

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

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

Meeting convened at 9:07 A.M.

Commissioner Howell was not present because he was meeting with the Idaho Department of Transportation.

BUSINESS AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Board signed an Employee Wage Change form for Tyson Schneider as a newly hired deputy sheriff.

SIGN INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT APPLICATION

This matter was delayed until the full Board could be present.

GUY STUBBS—INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present. Also present was County Insurance Agent Guy Stubbs.

Stubbs presented written information about the County's medical insurance options for 2017, including quotes from Pacific Source, Regence, Delta Dental, and Willamette Dental. He explained the differences in coverages and premiums and recommended to remain with Blue Cross.

The Board elected to change from Delta Dental to Blue Cross Dental because there would be no increase in premiums if the change were made.

➤ It was determined Stubbs would bring paperwork for signature for Blue Cross medical and dental insurance on July 21.

ART BROWN—RIVERVIEW CALF RANCH EXPANSION

Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown was present.

Brown presented a letter and a resolution regarding an application to expand a Livestock Confinement Operation (LCO).

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to sign a letter requesting the Idaho Department of Agriculture to evaluate the Riverview Calf Ranch for an expansion of its current number of animal units. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Roemer to adopt Resolution 2016-23 as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-23

REQUEST FOR A SUITABILITY DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 67-6529 (E) provides for the Board of County Commissioners to submit a request to the Department of Agriculture for a suitability determination by a site advisory team for the following proposed CAFO; and,

WHEREAS, Jerome County is submitting a request for Riverview Calf Ranch, for a Calf Livestock Confinement Operation to expand its animal units from 335 to 1500 with a future expansion area for calf hutches.

Location of the livestock facility is more commonly known as approximately 1254 South 2800 East, Hazelton, Idaho 83335.

THEREFORE, be it resolved the Board of County Commissioners requests the Department of Agriculture to have a site advisory team do a suitability determination on the above-proposed facility.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF JULY 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Michelle Emerson
MICHELLE EMERSON, CLERK

(S E A L)

(absent)
CHARLES HOWELL, CHAIRMAN

/s/ Catherine M. Roemer
CATHY ROEMER, VICE CHAIRMAN

/s/ Roger M. Morley
ROGER MORLEY, COMMISSIONER

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson and Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim were present.

Commissioner Roemer requested the County net market value as determined by the assessor's office. Discussion was held regarding the funds available for the FY 2016-17 Budget.

The Board determined to move some of the money in the Ambulance Fund by putting \$300,000 into the Justice Fund; carrying forward \$100,000; and saving \$100,000.

Commissioner Roemer said she would like to be able to increase the wages of custodial personnel.

The Board agreed to increase the sheriff's vehicle line from \$65,000 to \$75,000.

11:20 A.M. – Commissioner Howell was present.

The Board agreed to include the sheriff's request for \$.50 an hour wage increases according to rank.

All elected officials had requested three percent wage increases except one, who had requested a six percent increase. It was determined to budget for three percent wage increases for all of the elected officials.

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The Board agreed with five percent employee wage increases for each department (with variations at the discretion of the department head), as had been suggested on July 12.

The Board agreed to include in the FY 2016-17 Budget the \$15,000 request made by the City of Jerome on July 11 for its Quick Response Unit. They also budgeted for removing the fencing around the former inmate exercise yard and removing the bench and jury box from the Courthouse courtroom.

The Commissioners determined to budget \$5,000 extra in the Airport Fund and \$5,000 extra in the General Fund in order to demolish the current Airport terminal.

A budget request for three percent increases in all Fair line items with the exception of one as presented by the Fair manager on June 14 was to be included in the new budget. The part-time wages were to be increased by 800 percent.

Commissioner Roemer said she would like to budget up to \$18,000 for a salary study by BDPA. She reminded the Board of the merits of such a study.

Commissioner Morley asked if the five percent discretionary salary increases would eliminate the need for a study, and Commissioner Roemer said they would not because the study would be a long-term investment that would suggest starting wages and longevity increases for many years to come.

Commissioner Howell said he was satisfied with salary comparisons with other counties that the Board had received.

Commissioner Roemer said the study would not be based strictly on the market but would also be based on job descriptions.

Commissioner Morley favored postponing the study until the next year due to unknown extra jail expenses in 2016-17, to which Commissioner Howell agreed.

SIGN INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT APPLICATION, Continued from A.M.

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was present.

Emerson presented for signature the grant application from the State Public Defense Commission that she had reviewed with the Board on July 18.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to sign the Indigent Defense Grant Application as presented. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Emerson requested to be added to the July 21 agenda.

❖ A Motion was made by Commissioner Howell to amend the agenda on Thursday at 11 A.M. for a vehicle purchase for the clerk's office. It was seconded and carried with unanimous ayes.

Meeting recessed at 11:52 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 2:30 P.M. with Commissioners Roemer and Morley present and Commissioner Roemer presiding. Commissioner Howell was attending a regional communications meeting.

KIMBERLY SIMMONS—PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION INFORMATION

Clerk/Auditor/Recorder Michelle Emerson was present. Also present was Kimberly Simmons, executive director of the Idaho Public Defense Commission.

Simmons said she would like to learn more about all Idaho counties and their needs. She distributed written information about a recent bill passed by the Idaho Legislature that was effective on July 1. It required the promulgation of rules related to public defenders, recommendations to the Idaho Legislature, hiring of an executive director and other personnel, and seven other procedures.

Simmons said three main focuses for rules would be (1) to have a public defender attorney present at a defendant's arraignment, (2) to determine an appropriate caseload for public defenders, and (3) to set standards for education and training of the public defender attorneys.

The deadline for proposed rules was September 2, with compliance set for March 31, 2018.

Simmons answered questions from Commissioners Roemer and Morley.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Catherine M. Roemer, Commissioner

Roger M. Morley, Commissioner