

*****Monday, May 04, 2015**, 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 day.

Planning and Zoning Administrator John Moss stopped by Commissioners' Office temporarily.

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

9:00 a.m., Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall joined the meeting to give his department report. Mr. Gutshall did not present a written report. County resident Walter Burrows also joined the meeting.

Mr. Moss said he's been talking with Attorney Hull regarding the mud bog and rock crawl hosted by Mountain Mafia Event. Attorney Hull agreed that a conditional use permit (CUP) is appropriate for this event and Mr. Moss said he will schedule a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this as soon as possible. Mr. Moss said a conditional use permit (CUP), as it relates to use of land, is being reviewed right now due to the immediate awareness of activity by Mountain Mafia Entertainment, but at the south end of the county there is another company that needs to be looked at for use of their land. Mr. Moss said he just wanted to make Commissioners aware.

Mr. Moss left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Mr. Gutshall informed Commissioners that he is going out to bid for dust abatement.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to seek bids for chloride dust palliative materials. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners asked Mr. Burrows what he had wanted to talk to Commissioners about. Mr. Burrows said he has dirt and dust blowing into his house coming from Fawn Lane. Mr. Gutshall said the schedule is to chip seal Fawn Lane this summer so he doesn't want to put other material down on this road as it would be a duplication. The time frame is to chip seal this road in June or July, according to Mr. Gutshall. Mr. Burrows said he will just turn his sprinklers on in the meantime. Mr. Burrows said Sam Fodge has offered to treat the road in front of his house, but he was worried about effects to the chip sealing.

Mr. Burrows left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton asked Mr. Gutshall if he has a schedule of roads he plans on treating for dust abatement. Mr. Gutshall said he will drive around the county to look at dust abatement residuals then go back and create the list of what needs to be treated. Mr. Gutshall described the process and mentioned if he is unable to treat an entire road, Road and Bridge will treat the portion of road in front of the houses. Mr. Gutshall said his office also has a request list for dust abatement that he reviews. Mr. Gutshall said it is good to hear if there is a resident having an issue with dust if they live on a sparsely populated road as that is a road that may not otherwise be treated.

Chairman Dinning asked for an update on the bridges and road projects. Mr. Gutshall said he should hear in the fall about projects being considered for approval. The Trout Creek Bridge project has had a hydraulics report submitted and a structure is in the design phase. Ruby Creek Bridge has been accepted into the program, but there is no State/Local Agreement yet and the projects can be staggered so the county doesn't have to come up with project matches all at once. Mr. Gutshall said he won't know the status of the Surface Transportation (STPR) projects just yet.

The meeting with Mr. Gutshall ended at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the Certificate of Residency forms for K. Denney, J. Denney, A. Rosengrant, J. Lewis, L. Johnson, and H. Lickfold. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Courthouse Maintenance John Buckley stopped by Commissioners' Office and Commissioners asked him about details of the proposed project to move a wall at the Restorium in order to create a larger room for hair care services. Chairman Dinning said it has been determined this particular wall is load bearing. Those present discussed the quotes that have come in so far as having a high cost.

Mr. Buckley said he was contacted by the Boy Scouts leader who requested a tour of the Courthouse. The scouts need to visit a historical building in order to earn a badge. Mr. Buckley will accompany the scouts during this visit.

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

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of April 20 and 21, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to go into closed session under Idaho Code 31-874. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to deny indigent application 2015-14. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve indigent application 2015-13. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Ryals left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

10:00 a.m., Solid Waste Superintendent Claine Skeen joined the meeting to give his departmental report.

Mr. Skeen presented Commissioners with documentation from Bonner County regarding commercial and residential fees for solid waste services. A resident could be charged a certain amount and after

bringing in six yards that cost increases. Chairman Dinning said he was looking to address the commercial companies. Chairman Dinning said he was at the landfill the other day and saw a large dump truck dumping large logs and other debris so it is those companies he is looking at. Commissioners asked about tonnage and yards and Mr. Skeen said 10 cubic yards equates to one ton. If the item is a large stump, there is more tonnage in that. Chairman Dinning mentioned recouping some of the costs as the average person is not the issue. Kootenai County's commercial waste policy is also attached to the information Mr. Skeen presented to Commissioners. In Coeur d' Alene there is no fee to the public for 2,000 pounds per load. Boundary County will have to go by cubic yard until the scales are put in, according to Mr. Skeen. Chairman Dinning mentioned having to adjust the fee yearly. Chairman Dinning questioned why the residents should pick up the tab for a commercial venture as there is a cost for wood grinding. Mr. Skeen suggested a policy such as Kootenai County's policy and go by yardage until the scales are installed. It was said there is a big difference between a truckload of brush and a truckload of stumps. Commissioners asked Mr. Skeen to prepare a fee schedule and Commissioners can hold a public hearing to increase the fee once they see how the budget works out. The increase would take place in October if Commissioners choose to adopt the fee schedule.

Those present briefly discussed the tire pile at the landfill.

Mr. Skeen said he left a message for Ellery Howard with JUB Engineering to see where he is at in the process of the updated landfill plan. The plan needs to be done before doing anything else, but the county also needs to get the contract from JUB Engineering. Mr. Skeen said his budget is tight and he is trying to get by without a fee increase. Chairman Dinning said we don't want to be garbage police, but maybe inform the public as to how every cardboard box, tin can, etc., affects the county as far as recycling as we are looking long term.

The meeting with Mr. Skeen ended at 10:15 a.m.

10:19 a.m., Chief Probation Officer Stacy Brown joined the meeting to give her departmental report.

Ms. Brown briefly mentioned agreements her department has in relation to planning for her upcoming budget and she said she will bill the Idaho Department of Corrections for the leased office space and double check the terms of the agreement. Bonner County will send a renewal contract, but they are not increasing their rate.

Ms. Brown provided statistics for probation. There are 46 juveniles on probation, 60 people on misdemeanor probation, and as of today there are 193 adults on unsupervised probation, which is phenomenal, according to Ms. Brown. The number of people in the Diversion Program will decrease from four to three as of tomorrow. Ms. Brown said she received an email from the Idaho Supreme Court saying the Odyssey Program will be coming to Boundary County at the end of year 2016. The Odyssey Program is a new program taking over the Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated Records System (ISTARS) Program. Boundary County is supposed to have remote access to this information. Clerk Poston said the equipment for this program in her office is funded by the Supreme Court.

Ms. Brown said she is planning on hosting the Juvenile Justice District 1 training session in June. This training hasn't been provided for approximately eight or nine years now. The training has worked for juvenile mental health issues, but Ms. Brown would like to expand the training to make it relevant to juvenile probation, misdemeanor, and law enforcement. Ms. Brown said she has been in contact with

Jermaine Galloway with the Boise Police, who is the premier authority on juvenile drug trends so she will look into training details and venues. This is free training, according to Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown said the Idaho Association of Counties meeting will be held in June in Coeur d' Alene and she has been asked to talk on behalf of all the small counties about Boundary County's diversion program.

Ms. Brown left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m., Sheriff's Office Administrative Deputy Crystal Denton joined the meeting. Ms. Denton presented Commissioners with documentation pertaining to her efforts in obtaining quotes for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Denton said she tried to contact seven companies, but only one auto dealer responded. This new vehicle will replace the 1999 Suburban, according to Ms. Denton. Ms. Denton said the Sheriff's Office has four or five surplus vehicles to sell. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners strongly request the Sheriff's Office surplus vehicles be sold.

Chairman Dinning said it has been relayed through attorneys for the Idaho Association of Counties that it is not proper to pay for jail inmate's medical costs through the county's indigent program so when Commissioners get the information on this matter they will update the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve and accept the quote from Taylor and Sons Chevrolet totaling \$31,472.24 for a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 4WD for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting with Ms. Denton ended at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

10:50 a.m., Restorium Administrator Karlene Magee and Assistant Administrator Pam Barton joined the meeting to give an update on Restorium matters.

Commissioners reviewed statistics provided by Ms. Magee and Ms. Barton. Chairman Dinning commented on the number of residents and Ms. Barton explained why the Restorium has two less residents. Chairman Dinning said in comparing the information to the previous year, staff hours are higher by 200. Revenue is ahead of last year on both the amounts billed and amounts received. Expenses and revenue were reviewed and it was determined the ratios are about the same. In April 2014 the Restorium had four vacant rooms and for the month of May this year there were six vacant rooms.

Ms. Barton said this year's Libby Health Fair went well. People attending the fair had a lot of questions about the Restorium and a lot of informational packets were picked up.

Commissioners said they spoke with Mr. Buckley about the expansion of the Restorium's hair care room. By removing the wall this room is only gaining 30 square feet. Commissioner Kirby added that it is making the hallway wider. Both quotes received for this work were fairly high and Mr. Buckley had mentioned the wall is a loadbearing wall.

Commissioners asked if the Restorium has found a nurse yet to hire. Ms. Magee and Ms. Barton said they put the word out at the Libby Health Fair that there is a job vacancy for a nurse's position. The

current nurse is willing to be flexible, but her last day is around the 14th of May. Ms. Magee said she will speak to Boundary Community Hospital to see if they would provide nursing services on a temporary basis. Ms. Magee said she feels the issue a new nurse might have is that he or she will be hired to work three, eight hours days and be on call 24/7 so it may be better to have two part-time nurses.

Ms. Magee presented Commissioners with a quote from Bonners Ferry Builders showing costs of remodeling rooms to incorporate an additional restroom. Currently remodeling is only for one room at a cost of \$10,500, but if Commissioners want to take a little space out of each room, more plumbing will need to be moved and the cost increases by approximately \$8,000. It was decided to hold off on remodeling more rooms at this point.

Those present discussed the most recent room rate increases. The first increase was implemented in October 2013 and the last increase was in October 2014. Restorium expenses including payroll is up \$3,100 to \$3,200 and is basically the difference between years 2014 and 2015. The information is basically at par even though there are more vacant rooms. Ms. Barton said the Restorium is getting residents to come to the Restorium, but they are also losing them faster.

Commissioner Kirby said he could contact Lora Whalen, Director at Panhandle Health District, to see if they have a nurse they can provide on a short-term basis. Ms. Magee said she was thinking about the school district's nurse since school will be out soon. The Restorium will have issues if there is no nurse available.

The meeting with Ms. Magee and Ms. Barton ended at 11:20 a.m.

11:24 a.m., Boundary Economic Development (EDC) Specialist David Sims joined the meeting to update Commissioners on EDC projects.

Chairman Dinning said the county needs to get some signage for Mr. Sims' new office location in the former GIS office. Mr. Sims said he will speak with City of Bonners Ferry Clerk Kris Larson about the ability to transfer his current office phone number to another location. Commissioners asked Mr. Sims if he had been given a decent travel budget. Commissioner Kirby said a heavy percentage was suggested for an increase and he felt that the committee was more than happy to pay so it was just a matter of organizing it. Clerk Poston said Gary Aitkin Jr. mentioned he would take the proposal back to the Kootenai Tribal Council and when Tribal Facilitator Patty Perry attended the next meeting she stated the Tribe was willing to participate at the same level as in the past. Chairman Dinning said we need to be sure about this information down and Commissioner Kirby was asked to obtain those details. Commissioner Pinkerton briefly mentioned the tools that will help Mr. Sims be more successful.

Commissioners asked Mr. Sims about the rumors of Shopko coming to the area. Mr. Sims said the contractor has contacted other local contractors and subcontractors about obtaining quotes. The process is moving slowly. The company wants to see what the costs are to build in this community and the decision to go to the next level will depend on those costs.

Commissioners asked for updated information on the person who was going to operate his garden mulch company in Boundary County. Mr. Sims said there is not much going on with this company. The business owner was working with a distributor so he may try to start from scratch and work with new customers.

Mr. Sims informed Commissioners that Bill Jhung, Director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will meet in Bonners Ferry to share information about business exit planning. Mr. Jhung will host this meeting at no charge, according to Mr. Sims.

Mr. Sims presented information to Commissioners showing commercial activity that has started up in Boundary County over the last three years. Mr. Sims said this shows what new things are happening involving commercial use.

Olivia Metz is the Regional Economist with the Idaho Department of Labor and she is leaving the Department of Labor this month, according to Mr. Sims. Ms. Metz had given a bit of information on unemployment and Boundary County's unemployment has decreased to 6.3%. This is not a seasonally adjusted rate, according to Mr. Sims. The peak unemployment rate was 16.6%. Other information provided by Ms. Metz were statistics on employed people in Boundary County from year 1978 to year 2012. Boundary County is in a much better position than five years ago, according to Mr. Sims.

Mr. Sims said Commissioners should've received a letter from Lynda Fioravanti, who is a realtor in this county, about outdated relocation information the Visitor's Center has provided people new to the area. Ms. Fioravanti is correct as far as what her complaints and concerns are. Mr. Sims said he and his wife have since developed a brochure for the Chamber of Commerce to have available for the public and he is also working on a new map that will show Boundary County as a whole and then the individual towns and cities within the county. Creating this map was done using funds the Chamber of Commerce has set aside for this purpose and he understands that realtors will contribute \$1,000.

The meeting with Mr. Sims ended at 11:40 a.m.

11:43 a.m., Commissioner Kirby 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 Pinkerton second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of April 27 & 28, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

ATTEST:

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