and that she would speak with the new judges about setting unsupervised probation.

RICK HABERMAN—HOMEOWNER EXEMPTIONS

Assessor Rick Haberman and Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober were present. Also present was Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

Haberman explained that his office had not granted the agricultural exemption for a property previously qualifying and asked for a cancellation of taxes.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to cancel taxes for Parcel No. RP08S17E340200 in the name of Juarez Jose Luis based on \$62,230 of assessed value to reinstate the agricultural value at \$8,317. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Haberman told the Board a second homeowner exemption should not have been deleted when a deed was recorded changing a name on the property.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to cancel taxes based on \$57,776 of assessed value on Parcel No. RPH00000324707A in the name of Juan Damian and Celia Talamantes. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Haberman said a homeowner exemption should not have been deleted when a property was split.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to cancel taxes based on \$95,197 of assessed value, which would have been the value of the homeowner's exemption, for Parcel No. RP09S2OE334898 in the name of Douglas and Tamara Beames at 2709 State Highway 25, Hazelton.

Haberman stated his office should not have deleted a homeowner exemption when a deed was recorded.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to cancel taxes based on \$100,000 of assessed value, which represents the value of the homeowner exemption if it had been applied, for Parcel No. RP08S16E223613 in the name of Matthew and Michelle Kulm. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

MIKE TYLKA AND KELLEE TRAUGHBER—SNAKE RIVER CANYONS PARK MATTERS

Mike Tylka and Kellee Traughber, chairman and secretary, respectively, for the Snake River Canyons Park Managing Board, were present. Also present was Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

Snake River Canyons Park Board Appointments: Tylka reported the terms of four Snake River Canyons Park Managing Board members were expiring December 31, 2018. Each had signed a letter expressing a desire to be reappointed to a four-year term.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to reappoint Stan Mai, Greg Moore, Lisa Paulos, and Jeff Pierson to their appropriate seat numbers on the Park Managing Board. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Board was in receipt of a letter of resignation from the Park Board by Ryan Horsley; it also had a letter from Don Zuck, requesting to be a Board director.

Tylka told the Commissioners Zuck had been attending Park Board meetings and could take Horsley's place representing the shooting community.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to accept Ryan Horsley's resignation from the Park Managing Board and to appoint Don Zuck to fulfill his term. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Tylka presented sample signs to erect in the Park. He said the County needed to set up an account with Road Work Ahead to avoid paying for that company's work in advance.

Update on Shooting Ordinance: Commissioner Morley said mapping coordinates to direct shooters to a specific area in the Snake River Canyons Park and language requested by the Second Rights Amendment organization would be part of an ordinance necessary before signs could be erected in the Park.

➤ Adopting an ordinance was put on the December 3 agenda.

Commissioner Howell said the executive director of Jerome 20/20 had agreed to work with Idaho Power to establish a viewpoint of Shoshone Falls in the Park.

TIM LARSON AND MARK DOERR—AIRPORT MATTERS

Airports Manager Tim Larson and Attorney Mike Seib were present. Also present were Mark Doerr, representing Precision Aviation, and Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

Airports Report: Larson followed up on core sampling at the Jerome Airport, saying he had made arrangements for the runway to be closed November 28 and 29, 6 P.M. through 4 A.M. He said winterization of equipment was continuing and that he would bring the Board bids for improving fueling.

Fuel Discount Policy: Larson said establishing a fuel discount policy was ongoing.

Soil Sampling: Larson reported soil-sampling results had revealed only three very minor things, enabling work to move forward with leasing an ag pit to Thomas Helicopters.

Cost Sharing for New Hangars: Doerr presented a letter requesting payment and partial payment for electrical and excavation bills, respectively, in preparation for him building two new hangars at the Jerome Airport.

Commissioner Howell questioned Doerr about the necessary electrical and excavation work, which he explained.

Commissioner Roemer asked Doerr about his history of establishing a business at the Jerome Airport and then at the Twin Falls Airport. Doerr said the City of Twin Falls had paid to make utilities available for his hangar and that he had paid to run lines from the main line to his hangar as well as for a new pole and transformer, which was a direct benefit to his business.

Commissioner Roemer questioned Doerr what he would accept as County payment for the electrical work, and he was amicable to a 50 percent payment from the County on that bill as well as the excavation bill.

➤ It was determined the Board would have further discussion and consult the County auditor on December 3.

MIKE SEIB—LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mike Seib was present. Also present were Kellee Traughber and Commissioner Elect Ben Crouch.

Posters and Pamphlets: Social Services Director Kim Drury was present. She sought permission to hang some posters and offer pamphlets targeting domestic violence and the Latino population. Seib approved because the Courthouse is a public building.

Shooting Ordinance: The Board discussed with Seib adopting an ordinance that would direct shooting to a specific area in the Snake River Canyons Park. The matter was continued until December 3.

Signs for the Snake River Canyons Park: Seib reviewed proposed signs to post in the Snake River Canyons Park and advised to post the Park Board chairman's number for collecting a reward for illegal dumping because the reward was offered through private donations.

Transfer of Refuse Fees: Seib advised the County could waive refuse fees for non-profit organizations but questioned why, saying that refuse is an expense generated by the organization and that waiving fees would not compare to exempting property taxes.

Commissioner Morley said the reasoning for waiving fees was to lessen the burden of non-profit organizations. Commissioner Howell stated granting waivers would be shifting which budget line to use in paying the fees.

Further discussion on waiving refuse fees was continued until December 3.

APPROVE CLAIMS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and carried with Commissioners Howell and Morley voting aye and Commissioner Roemer abstaining.

The Board signed a Claims Approval Report dated November 23, 2018, for the Indigent Fund, with a grand total of \$38,129.94.

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Commissioners Morley and Howell signed a Claims Approval Report dated November 23, 2018, with a grand total of \$584,877.15 for the following funds: General, District Court II, Justice, Indigent, Solid Waste, and Planning & Zoning/Building.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to approve the minutes of November 19 as read. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to approve indigent matters as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Denied was Case No. 1819-001; dismissed was Case No. 1718-095. An Order of Suspension was signed for Case No. 1819-015.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Catherine M. Roemer, Commissioner

Roger M. Morley, Commissioner