

County Commission Meeting Minutes June 28, 1999

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Glenn Davis, Neal Christiansen and Frank Mackert. Clerk Mickie Funke were as also present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Elected Officials: Meeting with the commissioners in the regularly scheduled meeting were Sheriff Terry Thompson, Assessor Ivel Burrell, Clerk Mickie Funke, Treasurer Patricia McCoy. Court cases and litigation were discussed.

Sheriff Thompson reported on law enforcement, he is checking on contracting with Computer Arts for the 911 program. Assessor Ivel Burrell discussed Board of Equalization and tax appeals. BOE will be held June 29, 30, July 8, and be completed on July 12th. If the county provides a satellite office to do drivers license and motor vehicle registration in Island Park an application must be submitted to the state. Sheriff and Assessor discussed consolidating the two services into one office. Assessor has purchased a van. Treasurer Patricia McCoy reported on the tax drive, she expects the revenue to be down in percentage. The pilot program on rural addressing is down and not working well, Computer Arts has been notified. Clerk Mickie Funke discussed budgets.

Ted Casper from ECSI Executone and Jeremy Krupp from Customer Service met with the elected officials and department heads on telephone systems. ECSI currently works with the county on phone service. Needs were discussed: a 1-800 number, voice mail, and utilization of the phones we have now. Casper said that a new system would be digital but the current analog phones would work to start until they wore out.

Road Report: Road and Bridge Supervisor Weldon Reynolds gave a report on the department.

Extension Services: University of Idaho Home Economist Janice Stimpson introduced Lance Brower, the newly hired Agricultural Agent for Fremont County. Brower will live in the county in St. Anthony. Brower will need a vehicle, commissioners will check to see if there is one in surplus, or consider purchase and/or leasing.

Emergency Services: Emergency Services Coordinator, Bill Wuthrick reported that the Sheriff's office and the Emergency Medical Services personnel did a good job on a recent tour bus accident in Island Park. He said that there are some problem areas on the Teton River that will need worked on this year. Road and Bridge crews have been responding well with roadwork as needed for erosion. Wuthrick said the grass is growing high and may create fuel for fires this summer and fall. He has gone to an exercise on the Island Park Dam and Grassy Lake Dam sponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation. The priority is for

evacuation and the time allowance. Grassy Lake is in Wyoming and there would need to be emergency agreements with the state, Forest Service and possibly the park.

Social Services: Deputy clerks Debby Adams and Mary Osborn met with the commissioners in a closed session to review claims for county services for medical care. Commissioner Glenn Davis made a motion on the following claims: to approve medical claim #99-179 for \$37,736 before negotiation. The county will pay the first \$10,000 and the balance will be submitted to the Catastrophic fund; to approve medical claim #99-180 for \$11,794 before negotiations, which may be also submitted to the Catastrophic fund if it exceeds \$10,000. Both applications were submitted with a reimbursement agreement. Commissioner Frank Mackert seconded the motion; a voice vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor.

This was Mary Osborn's last meeting and she retires effective June 30, 1999.

District Seven Health Department: Representatives from district Seven, Bruce Arnell, executive director, and Fremont County staff members Jerry Woods, JoAnn Bloom, and Deon Staker gave a report to the commissioners on the operation of their departments and office. Arnell discussed the makeup of the board, funding sources and expenditures. Programs were reviewed, physical health, home health, environmental health are all working well and serving the community. A budget request has been made to the county for the next fiscal year.

Bid Opening: As advertised, bids were opened for remodeling working in the courthouse on the court floor. Bids were submitted by Harold Harris Construction and DEPATCO. On each bid the sub-contractors were listed and separate bids listed for alternates. Both bids complied with bid bonds and listed the same sub-contractors as Lon Ricks for Electrical, Housley Pumps for plumbing and heating and cooling.

Base Bid - Alt.#1 #2 #3

Harold Harris Const. 205,442 1,992 21,919 4,536

DEPATCO 163,959 1,658.50 20,945.25 4,312.10

Architect Roxane Sivill will take the bids and review them and give a recommendation at the next commissioners meeting.

One bid was submitted from Intermountain Marine Sales for a marine patrol boat for \$27,995, a 1999 Bayliner. Commissioner Frank Mackert made a motion to accept the bid on the boat as proposed. Commissioner Glenn Davis seconded

the motion. A voice vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor. The boat will be used on Henry's Lake by the Sheriff's department for patrol.

Beer and Wine License: One application for beer and wine license was reviewed and approved by the commissioners for the Hyde Restaurant, applicant LaMoyne Hyde for the Hyde Company, for bottled or canned beer and wine by the drink, consumed on the premises.

Building Permit: Vance Derricott discussed his plans to build a lumber rack/shed, similar to his current storage that has been in use for several years. The permit process has been delayed. Karen Lords from the building department said that his plans are being reviewed according to the Uniform Building Code for any type construction over 120 feet. Seismic load and snow load requirements must be met. The plans are turned over to a building inspector and Lords will talk to the county attorney on a release or a variance if possible when she has information.

Waste Water Report: Dan Lostutter, supervisor on the Island Park/Macks wastewater system, submitted a written report on the sewer systems. A broken sewer line was under warranty and was repaired by Edstrom Construction. An estimated cost to repair the damage from the propane explosion from the insurance company may exceed \$80,000. The meeting on the Snowfluent for other operators was successful. Forsgren Engineering is working on the permit to spray effluent on Forest Service land for Last Chance.

Forest Service Road: Wally Bunnell from the Forest Service and Ron Eggertsen representing the property owners on the road that accesses the North Fork Property across the road from Macks Inn, north of river on the east side of the highway met with the commissioners. The road also accesses a boat dock and the river. There are about fifty private property holdings along the road. The residents are interested in dust control and speed. The sixty foot right of way requested by the county impacts the property owners boundaries and in some places runs into the river. Eggertsen reported that the property owners are asking that the right of way be lessened. The homeowners will help contribute to the cost of the road.

Commissioners request the Forest Service bring the road up to a better standard, allow for drainage and build the road up. The county has not formally accepted the road, the Forest Service assuming that there was an agreement had done the recording of the transfer. Reynolds outlined some areas of concern including the possibility of year round residents using the road in the winter. Bunnell offered the county some monetary and source assistance on the road. Utility bases and sewer lines would need to be addressed.

Eggertsen said that there are flags marking the right of way and that it is not acceptable as marked. In one case a cabin would be affected. He is promoting

21 or 24 feet as the width needed for the road, approximately the existing road, and feels that utilities would be less likely impacted. He requests a variance on the road right of way width.

Commissioners will consider an agreement if the Forest Service would put up \$6,000, and material, the property owners at least \$3,000 and maybe more, some for dust abatement to bring the road up to a better standard. Millings could be laid on the road after it has a good base and the soft spots are filled. Bunnell will furnish fabric if he has any. The road crew for the Forest Service will not be able to help. Bunnell will work on a written agreement to present at a later date.

The commissioners then called a closed session to interview candidates for the Planning and Zoning Administrator's position.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was recessed until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on July 12, 1999.

Dated at St. Anthony, Idaho, this twenty-eighth day of June 1999.