

*****Monday, August 25, 2014**, 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 Terry Capurso, Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown, John Marquette with JRS Surveying, and Dan Coonce with Local Highway Technical Assistance joined the meeting.

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

9:00 a.m., Mr. Marquette presented Commissioners with a plat map for Sora Huff.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for a primitive short plat subdivision for property owner Sora Huff. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Marquette left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Dan Coonce, Federal-aid Area Manager for the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, met with Commissioners to voice his appreciation and present three Road and Bridge employees with certificates for completing Road Scholar courses. Also present were: Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall, Assistant Superintendent Ken Arthur, and Road and Bridge employees Randy Morris and Tom Merrifield. Road and Bridge employees recognized by Mr. Coonce were Randy Morris, Tom Merrifield and Ken Arthur. Mr. Coonce explained the background of the Idaho Transportation Department T2 Center and said it takes 80 hours of education to complete the Road Scholar training. The next phase is training for Road Master and that has a four year time frame in which to establish this designation. The course curriculum is five core classes and five electives

9:02 a.m., Bonners Ferry Herald Reporter Aaron Bohachek joined the meeting.

Mr. Coonce presented the certificates to Ken Arthur, Tom Merrifield, and Randy Morris.

That portion of the Road and Bridge Department report ended at 9:09 a.m.

Mr. Gutshall presented a written report. Mr. Gutshall spoke of obtaining locates for culverts and having utility locates on Eileen Road. Mr. Gutshall said next week Road and Bridge will shoot more rock and touch up roads in Paradise Valley followed by doing preliminary work on the Cascade Creek Project. This project will start later in the month of September. Mr. Gutshall explained the work involved in the Cascade Creek project and said he would let the community know ahead of time what the schedule is.

Mr. Gutshall said County Civil Attorney Hull has given verbal approval of the mini excavator for Road and Bridge.

Mr. Gutshall discussed a matter in which someone contacted the county GIS mapper in order to get an address immediately to the west of the Moyie pit and the caller voiced concerns with the possibility of trees falling in future storms. Commissioners will meet with Mr. Gutshall to tour the site next Tuesday at noon.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Sue Larson joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Larson said Appraiser Jackie Allen went to get a VIN number off the trailer that Daryle Anderson is living in and found that the trailer has been moved. The property owner who owned the land the trailer was parked on said the trailer was sold to someone in the McArthur Lake area, but no one knows any other details. Chief Deputy Treasurer Larson said there is no way to locate the owner of the trailer if there is no VIN number to research. The trailer had never been turned into real property and the person living in the trailer, Daryle Anderson, is not the owner of record for the trailer or the land it was parked on. Chairman Dinning asked Treasurer Larson to talk the matter over with Attorney Hull.

Mr. Capurso questioned there being a process for abandoned property. Treasurer Larson clarified that the trailer hasn't been abandoned, but has been moved.

9:30 a.m., Jon and Sharon Meadows, Ken and Pam Brink, and Leonard Eby joined the meeting to voice concerns about their neighboring property in relation to mobile homes.

Mr. Meadows said this older mobile home is sitting on Jimmy Ball's property where Commissioners had Mr. Ball remove another mobile home in the past. It was said this is an old 1950's trailer that is approximately 30 to 40 feet long. Mr. Meadows said Mr. Ball had told the renters the trailer would only be there for a couple weeks, but it's still there and it's an eye sore. It was said the trailer was brought to this site illegally because Mr. Ball did not have a permit to haul it. Mr. Meadows said they want to "put teeth into" the law of allowing only one house on five acres. The allowance of a guest house on five acres has to be a guest house that is small and is not a rental. The definition of guesthouse is simply a place of temporary status. The property owner also needs to be a resident of one of the two dwellings on the property. Mr. Ball put this trailer in the exact same location as his previous trailer because the utilities are still there. Ms. Meadows said she doesn't think this trailer has been hooked up.

Mr. Brink said he thought the prior county ordinance stated the owner of the residence also had to reside on the property, but Mr. Ball has moved to Paradise Valley. Mr. Brink said in reading the new ordinance, it looks like what Mr. Ball is doing is legal as it doesn't say the owner has to live in the other house on the property. The guest house on a property cannot be any larger than 950 square feet so there are two residences on this five acre parcel.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners have spoken to Planning and Zoning Administrator Dan Studer about this situation and Mr. Studer was asked to look into what language needs to be changed so Commissioners will look into this going forward. Mr. Brink said Mr. Ball has been coming to the Planning and Zoning Office to review applicable rules. Ms. Meadows said Mr. Ball is now looking into an accessory building. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners will take a good hard look at this. Mr. Brink said it makes it easy for someone to have two residences on five acres. These dwellings are not to be used as rentals.

Mr. Meadows said after a certain number of years trailers have to be inspected by the state, but north Idaho doesn't know about this so if Mr. Ball doesn't have his trailer inspected, who is to call him on it. Mr. Brink said Mr. Studer has brought up this issue. The older trailers have to be inspected before they can be rented out. Chairman Dinning reassured those present that Commissioners hear their concerns. Mr. Brink said the story they were given was that Mr. Ball was just going to store the trailer before it was sold, but if that is the case, why not just leave the trailer on flat ground as opposed to bringing it up hill where it is now.

The meeting with Mr. and Ms. Meadows, Mr. and Ms. Brink and Mr. Eby ended at 9:42 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2012 Stonegarden Grant Federal Financial Report. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Courthouse Security Ben Reinhardt stopped by the Commissioners' Office to discuss the Courthouse security camera system. Mr. Reinhardt said the system's hard drive for the tape recording system has apparently burnt out. Clerk Poston said her office could go back and determine who the vendor is. Clerk Poston suggested contacting Boundary County Emergency Services Director Dave Kramer to see if a new system could be funded through Homeland Security funds. It was said the Probation Office has a security system as well so that is another source to talk to. Mr. Reinhardt spoke of needing a security camera system that can penetrate through the Courthouse's concrete walls and informed Commissioners of the areas the cameras are directed.

Mr. Reinhardt left the meeting.

10:00 a.m., Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance setting rules and penalties for violations as it pertains to use of the county's snowmobile park. Present were: Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser, Terry Capurso, Roger Price, Beth Arnett, Bonners Ferry Herald Reporter Aaron Bohachek, and Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown. The public hearing was recorded.

Chairman Dinning reviewed the public hearing procedures. No member cited a conflict of interest.

Chairman Dinning said the county is the applicant in this matter and he reviewed aloud the section listing unlawful uses as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to discharge any firearm. A firearm shall include but not be limited to a BB gun, pellet guns, and any caliber of rifle, handgun, shotgun, semi-automatic, or automatic firearm. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to camp on the property for more than three consecutive nights. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who own or are caretaking an animal to leave the animal unattended. All animals shall be required to be on a leash. The owner or caretaker of the animal shall immediately clean up any animal defecation and dispose of it in a trash can. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cause any loud or obnoxious noises from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM every day. It shall be unlawful to run a generator for any purpose from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM every day.

Commissioners opened the hearing to public testimony and stated they had received three written letters of comment. Letters were received from Scott Peterson, Christine Peterson and Shane Peterson.

Public comment was requested first from those in favor of the proposed ordinance. Speaking in favor was Beth Arnett who resides at 3358 Highland Flats Road. Ms. Arnett thanked Commissioners for addressing the issue of dogs and noise as noise occurred 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Ms. Arnett explained that a heavy duty generator was used by people who would hook up many cords to it and these cords would lay out in dry grass causing a potential fire hazard. Ms. Arnett said she felt Commissioners had addressed everything else she had concerns about. Ms. Arnett questioned if campers could return after camping there for three days, if it would be acceptable for citizens and

residents of the area to document when someone pulls in so they can keep count of the days a person has stayed, and what is the protocol for documentation. Ms. Arnett said her experience of people living at the park longer are the migrant workers who stay for months at a time.

Ms. Arnett said she has been given authority to speak on behalf of Janet Preston, residing at 485 Cascade Lane, who couldn't attend the hearing. Ms. Arnett mentioned Ms. Preston has strong objections to migrant workers living at the snowmobile park all summer. There is also a violent sex predator who has listed the county's snowmobile park as his residence and she doesn't want that kind of person living there, in addition to being undocumented and not paying to live there.

Chairman Dinning reviewed Ms. Arnett's questions, and he said there would be use of generators with extension cords. Ms. Arnett explained there is a hardwired plug and it isn't an extension cord that is gauged to handle that load. Commissioner Pinkerton said that is correct that there are different gauges. Ms. Arnett said the cords are for indoor use and there are six to eight of them. Commissioner Kirby said Commissioners may want to limit the size of the generator to 3,000 watts.

Chairman Dinning said the snowmobile park property had been purchased with Parks and Recreation funds so if a 30 day limit was imposed, it would also effect snowmobile users who use the park on weekends so Commissioners didn't want to do that. Commissioners are going to start out seeing what the effects are. Commissioners are not going to have snowmobile police at the park so it will have to be a matter of someone notifying Commissioners of abuse. Ms. Arnett said there isn't a problem with the recreational users in her experience.

Roger Price, 3358 Highland Flats Road, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and said he objects to people staying at the snowmobile park as he is a taxpayer and the campers are staying at the park for free. There are unknown security risks and the Sheriff's Office deputies don't make it out to the park on a daily basis. It's frequent that shouting and people being angry can be heard. Gun shots are also heard, although it may be target practice, but it's still an unknown factor. Mr. Price said the park's recreational users are not a problem. Mr. Price said for two months at the beginning of summer he actually lived right near the road at the snowmobile park and he did not find that kind of people's usage of the park objectionable in the least, it's just the people coming up and using the park as full time residence.

Commissioners asked for comments from those uncommitted. Mike Brown with Blue Sky Broadcasting, said the ordinance states dogs have to be on leashes so do dogs have to be on leashes if they are inside of a car. Chairman Dinning said his thinking is the issue with dogs has to do with the land and the car wouldn't be included in this statement. Mr. Brown questioned if a person should leave a dog unattended while snowmobiling. Commissioner Pinkerton reviewed the proposed ordinance pertaining to animals and he said this goes back to real property located at the legal description. If a dog is in a camper, it's a residence so it would be unlawful for law enforcement to even look. If the weather is hot, there are other statutes to address that. There is nothing against leaving a dog in a vehicle while snowmobiling.

No one from the public spoke in opposition.

Ms. Arnett said a concern is leaving an animal in a car without someone tending to it because of the barking that goes on. That would be her concern if the dog barks a lot and she would call the authorities for that.

Chairman Dinning asked for further comments from those in favor, uncommitted or opposed to the proposed ordinance. No one from the public spoke. Commissioners had no questions. Chairman Dinning asked if there has been any substantial material changes to the proposed ordinance. Commissioners said no changes were made to the proposed ordinance.

Commissioners closed the hearing to additional public testimony. Chairman Dinning said the proposed ordinance talks about discharging fire arms, but that has nothing to do with personal protection. This doesn't prohibit carrying of a weapon in any fashion, according to Chairman Dinning. With a five acre parcel this should be considered similar to a public park. Discharge of a public weapon would be a safety hazard, so to speak, but not carrying one.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adopt ordinance 2014-01. An ordinance pertaining to the Boundary County snowmobile park. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. Ordinance 2014-01 reads as follows:

BOUNDARY COUNTY

Ordinance No:
2014-1

WHEREAS, Boundary County is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, County of Boundary, State of Idaho, has the authority to act on behalf of the Boundary County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, County of Boundary, State of Idaho has the authority to care for and regulate uses on real property that it owns;

WHEREAS, Boundary County is the owner of certain real property (commonly referred to as the Snowmobile Park) located in Boundary County more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section Thirty-Four (34), Township sixty-One (61) North, Range One (1) West, thence North along the West line of said Section Thirty-Four (34) a distance of 484.0 feet to a point, thence East 450.0 feet to a point, thence South 484.0 feet to the South Section line, thence West along south line a distance of 450.0 feet to a point of beginning containing approximately 5.00 acres;

WHEREAS, the real property has been open to the public for its enjoyment and use. However, certain members of the public have abused the use of the property. Certain members of the public have had extended stays on the property to the exclusion of other members of the public, animals have been left unattended and their defecations have not been cleaned up, loud noises and offensive noise has occurred at all times of the day, and firearms have been discharged on the property open to the public;

WHEREAS, after discussion between the Board of Commissioners and receiving input from the public;

WHEREAS, after considering public comment, the Board of County Commissioners, County of Boundary, State of Idaho, find it in the public interest adopt an Ordinance to regulate the use of the real property,

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adopt Boundary County Ordinance 2014-1;

WHEREAS, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirby and no further discussion was had; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Dinning acted as Chairman called for a vote on the motion and both Commissioner Pinkerton and Commissioner Kirby voted in the affirmative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Boundary County Board of Commissioners, Boundary County, Idaho that the following be and is hereby **ADOPTED** as an Ordinance of Boundary County:

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate and provide penalties for violations of certain uses of the Boundary County Snowmobile Park located in Boundary County, Idaho.

Section 2: Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Boundary County Snowmobile Park Permitted Uses.

Section 3: Owner of Real Property

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Section 4:

4.1 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to discharge any firearm. A firearm shall include but not be limited to a BB gun, Pellet Guns, and any caliber of rifle, handgun, shotgun, semi-automatic, or automatic firearm.

4.2 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to camp on the property for more than three consecutive nights.

4.3 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons who own or are caretaking an animal to leave the animal unattended. All animals shall be required to be on a leash. The owner or caretaker of the animal shall immediately clean up any animal defecation and dispose of it in a trash can.

4.4 It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cause any loud or obnoxious noises from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM everyday. It shall be unlawful to run a generator for any purpose from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM everyday.

Section 5:

Section: Violations and Penalties:

The violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), imprisonment in the Boundary County Jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment.

Section 6: Severability:

If any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances are held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7: Effective Date.

The immediate operations and enforcement of this Ordinance is necessary for the order and preservation of public health, public safety and general welfare. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its passage by the Boundary County Board of Commissioners and publication and posting as required by law.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2014

Chairman Dinning "aye"
Commissioner Pinkerton "aye"
Commissioner Kirby "aye"

**COUNTY OF BOUNDARY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

s/_____
Dan Dinning, Chairman

s/_____
LeAlan L. Pinkerton, Commissioner

s/_____
Walt Kirby, Commissioner

ATTEST:

s/_____
Glenda Poston, Boundary County Clerk
Recorded as instrument #261571

The public hearing ended at 10:34 a.m.

11:00 a.m., Bonners Ferry District Forest Ranger Kevin Knauth joined the meeting to update Commissioners on Forest Service matters. Mr. Knauth said the Forest Service is still collecting data for the Deer Creek and Boulder projects. A new archeologist is coming soon for the Boulder project. Today is the last day for comments on the draft environmental assessment that is out, according to Mr. Knauth. A couple comments have been received, but nothing major.

Chairman Dinning questioned the number of helicopter logging companies in the northwest. Mr. Knauth said he doesn't have the exact bid date for the Eastport heli project, but the bid opening for the Twentymile project is this Wednesday, August 22nd. The Kriest Lightning bid is scheduled for September 26th. The letter of direction the Forest Service is waiting on for the Forest Plan should be received in the second or third week of September. Forest Service Supervisor Mary Farnsworth's plan is to get together with the counties and explain what the plan means and where to go from there.

Brushy Mission is the sale near Brush Lake in which only one-third of the project was logged. That contract ended and there is still two-thirds of the unit left and 3.5 million board feet. In fiscal year 2015 the Forest Service will resell that remaining two-thirds. There is a lot of recreation tied to this area and the Forest Service wants to get the vegetation and recreational things done. Mr. Knauth said there will be more work to the left of Brushy Mission and it may be where the ATV work will be done otherwise he

is not sure where units are. Areas and prescriptions will be freshened up. A specialist will review the units left to be done to make sure nothing has changed and it's just looking for changes since the analysis was done, according to Mr. Knauth.

There are no active fires now, but there is still a watch as a result of the prior fires. Fire crews are on seven days per week coverage through at least the holiday weekend.

Mr. Knauth said there will be a review and edit of the Fall Burn Plan then it should be ready to sign. There are 1,000 acres to start. Chairman Dinning mentioned archery season coming up and the need for notifications. Mr. Knauth said the Forest Service has maps within burn plans with notification posted and information will be published in the newspaper as well. Certain groups will also get their own notice, signs will be posted along the road and trail networks will be checked.

Mr. Knauth spoke of the Goshawk. The Goshawk was a part of the Forest Service's regular program work. When there are known nests, staff has to go in and reestablish where the birds are each year. If an occupied nest is found and the next year it isn't occupied, but a nest a few 100 yards away is occupied, the Forest Service has to protect a 40 acre area around the nest for five years for the assumption of the Goshawk returning to that nest.

The meeting with Mr. Knauth ended at 11:21 a.m.

11:23 a.m., Clerk Poston provided Commissioners with a budget review. Clerk Poston said she was able to reduce the budget in some areas. The budget was done the first part of July, but then a couple changes were made such as the jail and additional insurance for the jail. Commissioners said they declined the additional insurance. Current Expense declined from what was published, Planning and Zoning's budget increased slightly, elections and the Economic Development line items decreased. Clerk Poston said the tort budget increased and that was the insurance. Park and Recreation's budget decreased by \$5,000 due to grants being received. Clerk Poston said the Parks and Recreation budget is up against its levy limits. The Justice Fund increased by \$2,000. Airport grant match decreased \$10,000, and District Court increased by \$5,000 for drug court. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners had not made a decision about drug court. Clerk Poston said with District Court you have an expense, but there is the revenue side and she hasn't heard information about that.

Clerk Poston spoke of North Idaho College revenue received through liquor funds. Boundary County used to pay out approximately \$42,000 per semester to North Idaho College, but is not having to pay that much anymore. Clerk Poston said she is taking \$20,000 from liquor funds in excess of the college tuition fund and transferring that to Current Expense. The difference between the budget that was published and now is a decrease of \$31,000. Clerk Poston said there is still \$30,000 in the tort budget and she has read Commissioners' minutes about the additional insurance. There had been talk about putting the amount of \$30,000 into the Sheriff's Office budget for labor, but she had already budgeted what the Sheriff had requested for additional man hours. Commissioners can still do that, but she had already addressed it. Clerk Poston said she did not address the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) certification. Boundary County will not need to levy the full 3%, but the total is still unknown. Chairman Dinning said if the county is not using the \$30,000, the budget could be lowered more. Clerk Poston said she still doesn't have figures from the State Tax Commission and she's hearing it may even be October before she has any information. New construction is in the range of \$6,000,000.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners would give some thought for the additional \$30,000. Clerk Poston said she needs to know right away. Clerk Poston said the county may need to engage a consulting firm

for jail expansion and that is the capital building contingency fund. Clerk Poston said she wants Commissioners to think about the figure of \$30,000.

Chairman Dinning said they will have the proposed budget on Tuesday, and will ask Clerk Poston to identify where changes have been made then there will be discussion about the \$30,000. Commissioner Pinkerton said there has already been discussion on the \$30,000. Commissioners were not going to get the additional insurance coverage so there is no need to have that \$30,000. Commissioner Kirby suggested putting the \$30,000 into a reserve. Clerk Poston said \$30,000 is a drop in the budget as it pertains to inmate housing. Commissioner Pinkerton said the tort is a separate matter from needing additional staff. Chairman Dinning said the plan is to use money requested by the Sheriff's Office to get staff to a proper level. The Sheriff's Office needs to meet criteria for staffing and housing and in one year get up to Idaho Counties Risk Management Program's \$300,000,000 coverage. Chairman Dinning said if Commissioners approve the budget and pull the \$30,000 out that will reduce the levy by \$30,000. Clerk Poston said Commissioners have to approve the budget no later than September 2nd, but with the delays at the State Tax Commission, she doesn't know if they will extend that. Clerk Poston said just because the \$30,000 is in the budget, Commissioners don't have to use it. It doesn't mean Commissioners have committed to spending it.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners will have to determine the amount of the levy for the Ambulance Service District as well. There is a difference of approximately \$90,000 between the budget that was published and the amount to Boundary Volunteer Ambulance (BVA). Clerk Poston said we have to make the payment so we have to get the funds.

Chairman Dinning said there was a used set of extrication equipment available for \$6,000 as of last week. Commissioners could use some of the ambulance service funds to include that extrication equipment for outlying fire districts. Commissioner Kirby said if Commissioners made that offer to North Bench Fire Association, they might just buy the equipment. Commissioner Kirby said he will talk to Greg Mead who is on the board for North Bench Fire Association. Mr. Warkentin said last week that fire personnel are getting training for extrication and he thinks it would be good to continue to use the same brand of equipment so we don't have different types of things occurring if we chose to go forward. Commissioners will need to talk about this from the standpoint of how much to buy as we don't know the cost to buy new. Chairman Dinning said part of the problem is the transition in allowing fire departments to do their role, which isn't transporting patients and taking care of them. That is the role of the ambulance. Commissioner Kirby said it would be fire department personnel who provide extrication and we need to get them to agree to this. Commissioner Kirby said North Bench has the funds to purchase the equipment and he could've talked to his other board members about it had he known. Commissioner Pinkerton said we've got to "put the cart behind the horse" and establish protocols and a system before going out and buying equipment. We've got to start out somewhere and have a memorandum of understanding with fire departments and the city in order to understand the roles. Allowing a private company to drive how our emergency services operate is not the right way to go. Commissioner Pinkerton said we need to have emergency services in a position where it seems everyone understands their role and once that's established, the system falls into place. Commissioner Pinkerton said if there is a fire where medical attention is needed, the fire department has control over the structure, and in a vehicle accident the fire department has control over the vehicle. We need to first establish protocol and a memorandum of understanding before looking at how to provide funds. Chairman Dinning said all he is looking at is the budget for those expenditures, not going out and buying equipment unless something falls into place. Commissioner Pinkerton said once protocol has been

established, the fire department will come up with equipment. If a memorandum of understanding is established, they will understand other things go along with that.

Commissioners discussed the county participating in the communications grant as the Ambulance Service District. Chairman Dinning said he had thought about it and there is \$8,000. It's covered. The county owes \$230,000 to BVA next year. Commissioner Kirby said if the county does not levy \$30,000, how much would that lower property taxes on a home with a value of \$200,000. Clerk Poston said \$4.00 per \$100,000. Chairman Dinning said all things have a cumulative effect on the property owner. Commissioner Pinkerton said Commissioners need to look at the best use of the funds, not the cost of it. If \$30,000 remains in the local economy, it does a much better job. Commissioner Pinkerton said if the county is going to pay that \$8,000 per year, what is the appropriate use of that \$8,000? Commissioners said \$30,000 will remain in the budget until they decide on Tuesday.

The meeting ended and Commissioners recessed for lunch at noon.

1:30 p.m., Commissioners reconvened for the afternoon session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

1:30 p.m., Economic Development Specialist David Sims joined the meeting to discuss the Rural Economic Development (EDC) Program. It was said the Department of Commerce will fund EDC program for \$35,000. Mr. Sims said there has been an application of one year with extensions for possibly two years so the county doesn't need to apply again. Commissioner Pinkerton asked what will be done when the funding for this position goes away. Clerk Poston said she is reluctant to ask for the other \$17,500. Chairman Dinning said when and if this funding goes away, what have the three entities decided to do. Commissioner Kirby said that hasn't been talked about at the EDC meetings. The only conversation has been about getting additional funding, but that's it. Clerk Poston said the budget for this position will be short. Clerk Poston said the EDC has been in effect since she has been employed by the county and the set amount has come in each year. Clerk Poston said she usually requests \$17,500 after the new budget starts. The state's budget year starts July 1st. Clerk Poston said if she asked for \$17,500 now, it's as if the county is asking for \$52,000. The contribution of the four entities is \$4,000. Clerk Poston said there isn't enough to complete the next budget year and she added that this is a timing element and the former EDC Specialist had to do this also. Clerk Poston said it's timing for her to know how much money is available. So this position will run short of funds, but won't if she asks the state for funds ahead of time. If \$17,500 is received from the state ahead of time, at a point in time the EDC specialist position will be short. To keep the position, going the four entities need to up the ante. The City of Bonners Ferry used to charge \$3,000 for office space and has since went away from that. If the county had \$3,000 from the city, the county would need the funds from the state in July. Currently the county has budgeted \$4,000.

Clerk Poston said it's no different than salary increases and she questioned who gives Mr. Sims a salary increase. Mr. Sims said when the city employees have gotten a raise, his position also received a raise, but he feels the EDC Board should approve that. There is a 5% increase scheduled that he feels the EDC Board should talk about. Clerk Poston said she did not build an increase in the county's budget for EDC. Commissioner Kirby said he doesn't feel the city should either.

Commissioner Kirby moved to fund the Economic Development Professional Program in the amount of \$35,000 for year 2014. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dinning said the Economic Development Board needs to plan for the day when funding is not available. Clerk Poston said she's hoping the other entities would plan for that or the amount needs to increase although it doesn't mean it has to be spent.

Mr. Sims asked what Commissioners preference is for the passenger bus currently being used by the Restorium. It was said the Restorium Board would like to have this bus. Commissioner Pinkerton said the Restorium Board is an advisory board and Mr. Sims needs to remind that Board of that. Commissioner Pinkerton said he thought things were already in place where the SPOT system was going to develop. Commissioner Kirby said that is exactly where we are at in the process, but the SPOT Board has made no effort whatsoever to get together. Commissioner Kirby said we're going to have to have the SPOT Board put an informational package together on the service. SPOT was supposed to have part in making decisions to fit the state program and be the brains of the group. The first thing was to get a board lined up to make some kind of decision on the extent of this service, but that hasn't been done and it has fallen on Restorium Board Chairman Larry Dirks, Commissioner Kirby and Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims said he wanted to make sure the county is okay with SPOT essentially taking over the bus and providing service or say "no thanks."

Chairman Dinning said SPOT takes over use of the bus and provides service to the Restorium in whatever capacity is needed and the process goes on. Mr. Sims said it may be possible there is no funding for this system. Commissioner Kirby mentioned Mr. Dirks suggested letting the Restorium use the bus. Commissioner Kirby said he's made it clear the bus is not going to be a burden on the Restorium in any way. The bus was given to the Restorium to use and the Restorium has been using it. The Restorium is more than happy to use the bus for the residents.

Chairman Dinning suggested getting the board together to decide on a system. Commissioner Pinkerton said we started talking about this approximately one and one half years ago and this hasn't progressed so we need to refocus.

Mr. Sims left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

2:01 p.m., Commissioner Pinkerton moved to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(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 Kirby second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye" and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 2:33 p.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

ATTEST:

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GLEND A POSTON, Clerk
By: Michelle Rohrwasser, Deputy Clerk