

*****Monday, March 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.,** Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

County resident Marty Martinez and Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown were in attendance of the meetings off and on throughout the day.

Commissioners gave the opening invocation and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 a.m., Road and Bridge Department Superintendent Clint Kimball joined the meeting to give his departmental report. Mr. Kimball presented a written report. Mr. Kimball informed Commissioners there are soft shoulders on the county roads so he is looking at running the more experienced blade operator to get the snow off the roads to promote the roads drying out. Mr. Kimball added that Road and Bridge is also working to clear a mudslide on Ruby Creek Road, a downed tree on Fleming Creek Road and there is water running outside the ditch line on Westside Road.

Mr. Kimball said he met with Bonner County representatives regarding Boundary County's Pack River Road maintenance. Boundary County is only responsible for Bonner County maintaining a portion of the road, but Boundary County has been billed for more mileage. Mr. Kimball listed the actual time it took for Bonner County to plow this portion of the road. Mr. Kimball said Boundary County is only responsible for .47 miles and Bonner County is plowing more than that, but that additional distance is on Forest Service land.

Mr. Kimball spoke of working with the Boundary Soil Conservation District on a project that involves new culverts placed under Fleming Creek Road. The county and Soil District may partner on a 319 Fish Passage project, which involves the need for culverts and Mr. Kimball said the current culverts under this road are all undersized so this would be a nice, smaller project for Road and Bridge.

Mr. Kimball said as it pertains to last week's meeting on road load limits, he would encourage Commissioners to leave this problem up to Road and Bridge for the immediate future to see how it works out. Mr. Kimball said he doesn't see how any agreement would be beneficial and he added that approximately 90% of those who signed the sign-in sheet from the last meeting are not having any problems so he encouraged just monitoring the situation. Chairman Dinning said it was his thought, after last week's meeting that we don't know what the year is going to bring and until everyone has an opportunity to work through this, we won't be able to address it. Chairman Dinning said in using Mr. Kimball's analogy with logging trucks, there is fear of change and he thinks that is what was going on, but there may not be any change so let's give this the opportunity to work itself out. Commissioner Pinkerton said the nursery representatives mentioned changes so what changes have taken place. Mr. Kimball said the only change is decreasing 50 pounds on tire weight from 350 to 300 pounds per tire width. Commissioner Pinkerton asked how many people were denied permits. Mr. Kimball said to his knowledge not one person has been denied a permit and no one was denied their permit last year either. Mr. Kimball said this morning he spoke to someone and they agreed on his suggested tonnage for the time being so he feels most people will be able to work with this. Mr. Kimball said someone had created an issue and now it is up to the county to diffuse it. This same person said last year they would haul his trees ready or not and now this year this same person wants special provisions. Mr. Kimball informed Commissioners of the tonnage that can be carried by a vehicle such as a full-size pickup. Mr. Kimball said his biggest fear is someone driving a full-size pickup truck and pulling a tandem gooseneck trailer. How is that weight going to be carried? A dual tire, one-ton pickup truck and gooseneck trailer can pack a lot of weight on the

permits. Mr. Kimball spoke of different types of trucks and how much of a load they can carry. Mr. Kimball spoke of the inconveniences when having to load trees onto a truck from different nurseries. Mr. Kimball said in his experience every industry has a weather-related issue.

Those present spoke of matters pertaining to hauling bare root trees. Mr. Kimball said the bottom line is that he is willing to work with people. Chairman Dinning asked about the comment of reducing speeds and if there is a benefit to that. Mr. Kimball said there is a benefit, but we all know that the first thing that happens is drivers will reduce their speed before reducing the weight. Mr. Kimball said a lot of the damage caused to the roads is not visible until it is too late. The vibration and movement breaks down the integrity of the soil. When there is a good portion of dryer roads then we will have the type of friction that will support the load. Mr. Kimball said he was given a list of the roads used by the nurseries so he will check on those roads.

Chairman Dinning said Road and Bridge set the limit of 300 pounds per tire width and the weather being 26 degrees for a minimum of six hours before hauling. Mr. Kimball said that is a guideline that was taken from the former superintendent. Chairman Dinning said in Mr. Kimball's mind, what does that mean. Mr. Kimball said we are past the time frame for that weather condition. Mr. Kimball said legal highway loads would be allowed if that criteria was met, but now he would be surprised if the weather got that cold and he added that he has used an infrared meter to measure the road temperature. Mr. Kimball said he is trying to give individual attention to the needs.

Mr. Kimball discussed personnel related matters with Commissioners. Mr. Kimball said he thinks that no matter who the employee is, if they have been employed with the county for one year or more, they need to make a nickel or dime over a person just newly hired. This is a valuable employee and this other position at Road and Bridge is a good place for him. Mr. Kimball said this employee should not get a grade increase in lieu of rental for tools as there should be a separate amount for tool rental.

9:25 a.m., County resident Theda Callister stopped by Commissioners' Office briefly and requested Commissioners talk to someone about leaving the daylight savings time changes one way or another and to stop changing them. Ms. Callister left the meeting.

Treasurer Sue Larson joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioners contacted County Civil Attorney Tevis Hull via telephone for an update on various matters. Attorney Hull updated Commissioners and Treasurer Larson on matters pertaining to the Bonneville property. Attorney Hull said he reviewed documents pertaining to this property and an issue with the title came up as there were unusual title exchanges. Attorney Hull said when Commissioners offer the property for sale at a tax deed auction, they won't want to warranty it and it will basically be a "buyer beware" situation although the county does have the obligation to say there may be an issue with the title. If this property goes to the city, it is less of an issue because of the lien issue for the city, but due to the chain of the title, it is confusing so Commissioners need to let the people know of the potential title issue.

Treasurer Larson left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Attorney Hull said he is working on drafting a petition to abandon the mosquito abatement district, the David Byler property matter, the Medicaid resident policy for the Restorium, and writing a letter to send to Craig Wheatley's attorney Megan O'Dowd regarding the Airport Overlay Ordinance.

The call to Attorney Hull ended at 9:43 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to affirm the approval of cremation for indigent case 2017-10. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Ryals left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to sign the Certificate of Residency for Chasten Brown. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

9:47 a.m., Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac joined the meeting.

Commissioner Kirby moved to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)b, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

10:03 a.m., Natalie Chiles and Patrick Parten with Frontier Communications joined the meeting to update Commissioners on information and quotes pertaining to a new telephone system for the Courthouse. Also present were: Assessor Dave Ryals, Treasurer Sue Larson, Courthouse Security/Bailiff Ben Reinhardt, and Clerk Glenda Poston.

Chairman Dinning said the county would like a telephone system that still works in the event of a power outage. Mr. Parten said their telephones will still work in that instance. Ms. Chiles mentioned she could provide cost information on wiring work that is needed and she added that court is the only entity that needed new phone lines. The quote also includes phones for those new lines. Ms. Chiles said some locations may not require wiring so Frontier technicians just need to open the jack to determine if wiring is needed. Until a technician is on site, what work is needed won't be certain. Mr. Parten mentioned that wireless headsets are also available and they reach a distance of up to 300 feet. Mr. Parton said if power is lost, the phone system will require an uninterrupted power supply (UPS). It was said the county does have that power supply for its servers. Mr. Parten said if wattage in the county's UPS is acceptable, he won't need to look at another one. Assessor Ryals said he would not recommend connecting this phone system to the server's power supply. Assessor Ryals suggested a backup supply that is equal to the power of the server's UPS and he added that he would take care of obtaining that backup system. Mr. Parten said he would get the county the specifications.

Chairman Dinning said the county also has the Extension Office, Restorium, Road and Bridge, Landfill, armory, and other locations so do these other locations tie into the Courthouse or is this quote just for the Courthouse. Mr. Parten said this quote is for the Courthouse. Mr. Parten asked if the county has connectivity to the other locations and Ms. Chiles said Frontier could program the new phone system for extensions to outside county offices.

Assessor Ryals said it would be beneficial to meet and talk about the individual needs of each office. Ms. Chiles and Mr. Parten explained that the new phones do come with a conference bridge and voicemail system, and has two - 20 port bridges.

Ms. Chiles spoke of what type of service would be best for the Courthouse based on the history of usage. Ms. Chiles said once the county purchases the license, they don't have to buy it again and when the county purchases the phone system it comes with one year of maintenance from Frontier as well as labor included, which is included in the quote. Ms. Chiles said she also provided a quote for two, three, and four years of additional maintenance as they can be purchased by the year. Frontier has technicians that are certified on the Mitel system. Mr. Parten discussed providing training on the system as well as the ability for a Frontier technician to make changes remotely that are protected. It was said Frontier will do a walk-through meeting in preparation of the system installation, which can be done on a Friday night or Saturday.

Ms. Chiles informed Commissioners the Mitel system has been around for a very long time. There is one Mitel system that is 38 years old and the company who has this system will not replace it as it still works well.

Chairman Dinning provided a recap of the discussion to include adding cable runs for upstairs for the courts. Clerk Poston said out of the quotes received, this one was the most reasonable.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to proceed with accepting the quote for a Mitel 5000 telephone system from Frontier Communications to include one additional phone and the potential cost of lines for the courts, not to exceed \$35,000. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Chiles said she will make sure Frontier has the phone count correct, a service agreement, a schedule of equipment, schedule for system conversation, and once that is all signed the order for equipment will be placed. Clerk Poston said for clarification this quote does not include the Extension Office.

Meeting with Frontier Communication representatives ended at 10:52 a.m.

11:05 a.m., Boundary Economic Development Council (EDC) Director Dennis Weed joined the meeting to update Commissioners on EDC projects. Mr. Weed talked about matters pertaining to the proposed bike path, when to be updated on the status of funding from the Department of Environmental Quality for the sewer feasibility study, and when to hold the next joint city/county meeting.

Mr. Weed discussed an upcoming meeting he has with Senator Crapo's representative on matters pertaining to logging. This is a meeting Commissioner Pinkerton will also attend and Commissioners will draft bullet points for discussion. Commissioners and Mr. Weed spoke of being able to manage both species and forests. Chairman Dinning said to him the processes that are in place that the Forest Service has to abide by are just too cumbersome at this point. Commissioner Pinkerton spoke of how the Fish and Wildlife Service holds the Forest Service in what they can do. The Federal Fish and Wildlife Department doesn't care as long as they can close areas down to increase numbers of whatever the species may be. It was said if you talk to both sides separately, Fish and Wildlife Service and the Forest Service, they will say they don't close areas down and also say it is dictated by the other party so it is just a ping pong ball.

Those present continued discussion on managing species, forests, working forests, and restrictions.

Mr. Weed informed Commissioners that he has been very busy.

The meeting with Mr. Weed ended at 11:29 a.m.

Commissioners reviewed claims for payment. Fund totals are as follows:

Current Expense	\$ 100,958.06
Road & Bridge	205,411.77
Airport	3,242.03
District Court	9,306.32
Justice Fund	83,513.86
911 Funds	36,752.91
Indigent & Charity	7,921.20
Parks and Recreation	5,458.02
Revaluation	939.00
Solid Waste	62,109.24
Tort	1,388.00
Veterans Memorial	224.77
Weeds	1,229.14
County EMS	7,115.92
Restorium	47,071.93
Waterways	3,675.90
Grant, Boat Safety	65.88

TOTAL **\$576,383.95**

Trusts

Auditor's Trust	\$ 187.83
Boundary Co. Drug Court Trust	256.18
Driver's License Trust	8,474.50
Magistrate Trust	21,185.36
Motor Vehicle Trust	94,597.23
Insurance Reimbursement Trust	7,560.00
Workmans Comp Trust	60.80
Sheriff's Trust Fund	644.75

TOTAL **\$132,966.65**

GRAND TOTAL **\$709,350.60**

Citizens are invited to inspect detailed records on file in the Courthouse (individual claims & Commissioners' allowance & warrant register record 2016-2017).

Commissioner Kirby moved to appoint John Youngwirth to fill a position on the Boundary County Translator Board, left vacant by Michael Listman, with a term to expire January 2018. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Sue Larson joined the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Treasurer Larson said Dennis Garrett, Owner of Ace Elder Care, has made an agreement with the county to make payments for the business's delinquent property taxes. Mr. Garrett made a payment in January of 2017, but has not made any payments since and the Treasurer's Office has not heard from him. Treasurer Larson said Mr. Garrett has missed his February payment and now it is halfway through the month of March and even though she has sent him an email and a letter, she has not heard from him.

The meeting with Treasurer Larson ended at 11:34 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to proceed with the tax deed auction of the Bonneville property, parcel #RPB0240001009AA. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners and Clerk Poston discussed the need to provide the United States Postal Service a 60 day notice to end the lease for the Probation Office in the next couple of months.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of March 6 & 7, 2017. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

ATTEST:

GLENDIA POSTON, Clerk
By: Michelle Rohrwasser, Deputy Clerk