

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, August 29, 2016

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

Meeting convened at 9:03 A.M.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Morley had attended a County Urban Renewal Agency meeting where the board had made plans for future activity. The Commissioner also reported from a Veterans Appreciation Barbecue where North Park in Jerome was dedicated as Veterans Memorial Park and the County was presented a plaque for its monetary contributions to honor Vietnam veterans.

Commissioner Roemer had attended an Open House following upgrades to Jerome High School and also the 70th birthday celebration of the Jerome Bible Baptist Church as well as the veteran's commemoration.

Commissioner Howell reported from a Fair Board meeting with Jamie Rupert as the interim fair manager. He had advised the clerk's office of claims the Commissioners had not intended to be taken from the fair budget, which would allow the Fair Board to make upgrades to the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Howell had also addressed complaints about a concert at the rodeo arena with a fair board member and had attended the veteran's memorial dedication.

MARSHA MARTIN RESIGNATION

Marsha Martin had informed the Board that her appointment to the Economic Development Corporation board could be a conflict of interest.

➤ The Board determined to accept her resignation and to ask the Economic board to recommend another person for appointment.

CLINT BLACKWOOD—HOMELAND SECURITY PERFORMANCE GRANT ACCEPTANCE

Emergency Management Coordinator Clint Blackwood was present.

Blackwood presented a 2016 Subrecipient Agreement from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$20,458. He explained that the County matches the grant amount to support the functions of his office.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to approve the chairman to sign the Homeland Security Grant acceptance. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to add Cindy Watson to the agenda at 11:30 on behalf of Betty Harral regarding an indigent matter. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

The Board signed a Direct Deposit Detail dated August 25, 2016, for the August payroll, with a grand total of \$191,438.63.

The Board signed a Payroll Claims Approval by Fund dated August 25, 2016, for the August payroll, with a grand total of \$286,508.85.

The Board signed Time Clock Correction forms for August 24, 2016, and August 29, 2016, for Clint Blackwood.

The Board signed four leave requests for Kyle Fisher.

Commissioner Roemer said the Commissioners needed to eliminate personal attacks on each other in their public meetings.

JACKIE HOWELL—CASUALTY LOSS APPLICATION

Treasurer Tevian Ekren-Kober and Assessor Rick Haberman were present. Also present was Jackie Howell. Commissioner Howell recused himself because he was related to Jackie Howell and left the room. Commissioner Roemer presided.

Jackie Howell presented a Casualty Loss Application and asked the Board to cancel taxes on a mobile home that had been destroyed by fire. She credited City of Jerome Fire Chief Tom Hughes for saving the lives of the family living in the home by installing fire alarms for all City residents.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to accept the Casualty Loss Application from the Ray Jones Family Company, LLC, for the loss incurred on August 6, 2016. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Haberman said he would cancel taxes beginning on the date of the fire.

Commissioner Howell was present and presiding.

ART BROWN—DISCUSS UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown and Administrative Assistant Nancy Marshall were present.

Commissioner Roemer noted that Jack Nelson, as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, had addressed the Board on February 16 about whether the Board wanted the Commission to continue its work in updating the Comprehensive Plan. The Board had tasked the project to the Planning and Zoning Office and legal counsel on January 6, 2015, to have the project completed by April 1, 2016.

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Brown said his office had not worked on updating the Plan because it was still working on the Areas of Impact for Hazelton and Eden.

Commissioner Roemer said she had added the matter to the agenda because a resident had complained about a calf ranch in the A-2 (Rural Residential) Zone and she believed that updating the Comprehensive Plan could address A-2 as becoming more residential.

Commissioner Roemer continued to say that she would like all ten members of the P&Z Commission to vote on whether they would be willing to resume updating the Comprehensive Plan. She said they were required by State Statute to do so and that their membership included a broad representation of County residents.

➤ It was determined Brown would add the matter of updating the Comprehensive Plan to the P&Z Commission agenda for September 26 from 6:30-7:00 P.M.

TRACEE McKIM—SECURITY MEASURES

Technology Specialist Tracee McKim was present.

Courthouse Security: McKim had received additional price quotes for adding security to County offices and presented a recap of prices from both Apex and New Tech Security. She said Apex recommended wired emergency buttons at the Fairgrounds and the Airport.

McKim believed Apex had products that were more superior and had done more research on County needs. Commissioner Morley favored New Tech because of lower prices and no travel expenses. Commissioner Roemer said the advantage of using Apex would be no switching of systems.

➤ It was determined McKim would consult Apex about (1) a monthly monitoring fee, (2) the service fee for travel, and (3) the possibility of remote repairs. She would find out from New Tech (1) whether our current identification cards would work with its equipment and (2) the cost of updating its megahertz. The matter was added to the September 6 agenda.

Telephone Emergency Notification: McKim said she still had not found out about emergency notification through the Courthouse telephones.

BOB SMITH—VETERANS REPORT

Veterans Service Officer Bob Smith was present. Also present was Robert Wagner.

Smith recapped his July service to veterans by expanding on his written report. He had helped 12 veterans, which included six new cases and one spousal inquiry. Smith said he had also met with Senator Crapo and his staff as well as the director of the Veterans Administration in Boise about clinic expansion needs and a rural cemetery initiative.

Wagner expressed concern about possible vandalism to the new Vietnam War memorial.

CINDY WATSON—INDIGENT MATTER

Social Services Director Kim Burlington was present. Also present was Cindy Watson, representing Betty Harral.

Watson questioned whether she could make a settlement with the Board to satisfy two medical bills her mother owed the County.

Burlington advised that she would have to submit any offer the Board accepted to the Idaho Catastrophic board for approval because the State is reimbursed for its payment of amounts over \$11,000.

➤ The Commissioners determined to accept \$20,000 to satisfy both medical bills and then to release the lien on Harral's property. Burlington said she would need a letter from Watson to submit with other documents to the catastrophic board.

Meeting recessed at 11:48 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M. with Commissioners Roemer and Morley present.

KYLE FISHER—PROBATION REPORT

Probation Administrator Kyle Fisher was present.

Fisher reported that his office would begin a new drug testing system on September 1; he said he had been searching for years for a company that would provide an acceptable random selection program.

Fisher told the Commissioners that he and Officer Steven Byers would attend a national convention for pretrial services in Utah. He added that the process of the State adopting the Rule of 80 to allow probation officers to retire sooner was still in progress.

➤ Fisher said the probation department had been handling a steady number of cases and that he would bring statistics of both the number of persons on probation and the amount of drug testing done by his office at his next monthly report.

1:50 P.M. – Commissioner Howell was present and presiding.

NEW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT DISCUSSION AND DECISION

Attorney Mike Seib was present. Also present were Joe Davidson and Kerm Douglas, members of the County Urban Renewal Agency (URA); Ryan Armbruster, attorney for the URA; Arlen Crouch, and Marsha Martin.

Commissioner Howell stated the Board had questioned on August 22 whether it had entered into a discussion of the eligibility of a new area to become an Urban Renewal district. Researching the minutes had revealed that the Commissioners had only discussed paying for an eligibility study. He provided copies of the Idaho Statutes pertaining to the creation of Urban Renewal districts.

Commissioner Howell said he believed the requirement that an area was deteriorating would apply to a proposed new Urban Renewal district because the area did not have water rights.

Commissioner Morley stated he favored forming a new UR district because only one of the criteria listed in the Statutes had to be met but that he believed nine requirements would apply.

Commissioner Roemer agreed with Commissioner Howell's statement.

➤ The Board determined to await a resolution to form a new district, to be written by its legal counsel.

Davidson, Douglas, and Crouch questioned why the Board did not use the eligibility report written by Phillip Kushlan. Commissioner Howell explained the Board rejected it because the Urban Renewal Agency rather than the County had paid for it.

BLAIR CROUCH—AMEND CONDITIONS FOR CROSSROADS POINT

Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown, Administrative Assistant Nancy Marshall, and Attorney Mike Seib were present. Also present were Blair Crouch and Arlen Crouch.

Blair and Arlen Crouch presented written information and requested approval of the final plat for Crossroads Point Business Center PUD #3 (Planned Unit Development) and also an American Avenue address for Blocks 1 and 3.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to approve amending Condition #9 of the final plat of Crossroads Point Business Center PUD #3 to allow egress and ingress for Lot 1 and Lot 3 to American Avenue, with no less of a distance than 150 feet from the Del Place cul-de-sac road. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

ROB GRANT—WATERWAYS FUNDING

Present were Rob Grant, director of the Valley Recreation District; Gary Johnson (chairman), Parley Hinton, Kyle Okelberry, and Ralph Shawver, all Waterways Board members.

Commissioner Roemer recused herself from discussion or decision because she said her husband sits on the North Side Soil and Water Conservation District (NSSWCD) Board, which had administered funding for Waterways.

Grant and Johnson said they wanted to clarify how to receive funds budgeted for Waterways projects. Grant preferred that the Valley Recreation District administer the funds because the NSSWCD wanted to charge a five percent administration fee.

➤ It was determined that the County would remit \$10,000 to the Valley Recreation District c/o Rob Grant and that the recreation district would receive the rest of the funding allocated for Waterways projects by the County from the North Side Soil and Water Conservation District.

GARTH BAKER AND MIKE SEIB—AIRPORT MATTERS

Airports Manager Garth Baker and Attorney Mike Seib were present.

Report on Airport Leases: Baker had not yet received the signed agricultural spraying operations agreements. He said he would check with T-O Engineers about an audit for commercial leases.

Baker said the pavement maintenance project at the Jerome Airport had been completed except for painting and that improvement to the Hazelton Airport would be done in September. His opinion was that an emergency call button would not be necessary at the Jerome Airport.

Baker reported that his maintenance employee would be serving with the National Guard for two weeks in September and that he was also testing to join the Twin Falls police department.

Water Sales: Baker said he was personally purchasing water to be available for pilots.

- It was determined the County would purchase water bottles as a courtesy for pilots.

Schabacker Airport Lease: It was determined Baker would consult Chuck Schabacker about his offer to donate his hangar to the Civil Air Patrol.

READ AND APPROVE MINUTES

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to accept the minutes of August 22 as written. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

INDIGENT MATTERS

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Morley to accept indigent matters as written. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes. Approved were Case Nos. M016-007 and M016-006. Denied was Case No. 1516-066.

MIKE SEIB—LEGAL COUNSEL

Attorney Mike Seib was present.

4:20 P.M. – Deputy Clerk Jane White was excused. Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim was present.

Airport Terminal: Commissioner Roemer wanted to clarify that the current Jerome Airport terminal would be demolished. She said there was a possibility the building could be advertised for auction. The Board had requested on May 31 that Baker obtain bids for demolition of the terminal.

Airport Weeds: Baker said spraying of weeds was needed at the Jerome Airport.

➤ The Commissioners requested that Baker obtain quotes for spraying the weeds and that he also consult Terry Ruby, supervisor of the Tri-County Noxious Weed Control District.

Generator Disposal: Sheriff Doug McFall was present. Seib advised that the County would need to advertise an auction for an excess generator at the jail. He said if it did not sell at auction, then the County could give it away or trade it.

❖ 4:45 P.M. – A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to go into executive session per Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) regarding personnel. It was seconded and carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

5 P.M. – Return to open session.

Outdoor Concert: Seib advised to send an inquirer the County’s mass gathering ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Catherine M. Roemer, Commissioner

Tracee McKim, Deputy Clerk

Roger M. Morley, Commissioner