

*****Monday, April 20, 2015, 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.

Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown was in attendance of the meetings on and off throughout the morning.

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

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to continue the appeal hearing on indigent application 2015-6 until Monday, June 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners and Clerk Poston briefly reviewed Secure Rural Schools funding figures.

9:04 a.m., Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall joined the meeting to give the departmental report. Mr. Gutshall did not provide a written report. Mr. Gutshall said some of the GIS equipment has been taken to his office, and he reviewed a list of equipment to see what Commissioners may want to keep at the Courthouse. Road and Bridge will also take the file cabinet that was funded by the Road and Bridge budget. Mr. Gutshall spoke of the work being done for GIS and said it is going well between his office and County Mapper Olivia Drake. Mr. Gutshall said the other GIS equipment was already on Road and Bridge's inventory list and was funded by his department, not by 911 funds. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners just want to be able to track the equipment. Clerk Poston said it may make sense to transfer the equipment so it falls under Commissioners' inventory. The plotter, battery backup, and external hard drive are all used for GIS so it can fall under Road and Bridge. Chairman Dinning said the large plotter has been moved to Ms. Drake's Office. Mr. Gutshall said that is fine and he just initially thought the plotter wouldn't fit in her office. Those present discussed equipment that can be used by another office and Clerk Poston said to check with other county departments prior to offering it to an office that is not a county office. Mr. Gutshall said both his office manager, Renee Nelson, and Ms. Drake have the GIS system down. Mr. Gutshall explained the process of street naming.

Mr. Gutshall and Commissioners discussed job descriptions for his office manager position and how the job duties have evolved. Mr. Gutshall said road naming related duties, road standards, and utility permitting comes into play almost daily. Mr. Gutshall said there are different departments in the county and he feels there are basically three departments all within his own department. Title VI duties is a newer function that has to do with environmental justice. Title VI is something that is audited by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) and is ongoing weekly for Road and Bridge due to the department's use of federal funding. Work for the Federal Highways program is also ongoing work. Mr. Gutshall explained all that the Road and Bridge Office Manager position entails and he mentioned that at one point this position may need an assistant. There are also fleet leases and other new administrative tasks that Road and Bridge didn't deal with 10 or more years ago. There is a lot of administrative work for all aspects of what Road and Bridge is involved in. Mr. Gutshall said the office manager position is delegated as the #3 person at Road and Bridge as this position will assign Road and Bridge employees work to do when something needs to be done. Chairman Dinning asked how to capture all of this. Mr. Gutshall said his employee in this position is a step up kind of person and takes these things on.

The original position for Road and Bridge was for an office manager. Commissioner Pinkerton asked what the difference is between an administrative assistant and an office manager. Clerk Poston said the

difference is probably 25 years as far as terminology or job title. Chairman Dinning said in the fashion that this position has changed this position has been delegated with much more responsibility than it had 10 to 15 years ago.

Commissioner Kirby discussed Title VI duties, handling Title VI matters for the entire county, and how it can grow and put more pressure on the Road and Bridge Office Manager to handle more tasks. The duties for the Road and Bridge Office Manager have increased. Mr. Gutshall said there are just a million things that would not get done if it were left up to him to do it all and there are plenty of things to back up what he is saying.

Chairman Dinning questioned who the Classification Advisory Committee is advisory to. Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac said the Classification Committee is advisory to Commissioners. Mr. Gutshall questioned if the Committee is really able to understand what is involved with the position. Clerk Poston said that would have to come into question for every job description. Clerk Poston said as an example she could say a lot of things about her office's positions as there are various regulations that would apply to her office as well. Commissioner Pinkerton said he feels every job will evolve into more work as employees excel and take on more work. Mr. Gutshall said from 10 years ago his office manager's position has been increasing its work load and on the same token, for other operations within the Road and Bridge Department, crews are running the trucks, graders, etc., and their efficiency has increased due to the office's administration. Road and Bridge personnel has decreased, but there is now better equipment. Mr. Gutshall said he has transferred responsibility in this case and he doesn't consider it "other duties as assigned." It has been necessary to place that responsibility. The number of employees at Road and Bridge has decreased by six, according to Mr. Gutshall. Commissioner Pinkerton said increasing this wage would be analyzed by effectiveness. Commissioner Pinkerton said if you give this employee more work because she is a good employee, why keep doing that. It may be better to consider a part-time employee to do some of this other work such as answer phones, etc. Mr. Gutshall said he totally agrees as you only have so many employees with that potential. Mr. Gutshall said if Road and Bridge was a business, his office manager would be considered second in charge. Mr. Gutshall said he is looking at changing the office manager's position now. Commissioner Pinkerton asked if the root of this position changed to the point that it no longer resembles what this employee was hired to do or has it evolved way beyond that and will continue to evolve. Mr. Gutshall said he is just looking for fair consideration.

Mr. Gutshall mentioned to Commissioners that he had contacted the local Congressional representatives about transportation matters regarding the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and the Idaho Transportation Department.

Those present resumed their discussion on the office manager position for the Road and Bridge Department. Chairman Dinning questioned what to do going forward. Mr. Gutshall said to rank the position providing that Commissioners conduct the final review. Commissioner Pinkerton said the current person in this position is a great employee, but what does the county do about the person who fills this position next. Mr. Gutshall said he is not looking to go outside of the grading system and he said that everyone should be reassessed. Mr. Gutshall said the person that falls into this position should come in at a rate of pay above the operators.

The meeting with Mr. Gutshall ended at 10:00 a.m.

10:02 a.m., Boundary Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) Chief Ken Baker and BVA Board members Betty Russell and Ken English joined the meeting.

10:06 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to recess as the Board of Boundary County Commissioners and convene as the Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes from March 23, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners received the quarterly report on ambulance call volumes. Commissioners reviewed the information in the report. The report is based on the most recent six months of the contract. Commissioners reviewed the statistics and discussed standbys. BVA doesn't bill insurance companies for doing a standby on a fire scene. Mr. Baker said fire departments could, but not the ambulance service. Commissioners said irrespective of the agreement will insurance companies reimburse ambulance companies for a standby. Mr. Baker said BVA will only receive reimbursement if they transport a patient. Commissioner Pinkerton said there is nothing billable if the ambulance company goes to a scene and parks there. Chairman Dinning said if one were to take inter-facility transports from the report, almost 40% of the calls are within city limits. Commissioner Pinkerton suggested thinking about standbys as a run. It was said there are two different things because one is for a public event. Commissioner Pinkerton said an ambulance going to a fire scene is not the same thing as sitting at a football game on standby. Commissioners asked how many of the 155 inner city calls were community events? Mr. Baker said he could further break those figures down. Chairman Dinning said it would be good to show the community what they are getting at no cost for a standby at those events.

Mr. English had wanted to know about rules for fire arms in the Extension Office. Chairman Dinning said the county doesn't have rules for the Extension Office regarding fire arms and Commissioners asked why the question comes up. Mr. English said BVA is trying to decide on a policy for fire arms. Chairman Dinning said when there is court held in the Extension Office that is a different situation. Mr. Baker said it is a public facility so he just wanted to know for sure if there were any rules. Mr. Baker said EMS personnel have the highest ratings for assaults against them in the nation.

Mr. Baker said as compared to last year there has been an increase in ambulance runs by 20 to 25 runs per month.

Chairman Dinning asked about getting paramedics certified to respond on scene. Mr. Baker said he is moving forward in that process. Chairman Dinning asked to be notified when that goes through. Commissioner Pinkerton asked if the BVA Board had any questions for Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton said it shows County Commissioners a lot to have BVA's Board members present. Commissioner Pinkerton said the Board is the vision for the ambulance service so Mr. Baker doesn't even necessarily need to be the one to meet with Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton said we're heading down the right path.

Those present discussed grants. Chairman Dinning asked if the Ambulance Service District can apply for grants. Mr. Baker said he thought the entity had to be a licensed ambulance service.

10:28 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to adjourn as the Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board and reconvene as the Board of Boundary County Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. English, Mr. Baker, and Ms. Russell left the meeting.

10:37 a.m., Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac and Assessor Dave Ryals joined the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve and sign the Certificate of Residency forms for C. Bennett, C. Lyle, and B. Byers. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to cancel taxes for year 2014 in the amount of \$14.84, fees in the amount of \$131.48 and penalties and cost in the amount of \$11.46 for a total of \$157.78 for parcel #MH00030000027AA as the mobile home was moved out of the county, the owner is unknown, and the county is unable to locate the mobile home. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Dinning discussed Northern Aero Painting's plans to modify their hangar at the airport. The modifications are within the existing hangar's footprint so the lease will not change.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the recommendation of the Airport Board to approve Don Palmer of Northern Aero Painting's modified hangar plans. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners, Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac, and Assessor Dave Ryals discussed the GIS mapping job description. Chairman Dinning asked when the job description was last updated. Assessor Ryals said the job description was first drafted in year 1995, it was not scored correctly when originally drafted, and it has never been updated. Commissioners asked Assessor Ryals to provide an update on this position. From year 1995 the mapping position has changed due to software updates as well as changing needs. There is more demand for mapping and sharing and distributing the information so there has been continual upgrades, and that consists of additional software and training. The current county mapper still has to review all conveyances and splits. The general scope of the mapping position hasn't changed until the GIS portion was added to the duties. Chairman Dinning said without calling it "GIS", every county has gone to GIS mapping irrespective of addressing so it has increased the need for proper education. GIS in itself isn't mapping, according to Assessor Ryals. Mapping is a lot different as it is taking a legal description and translating it and basically drawing the map based on those dimensions. Adding GIS means having to use different software, having more contact with the public, and it is more responsibility to be sure to get the information right as it is for 911 purposes and public safety. Commissioner Kirby said when he hears GIS there are parcel numbers. Assessor Ryals said basically mapping is taking a legal description and creating a map. GIS is taking coordinates and identifying a dot on a map and is used for locating driveways and residences for E911 purposes. Assessor Ryals said it is the ability to take the address and find it on a map and connect it to the attributes that go along with that and down the road, the parcel data. If the GIS position was graded a 16, then mapping should've been a grade 18. Assessor Ryals said his former mapper was probably under paid for many years.

Chairman Dinning said Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall mentioned that the GIS mapping process currently in place is working well now. Mr. Gutshall was very complimentary of both Road and Bridge Office Manager Renee Nelson and County Mapper Olivia Drake. Assessor Ryals said the position is different as there is a lot more responsibility than there was back in year 1995 due to responsibility and safety to property owners. The training and technology is light years beyond what it had been. Chairman Dinning said understanding and education is a big component to the job. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners mentioned to Mr. Gutshall that he will be representing this to the Classification

Committee as only presenting the written word doesn't always capture the job. Commissioner Kirby said Commissioners asked Mr. Gutshall to present the description to the Committee who will then bring their recommendation back to Commissioners. Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac asked Assessor Ryals if he minds that she combined some aspects of the job description he submitted as there seems to be some redundancy.

Assessor Ryals asked to have the mapper position evaluated on its own in the case Commissioners decide not to combine the GIS position with the county cartographer position.

The meeting with Assessor Ryals ended at 10:57 a.m.

10:58 a.m., Solid Waste Superintendent Claine Skeen and Treasurer Sue Larson joined the meeting. Clerk Glenda Poston was also present.

Mr. Skeen said he wanted to talk about his budget in relation to purchasing the weight scales for the landfill. The cost for Ellery Howard of JUB Engineering to draft the updated closure plan will be \$25,000. That is the total engineering cost to update the plan and the anticipated life of the landfill. The scales will cost approximately \$64,000 according to a quote from one company, but \$100,000 should be plenty to complete the entire scale project. Clerk Poston spoke of repairs for heavy equipment and said there is a budget of \$100,000 in that line item. Clerk Poston said she is just curious about the time frame in which to purchase the scales. Mr. Skeen said he anticipates the scales being purchased in the next budget year. Clerk Poston wondered how this expenditure will affect this budget or landfill closure. Mr. Skeen said he reduced his repairs line item from \$100,000 to \$60,000 in the next budget. It was mentioned that was an increase of \$30,000 from previous budgets. There is still maintenance needed for the Solid Waste Department's compactor. Clerk Poston said there is \$40,000 that could be available to put toward the \$100,000 that is being discussed without going into the landfill closure account. The amount of \$25,000 was put into the professional services line. Clerk Poston said she just wanted to be sure about how hard the landfill closure account needed to be impacted. Treasurer Larson said she would keep \$150,000 available. It was said there will be \$50,000 coming from another account to go into the landfill closure account. Professional services will start this budget year, but the majority will be in the next budget year. Currently \$41,000 has been used out of the repairs and maintenance budget, according to Mr. Skeen.

Those present discussed commercial enterprises hauling wood. Mr. Skeen said two trucks recently pulled into the landfill to dump wood. Commissioners asked Mr. Skeen what his proposal would be. Mr. Skeen said there was one truck belonging to a company that has no solid waste fee and they bring in a large volume of lawn and tree trimmings. The same can be said for contractors. If contractors bring in 100 to 200 yards in a year's time, the county could bring in more revenue. Chairman Dinning said it is about doing what is fair. If a homeowner is paying for removal of that debris and it is increasing dramatically because of businesses, it is only fair to have those businesses pay their part. Commissioners will need to eventually hold a public hearing because it is a fee increase, according to Chairman Dinning. Commissioner Pinkerton asked Mr. Skeen to present Commissioners with a couple options that Commissioners can present to the public. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners and Mr. Skeen will still meet again prior to scheduling a public hearing. Mr. Skeen said he is speaking with Bonner County about what to propose charging businesses at a cost per ton. Mr. Skeen and Commissioners discussed the process for weighing trucks.

Mr. Skeen said businesses are charged for bringing in tires, but the public is not charged.

Mr. Skeen said once the weight scales are installed he would like to request more recycling be done and to be more strict about it. Mr. Skeen said there is an owner of a trailer park in Moyie Springs who brings in material from the park that hasn't been separated.

Mr. Skeen asked Commissioners about a tarp ordinance in which garbage being brought to the landfill or dumpster sites needs to be covered in the vehicle. Chairman Dinning said he isn't ready to adopt an ordinance on that yet.

The meeting with Mr. Skeen ended at 11:22 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

11:27 a.m., Boundary Community Hospital CEO/CFO Craig Johnson and Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Elden Koon joined the meeting to update Commissioners on hospital matters.

Mr. Johnson said the hospital's finances are running in the black. Bad debts about the same. Mr. Johnson said more people going through the Affordable Care Act are Medicaid recipients, but he didn't think Medicaid will be expanded. Mr. Johnson said the Rural Health Clinic is doing well and the providers are busy. The hospital's strategic planning is done and is being finalized so it is a good time to bring people together and set the focus for the hospital. The Health Fair will be held on May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and the Fun Run is set. A good group of vendors will be at the event and Medstar's helicopter is planned to come.

Mr. Johnson said staffing is becoming an issue for the hospital as some staff have moved on so the hospital is trying to attract new individuals. There is nursing shortage no matter where you go, according to Mr. Johnson. Chairman Dinning said he had the pleasure to be at the emergency room twice in one week and staff he spoke to indicated the paramedics have been a big help. Commissioners are about one year away from starting new negotiations for ambulance service and wouldn't want to do anything that would affect the hospital and inquired if there is anything currently in the hospital's operations involving ambulance service. Mr. Johnson said there is a training relationship in which the hospital has an agreement. Chairman Dinning informed Mr. Johnson that Boundary County has been informed the county airport is now certified for full instrument approach landings. Mr. Johnson said he will look into that.

Mr. Johnson spoke of working on guidelines for the designation of a trauma facility and he mentioned the time sensitivity. These guidelines are still being developed and Dr. Stu Willis and Emergency Room Nurse Wanda Wilkinson are representing Boundary Community Hospital. Mr. Johnson said sometime in early fall is when the timing will take place to get the hospital ready for the trauma designation. A lot of protocols need to be put together that effect emergency medical technicians and the hospital. The protocols are geared toward strokes and segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) as the main focus as there are golden hour treatments that need to be done. This trauma designation will be beneficial for our state and region, according to Mr. Johnson. Chairman Dinning asked Mr. Johnson what the highest priority today would be for the hospital if there was the money to address it. Mr. Johnson said a surgery suite is a priority as the current suite is too small and the hospital needs to try to try to figure out how to make it larger. When the hospital was remodeled in year 1992 the surgery area was forgotten so that remodel would be helpful, but it would cost approximately \$500,000. A lot of ventilation and humidification would be involved in that remodel, walls would have to be moved around, and the autoclave sterilizer would need to be repositioned so it's a myriad of things. Mr.

Johnson explained that he is a former operation room technician and he explained how a surgical suite would best be laid out. Mr. Johnson said the engineering cost alone would be expensive. Mr. Johnson spoke of how the bids for the remodel came in so much higher than the bond at the time was so it just didn't make sense to proceed.

The meeting with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Koon ended at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adopt Resolution 2015-8. A resolution increasing fiscal year 2014-2015 Current Expense Election Budget due to receipt of unanticipated revenue. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution 2015-8 reads as follows:

Resolution 2015-8

Increasing Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Current Expense Election Budget
Due to Receipt of Unanticipated Revenue

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, County of Boundary, State of Idaho, did establish an operating budget for the Current Expense Election Fund for fiscal year 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, \$6,130.00 has been received from the State of Idaho Secretary of State from a Help Americans Vote Act (HAVA) Grant as reimbursement for the purchase of seven four-station extended shelf voting booths; and

WHEREAS, the Boundary County Commissioners deem it in the best interest of the general public of Boundary County to increase the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Current Expense Election Budget for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the addition of this revenue does not affect the tax levy for Boundary County; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to increase the fiscal year 2014-2015 Current Expense Election Budget revenue account number 0001-00-0391-0004 and Current Expense Election Budget expense account number 01-04-705-17, County – Miscellaneous Costs, in the amount of \$6,130.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

IT IS RESOLVED that the increase to the fiscal year 2014-2015 Current Expense Election Budget revenue account number 0001-00-0391-0004 and Current Expense Election Budget expense account number 01-04-705-17, County – Miscellaneous Costs, in the amount of \$6,130.00, is hereby authorized and ordered; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is instructed to deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Boundary County Treasurer and the Boundary County Auditor.

DATED this 20th day of April, 2015

COUNTY OF BOUNDARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
s/ _____
Dan R. Dinning, Chairman
s/ _____
LeAlan L. Pinkerton, Commissioner
s/ _____
Walt Kirby, Commissioner

ATTEST:
s/ _____

GLENDA POSTON, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Recorded as instrument #263509

Clerk Glenda Poston provided Commissioners with an update on Government Employees Medical (GEM) Plan matters.

12:00 p.m., There being no further business, the meeting recessed until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

*****Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

9:00 a.m., Commissioners held an elected officials/department heads meeting. Present were: Road and Bridge Department Office Manager Renee Nelson, Road and Bridge Superintendent Superintendent Jeff Gutshall and Assistant Ken Arthur; Chief Probation Officer Stacy Brown, Solid Waste Superintendent Claine Skeen, Extension Office Educator Amy Robertson, Extension Office Manager Angela Tucker, Noxious Weeds Superintendent Duke Guthrie, Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac, Treasurer Sue Larson, Planning and Zoning Administrator John Moss, Restorium Assistant Administrator Pam Barton, Courthouse Maintenance John Buckley, Lead Deputy Court Clerk Della Armstrong, Assessor Dave Ryals, and Probation Office Manager Tamie Goggia.

Chairman Dinning mentioned that department budgets have been passed out and they included a proposed 2% cost of living increase.

Commissioner Pinkerton informed everyone that Commissioners have signed a contract with Jacob Bushnell Consulting to have security cameras installed in the Courthouse.

Chairman Dinning said David Sims will soon occupy the former GIS Office in order to have office space for his Economic Development Council Specialist duties. Mr. Buckley said he hopes to have the office ready soon. Assessor Ryals said currently the Courthouse's computer backup system is housed in that office. Chairman Dinning said it could remain there. Assessor Ryals said if there is traffic in that office other than county employees, he feels the equipment could be vulnerable.

Chairman Dinning introduced Amy Robertson to those present as the new Family and Consumer Science Educator at the Extension Office.

Mr. Moss said he has a meeting with representatives of Mountain Mafia Entertainment and County Civil Attorney Tevis Hull.

Ms. Barton said she and Restorium Administrator Karlene Magee are still looking to hire a part-time nurse for the Restorium, and work is being done to remodel the laundry room and hair care room.

Mr. Buckley said he was asked by the Parks and Recreation Board to thank Mr. Skeen for allowing the use of the roll away dumpsters when they were cleaning the grounds as it saved them a lot of work.

Treasurer Larson said her office will start working on tax payment reminders next week and they are also working on revising the records retention schedule.

Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac said May 15th is the last day to enroll for a Medstar membership. Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac said that Silverwood is giving out flyers for Government Employee Appreciation Day.

Mr. Guthrie said Ms. Robertson is a great addition to the Extension Office and he mentioned that he is getting ready for weed spraying season. Ms. Robertson said the fair will be held August 19th through August 22nd.

Ms. Brown said she is working on closing out grants for the Probation Department.

Ms. Nelson gave a definition of Title VI from the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is a federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination when it pertains to programs and activities that receive financial and federal assistance. Ms. Nelson said this is intended to eliminate barriers based on race, color and national origin and to eliminate discrimination in multiple forms. The assistance from the federal government is not always in the form of money such as if the Sheriff's Office asked the FBI lab to conduct an analysis that is also a form of assistance received. Ms. Nelson said any type of educational program provided is also considered assistance.

Ms. Nelson said county departments need to be refreshed with the "I SPEAK CARDS" pertaining to different languages and she added that she will see what other nationalities are in the area. There are language interpreters on the list, according to Ms. Nelson.

Chairman Dinning said Secure Rural School funding has been reauthorized for two years so Commissioners will see what happens in the meantime.

The elected officials/department heads meeting ended. Mr. Gutshall and Mr. Guthrie remained in the office.

Mr. Gutshall said he received a phone call from a vendor who lost out on a bid for asphalt oil for Bonner County. This vendor said if Boundary County goes out to bid, he would beat the other bids.

Jacob Bushnell with Jacob Bushnell Consulting joined the meeting.

Mr. Gutshall left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Guthrie presented Commissioners with the Neighborhood Co-Op Application List for year 2015.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the Neighborhood Co-Op Application List for year 2015 as written: Ervin Madson, George Ray, Patrick Keifer, Kelli Wright, Patrick Gardiner, Dave Pfenning, Peter Schaeffer, Mary Lutes, John Williams, Ken Schmitz, Lonny Jelinek, Lee Jelinek, Walt Neu, Mike Kent, Ray Shave, Jean Jones, Walter Dinning, Rick Henslee, Rick Philbrook, Troy Geyman, Scott Nelson, Delton Isaac, Dan Meyers, Rick Haag, John Aaron, Dave Peterson, Michael Kent, John Vowell, Patrick Warkentin, Christopher Throckmorton, H&H Farms LLC., Kambiz Hamiab, Stan Pruitt, Dan Altice, Lori Mason, Marti Silvestri, John Hannigan, Trent Oyler, Gary Leonard, Tom Leonard, Jim Dahlberg, Glenn Fodge, Bob Walden, Wayne Schultz, Dan McDonald, Bob Moon, Andrew Price, Rene Riddle, Tony Rohrwasser, Justine Yaley, Luke Henslee, Frank Hanks, Ed Atkins, Justin King, Robert Young, John Taft, Steven Jones, Pete Jimenez, Rege McNeill, Tom McFain, Ken Myers, Norm Meindl, Bruce Merrifield, Marty Armstrong, Mike Glazier, Gerhart Maas, Russ Maas, Dave Lotze, Kathleen Philleo, Kevin Lembcke, Jean Cooper, Scott

Bremer, Steve Ballard, Jeff Perkins, Steve Winniger, Ed Robeins, Ben Robertson, and Doug Wolfe. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Guthrie also presented Commissioners with the minutes taken at the Boundary County Noxious Weeds Board meeting.

Mr. Guthrie said his pesticide license expires the end of December 2015 and he wondered if he should renew his license in order to train his replacement when he retires. Commissioners and Mr. Guthrie briefly spoke of finding a new County Weed Department Superintendent and Mr. Guthrie mentioned the Weed Advisory Board suggested they would look for someone.

Mr. Guthrie left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Courthouse Security Ben Reinhardt joined the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to sign the Video Surveillance System Installation Agreement-Phase 1 with Jacob Bushnell Consulting for the installation of security cameras in the Courthouse. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reinhardt and Mr. Bushnell discussed camera placement with Commissioners. Mr. Bushnell said he will coordinate the timing as to when the best time is to drill in the Courthouse for the cameras. The Sheriff's Office will be able to sub-stream the video feed, according to Mr. Bushnell. Those present resumed in-depth discussion of camera placement.

The meeting with Mr. Bushnell and Mr. Reinhardt ended at 9:53 a.m.

10:00 a.m., Nathan Anderson with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Susan Kiebert with the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce and Idaho Transportation Department met with Commissioners in order to update Commissioners on UP Railroad's project to build a siding and eliminate a few crossings on Moyie River Road. Also present were: Channing and Barbara Nagel, Boundary County Emergency Services Incident Commander Bob Graham, Ben and Linda Corson, Gary and Donna Williams, Barry and Kelly Simmons, Ron Koubik, Kristy Kellogg, Assistant Road and Bridge Department Superintendent Ken Arthur, Road and Bridge Department Superintendent Jeff Gutshall, Diana Tombleson, Fred "Gabe" Gabourie, and Dick and Susan Martindale.

Chairman Dinning said Mr. Anderson is here at Commissioners' request and in the interest of providing information on UP's project. Everyone is here today in order to hear the same information so there is no confusion. The public is not here to attack Mr. Anderson or the Commissioners. The purpose of the meeting is just to get information and if there is an opportunity to answer questions, Commissioners will do that.

Mr. Anderson said his goal is to listen to the concerns, share information, and to clear up any misinformation. Questions from Commissioners and the public will be taken back to the appropriate personnel at UP to answer at a later date. Mr. Anderson said he tried to print out the plans for the siding project, but the file was too large and would not print. The plans are preliminary so they are not the final plan. Chairman Dinning said Boundary County had been approached about this project and he asked what side of UP's property would the siding be located. Mr. Anderson said the tracks run north and south and the siding will be located on the west side on UP's current property. Chairman Dinning

said UP is proposing to build a paved county road to county specifications from the northern crossing and heading south. Mr. Anderson said there are four private crossings today on the road. The three crossings toward the north end would turn into a new county road and the south crossing would move further south as originally proposed, but there were concerns about that so that is being looked into. Commissioners and Mr. Anderson will meet at the site of the project at 2:00 p.m. and it is most likely we will meet at the Snyder Guard Station sign, which is halfway between the north and south ends of the project. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners have not said yes or no to accepting the proposed new road until they've had a chance to see it. Road and Bridge has been in contact with Justin Barager who is the real estate manager for UP. Today's meeting is just informational, according to Chairman Dinning.

Ms. Corson asked if the site visit will include the "S" curve as well. Mr. Anderson said UP's siding will not block any public crossings. Chairman Dinning said what he would like to understand is that from a legal standpoint UP has the ability to control the crossings. Mr. Anderson said he will work with the municipality and the homeowner to address engineering, safety, etc. Currently UP is proposing to eliminate three crossings and build a paved road for access. As we go through the permitting process a lot of pieces come up and the design evolves, according to Mr. Anderson. Chairman Dinning said for UP and the residents he knows UP will make every attempt to keep the property owners informed, but it would be wise to have a point of contact. Mr. Anderson said either way he is fine with communicating via email with everyone or just a single point of contact. Chairman Dinning asked if there were any questions at this point.

Mr. Anderson was asked if there is a Plan B or C for a siding or spur. Mr. Anderson said UP has looked at a number of locations and this chosen location makes sense as far as engineering and operations. This is the optimal location. A member of the public asked about other locations that may have a lot less residents. Mr. Anderson said every other location UP looked at would require a significant amount of mountain to be removed so that has an impact as well. It would require hundreds of thousands of yards of fill and there are also costs and impacts. Ms. Corson said she understands the valley is narrow where traversing through, but has UP thought of leasing space on a long term basis in Canada as there may be a lot more space that would not be affected such as wetlands and less impact to the county as a whole. Ms. Corson said the Moyie River Road is traversed by a lot of people from Coeur d' Alene north. Many people could not come to the meeting today, but there are a lot more, according to Ms. Corson. Ms. Corson said to her this is the most insane idea in her years of life. Mr. Anderson said UP doesn't operate in Canada or lease in Canada. Ms. Corson said it would be a start. Mr. Anderson said the challenge is between Spokane operations and Canadian partners and this siding project creates fluidity between these areas. The marketplace is driving the growth in rail traffic and UP sees they need the capacity. UP is expanding its rail yard in Eastport and this opens the pipeline. It is less likely that trains will be parked and staged outside of the yard and the intention is this route will be used as a passageway.

Mr. Nagel said there is a rail crew turnout so there would be plans to leave the train empty and he questioned how long that would be. Mr. Anderson said he doesn't have that information yet, but if there is a crew on a train, there are hours of service the train may be sitting.

Mr. Koubek asked if the decision of where to put the crossing had to do with Feist Creek Falls Resort and the train engineers staying there or inspections at the border, etc. Mr. Corson said this is to open the pipeline, but trains come every 20 to 30 minutes as it is so what will opening the pipeline look like. Mr. Anderson said the goal is to keep the trains moving to the Eastport junction in a fluid level, to safely and efficiently move freight so UP wants to keep the trains moving as opposed to stopped. Mr. Martindale asked what is going to be hauled. Mr. Anderson said UP has six commodity groups, but he doesn't know

specifically what will be hauled due to factors that can change. In general the categories are agriculture, automotive, industrial products, chemical, and inter-mobile containers. Ms. Martindale said there is concern about water wells and she added that her husband worked with Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) about fueling stations in Rathdrum and they were told there would be no leakage due to containment, but there ended up being leakage so this could be astronomical. It comes down to something such as giving up funds or residents giving up their lifestyle. This could deplete property values, cause environmental and private landowner issues, etc. If this is about money, there is probably enough to move mountains aside. Chairman Dinning said those materials are being carried and moved by trains already. Ms. Corson said her concern is being a farm and she and her husband have an organic certification for their farm and that is where the siding is going to be so will they be impacted and not get that certification on that portion of land. That will hit economically, according to Ms. Corson. Ms. Corson said they will be landlocked by this siding. Mr. Anderson said there will be a county road to access. Ms. Corson questioned if they experience contamination and she mentioned that someone had once experienced a leak and they had to go inside to get away from the smell. Ms. Corson said their field will be affected due to the feed and the cows and sheep so how does UP mitigate this. Ms. Corson said they don't know if a train is coming or not because there has not been consistency in sounding the horns. Mr. Anderson said as a train is approaching the crossing at 20 seconds there is a system for the crossing and if that is not happening, he will have to find that out. Ms. Corson spoke of the poor visibility because of the "S" curve. It's a curve that is not managed. If the neighbors, as a group, could get a hold of a governmental agency to apply for an environmental impact statement (EIS), would UP oppose? Mr. Anderson said UP is working on an EIS already, but if a private owner wants to do that as well, that is their right to do that although he is not sure about that when it is on someone else's property. Mr. Anderson said if someone did that and it affects UP's project timeline, UP will move forward.

Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown joined the meeting.

It was said the reason for eliminating the crossings is for the safety of the residents. A member of the public questioned if this siding is a benefit for the county. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners did not make a decision yet. Commissioner Pinkerton said someone had said if someone takes title to the road then it is public and he asked if there is any private land that UP will seek to absorb. Mr. Anderson said the road proposed will be on UP's right-of-way. Mr. Corson said we, the county taxpayers, will have double the burden to benefit a private company so why do this. Why should there be public maintenance on a road to benefit a private company. Chairman Dinning said to correct that statement currently there are no levy dollars assessed on property taxes for the county for Road and Bridge Department. There are no dollars taken from personal property taxes as Road and Bridge is funded through Secure Rural Schools, Highway User funds, and fuel tax. Road and Bridge had once been funded by timber receipts from the 1925 Act in stumpage payments and that was replaced by Secure Rural Schools or the Craig-Wyden Act. A member of the public said the point is that is today, but that doesn't mean it will be that way tomorrow. Ms. Martindale said she has been in touch with the Department of Environmental Quality and the US Army Corps of Engineers and learned the application UP had submitted was not complete pertaining to wetlands and private properties, and the application did not give any idea of what was impacted with the limited information received. Can UP take responsibility in giving those two agencies correct and complete information on the surrounding areas and the impacts. The public would feel much more secure taking consideration of the lifestyles and the nature of the area as opposed to UP just getting something through while people living in the area will have their lives impacted 24/7. Mr. Anderson said absolutely. The preliminary proposal wasn't complete at the time so there was more information and the project won't move forward until the Army Corps of Engineers approves. Ms. Martindale asked what area would be considered if UP's Plan A was not approved. Mr.

Anderson said in looking at the grade of land and curvature of the track, UP needs approximately 10,000 linear feet and they cannot block public crossings at a siding or public access so those are all things to consider when building a track. Ms. Martindale said she understands the track, but looking at length trains do bend so she is a little baffled. Mr. Anderson said he's not an engineer, but straight and flat makes a lot more sense than anything else. Mr. Anderson said he has heard about concerns for general environmental impacts, but how about moving large amounts of rock.

Ms. Corson said she is very curious why Commissioners hadn't yet heard about the plans and Mr. Gutshall did when speaking with UP last summer or fall. Mr. Gutshall said he just had heard "talk." Ms. Corson said she and the Nagels had received an official letter March 24, 2015 and her husband contacted Northern Lights Power Company to see if power was going to be changed. Ms. Corson questioned why it took so long to find out that this was a formal plan that was going to be finished this fall. Ms. Corson said she was assured by someone at UP by the name of Justin that the project was going to be done this fall. Ms. Corson said she and her husband have two separate properties and they have three sidings affected. There are easements to people further east along the railroad so someone at UP failed to do their duty to see if there was a crossing or easement. These other property owners are directly impacted, but they are out of town and couldn't attend the meeting. The people have an easement through the Corson's property and they were not told anything about the railroad. Mr. Anderson said between this timeline, UP did contact the county with proposed ideas and a number of options, and when there was formal discussion with the county and the utility company the question was raised as to who would address the broader scope including crossings. At that point making contact was started. Mr. Anderson said perhaps there would have been some value in telling residents about the project last fall, but UP had nothing to tell them other than they were considering expansion somewhere. Ms. Corson said her second question was about people with easements across her property. Mr. Anderson said people with easements across her property do not have easements across UP's property and that is something those property owners need to take up with the agents who sold them the property. Mr. Anderson said he cannot be responsible for every real estate transaction in the county, but he can when it comes to UP's property. Ms. Corson wondered if UP concerns themselves about the residents' quality of life. Ms. Corson said their property will not be sellable. Mr. Anderson said from a usable standpoint, if UP doesn't build a siding, the likelihood of trains sitting will increase. Ms. Corson said the trains are already sitting and blocking the sidings now. Mr. Anderson said that will be addressed. For Channing and Barbara Nagel the road proposed will actually preserve the property because it will have a marketable title.

Mr. Anderson was asked if a part of UP's studies included the large gullies to the west that hold water all year round. The railroad will take up so much room so has anyone conducted a study on that. It was said there will only be one tenth of space for that water and snow to go and it doesn't seem that there will be enough storage capacity. Mr. Anderson said about water and drainage, when the original track was built drainage was not as big of an issue so now drainage will be addressed and improved. Mr. Gutshall said that will be a question for the county in that the county has been affected by drainage. If UP comes up with a drainage plan, the county needs to be involved.

A property owner asked if some of the materials are potentially explosive. Mr. Anderson said yes, UP does handle hazardous materials, they do have emergency response plans in place, and UP works with local responders, but all of this is also occurring today. Mr. Martindale said between this time and the meeting at 2p.m., if Mr. Anderson could provide the exact locations of the alternative locations considered, he would like to see those. Mr. Anderson said he would see if he could get those plans by that time.

Mr. Anderson was asked if UP would continue with their plans if the public hadn't attended the meeting. Mr. Anderson said UP would continue with the permitting process as they can continue working on their land.

It was reiterated that the on-site meeting will take place today at 2:00 p.m. at the Snyder Guard Station location.

The meeting to discuss the Union Pacific proposed siding ended at 10:51 a.m.

11:00 a.m., Commissioners spoke to County Civil Attorney Tevis Hull via telephone.

Commissioners informed Attorney Hull that they would like to consider accepting a piggyback bid from Bonner County, but if Commissioners choose to go out for bids and the new bids come in higher, can Commissioners still pursue the piggyback bid. Attorney Hull said yes, Commissioners can reject the bids that come in and accept the piggyback bid.

Commissioners said David Byler had called Commissioners last week voicing his concerns about his property value decreasing due to the new airport overlay. According to process Mr. Byler will need to apply for a permit for his activities and one of the issues can be fixed with lighting, but the other building Mr. Byler was considering would be impacted so does Mr. Byler need to make application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to have those concerns addressed. Attorney Hull said once Commissioners receive Mr. Byler's application for a building permit, Commissioners will contact the FAA with the footprint of the proposed building and its altitudes. Mr. Byler needs to have an engineering site survey done and the county will provide that survey to the FAA who will then respond to the county. Attorney Hull said this situation is a lot like the matter involving Craig Wheatley of E.C. Enterprises so the county needs the proposed footprint and elevation that footprint will be at and the FAA will tell the county if the plan will be accepted.

Commissioners have a luncheon at noon with a representative from Union Pacific Railroad and Chairman Dinning said it is probably best to not discuss anything about Union Pacific Railroad's project at the luncheon. Attorney Hull agreed.

The call to Attorney Hull ended at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the Panhandle Area Council Administration Contract. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:08 a.m.

2:00 p.m., Commissioners reconvened for the afternoon session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

2:00 p.m., Commissioners met with Union Pacific Railroad representative Nathan Anderson and Susan Kiebert with the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce and Idaho Transportation Department at the site of Union Pacific Railroad's proposed siding project on the Moyie River Road. Also present were Boundary County Economic Development Specialist David Sims, Road and Bridge Department Superintendent Jeff Gutshall and Assistant Superintendent Ken Arthur, and various residents from this area.

Comments and questions from the public included, but were not limited to the following: requests for more information as to what is going on with the project, UP needing to be aware of the dry season and winters in this area, what permits are required to start this project, the statement that UP's project plan is not final, questions about turning radius at a new crossing, learning that the private crossings today are not documented, what would be preferred as to the construction of a new proposed county frontage road, the length of the proposed project, at what point public agencies will hold public hearings to obtain input, issues about having to possibly change home addresses if crossings change, the number of trains that will now come by due to an additional siding, the inconsistency in trains sounding their horns before reaching a crossing, noise pollution, concerns of harm to the environment, and differences between grain cars in relation to leakers. Mr. Anderson said he would relay the statements, suggestions, and concerns to the appropriate parties at Union Pacific and try to obtain answers to the public's questions.

When looking at the northern crossing located on a curve, Mr. Gutshall suggested relocating the start of the county frontage road to the east of the current tracks in order to eliminate the crossing due to its limited visibility.

Before the meeting ended Chairman Dinning stated that railroad companies don't usually reach out and he reminded those present that Mr. Anderson is just the messenger.

The meeting ended at 4:13 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

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