

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLARK COUNTY

November 9, 1992

The Board met this day in regular session. Present were Commissioners George H. Whittaker, Charles R. Vadnais, Steven R. Gilger, Attorney Craig Simpson, and Clerk Jo Ann S. Tavenner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Vadnais, seconded by Commissioner Gilger, unanimous that the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board held on October 13, 1992, be approved as written.

SERVICES TO VETERANS

Ken Pitcher, Veterans Service Officer, met with the Commission. Pitcher said he is responsible for services of Veterans for the State, and to the eighteen counties in Eastern Idaho. He said he has been here since they opened the new Veterans Home in Pocatello on June, 24 1992, which he operates out of. He said they have divided the State into three regions - Pocatello, Boise, and Lewiston. Pitcher said the home in Pocatello is strictly a nursing residence. They have three wings with twenty-two beds per wing, and have six openings left. The home has a chapel, therapy room, pharmacy, dining room, apartments (for out of town visitors), and a canteen. The cost for the home is based on income. The maximum cost is \$1,750.00 per month. Pitcher is responsible to see that the veterans who come into the home are receiving the benefits they are entitled to.

The basic requirements to come into the home are: Must have ninety days of active service, of which one of those days must be during a wartime period. Must be an Idaho resident. Must have an honorable discharge, and be in need of nursing home care. He stated that this is also the basic requirements for veterans pension of veteran affairs. He said Clark County does not have a Veterans Service Officer, so they need to call him for services.

CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM

Don Shenton represented Clark and Jefferson County at the Cloud Seeding Program, which is an Upper Snake River Valley Project. Shenton said there will be \$12,500.00 available for project if Boise Basin does a cloud seeding project, and \$25,000.00 if Boise Basin doesn't do their project. He said the project will be accomplished by ground generators near areas to receive moisture. Generators will be placed 10-20 miles upwind and 5 miles apart. He said the generators are effective by using heat from propane to evaporate silver oxide crystals, which will rise into clouds, and will cause ice crystals to form and these crystals will fall to the earth. He said that light to moderate storms are most favorable, and are tracked by radar. Generators are placed and operated by private

individuals on private property. Elevation should be around 6000 feet, and project must be on line by December 1, 1992. Shenton said he committed \$6,500.00 for Jefferson County only if they moved generators to Beaver Creek and Camas Creek watersheds. He made no commitment for Clark County, but suggested they would participate if Camas, Beaver and Medicine Lodge would be included. Shenton also suggested that he would recommend no participation unless the above took place, because there would be no benefit for Clark County otherwise. He said they are asking Counties because this money is available, and they need to start cloud seeding. If they get geared up, they will go for donations to the people generating from rivers like power companies, canal companies, etc., and it should be a one time thing only for the Counties.

After some discussion, motion by Commissioner Gilger, seconded by Commissioner Vadnais, unanimous that the Clerk is hereby authorized to use \$3,500.00 from Range Improvement to help with cloud seeding, on the condition that Medicine Lodge, Beaver and Camas Creek watersheds be seeded. Project will be somewhere near \$150,000.00.

Shenton said Bonneville County has offered 600 surplus water containers or 17 gallon cans without liners that they are doing away with for storage. He said they are painted, and he needs to know how many the County wants. Shenton suggested that Civil Defense could use 100, but the problem would be how to get them home. Board will discuss with Rod Belcher, County Road Foreman, and let Shenton know.

#### FOREST SERVICE UPDATE

David Sleight, Assistant District Ranger, met with the Commission and presented them with the new Nez Perce trail signs. He said they only got 3 large signs, so the smaller ones will be used on County roads. Sleight will get with Rod Belcher on putting up signs.

Sleight reported that most of the slash burning is done. Sleight said a canal company from down in Montevieu/Terreton is interested in clay up Warm Creek to line canals. They requested a designated source. He said the road up there is pretty greasy, so they will have to haul during dry periods.

Sleight said that on the long range planning in Stoddard Creek and Weber Creek campgrounds, they are planning to re-do those two campgrounds. At Weber Creek, they plan to relocate it down the Canyon with places to turn trailers around, and they want to double the capacity at Steel Creek as it is booked solid every weekend. He said in 1994, they plan to do a new water system at Stoddard Creek. He said they will have a dedication at Stoddard on the new loop in the spring and invited to Board to attend. He said they need favorable comments on these improvements and any they can get would be appreciated. Sleight said the snowmobile club is organized, and that they will be getting clearing of parking lot which can be paid for out of registration fees. Sleight was asked by the Board if he had any concerns about Jeppesen's Opal Mine being patented. Sleight

said they had none except on the rehabilitation, as it would leave a scar on the hills, but that it can be taken care of by planting trees.

#### EXTENSION UPDATE

Dan Lucas, Extension Agent, met with the Commission and reported on the meeting he recently attended in Jackpot, Nevada. Lucas said the County is on the NRDC, and other groups listed with the implementation of Land Use Plan. He said they are trying to make it look like County Officials are squandering tax money.

Lucas reported on the Weed Coordinating Meeting he attended in Dillon, Montana. He said the way they are doing the spraying from the Montana line to Spencer with Montana spraying crews - 5 rigs, and about 10 people - is expensive. He said that it's so slow because in places there are bog holes and ditches, and they have to go about 1 mile per hour. He said the Canyon is clean except for one small spot of leafy spurge. Lucas said Beaverhead County is hiring aerial applicators and it costs about \$10 per acre. That includes chemical.

The group discussed the 1976 1/2 ton GMC pickup that Lucas recently purchased. Lucas said that after he drove it around 100 miles he noticed some blue smoke coming out of one side, which got worse the more he drove it so he had it checked by a mechanic in Idaho Falls, who said it was either rings or valves. He also had Royce Holmes check, and he said it was valve guides. Lucas said he contacted the dealer and he was told that he had bought it as is. Options are to have it fixed, or swap motors out of blue car which would cost around \$300.00. After some discussion, it was unanimous that Attorney Simpson contact John Solis, car dealer, concerning this vehicle. Clerk was direct to pull claim and payment was denied until Attorney reports back. Group also discussed leasing a vehicle for this department.

#### CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION

The Commission at this time canvassed the returns of the General Election which was held on November 3, 1992. The following is the abstract of votes as computed by the Commission, which met at this time as a Board of Canvassers:

##### PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

B. Clinton	Dem.	95
B. Gritz	Ind.	14
R. Perot	Ind.	119
G. Bush	Rep.	195

##### U.S. SENATOR

R. Stalling	Dem.	162
D. Kempthorne	Rep.	257

##### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SECOND DISTRICT

J. Williams	Dem.	141
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S. Kauer	Ind.	12
D. Mansfield	Ind.	6
M. Crapo	Rep.	255

STATE SENATOR DIST. 26		
R. Furness	Rep.	334

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION A - DIST. 26		
J. Wood	Rep.	333

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - POSITION B - DIST. 26		
L. Barrett	Rep.	271

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT TWO		
S. Gilger	Rep.	225
C. Wagoner	Ind.	199

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - DISTRICT THREE		
C. Wilson	Rep.	338

COUNTY SHERIFF		
C. King	Rep.	359

HJR #4 PROHIBIT CASINO TYPE GAMBLING		
YES		215
NO		214

PROPOSITION 1 - 1% INITIATIVE		
YES		140
NO		285

USE OF COMMUNITY CENTER

Betty Kirkpatrick met with the Commission and asked why the Extension Homemakers have to pay rent and a deposit to use the Community Center. Kirkpatrick said they are part of the University and strictly a service to the Community.

After some discussion, motion by Commissioner Vadnais, seconded by Commissioner Gilger, unanimous that the Extension Homemakers can use the Community Center without paying rent or deposit unless they would like to make a donation of \$25.00 to help cover the costs of power and heat.

BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES

The Board having received an application from The Kilgore Store for a beer license, upon review of license a motion by Commissioner Vadnais, seconded by Commissioner Gilger, unanimous that the license be issued.

KING TO RECEIVE ADDITION

The Board having received a request from Craig King for the addition torn off from the courthouse where the jail addition is being build. After some discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Vadnais, seconded by Commissioner Gilger, unanimous that whereas the addition is sprung and has no value, and that King has saved the County \$1,000.00 by tearing the addition off, he can have the building for salvage.

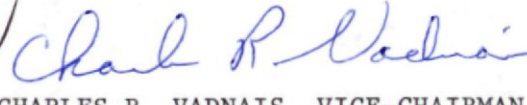
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following claims were reviewed at approved by the Board.

CURRENT EXPENSE	
93-77 thru 93-140	\$11,967.99
ROAD & BRIDGE	
93-141 thru 93-158	\$29,623.39
AMBULANCE	
93-159 thru 93-163	\$ 666.75
DISTRICT COURT	
93-164 thru 93-170	\$ 915.45
CHARITY & INDIGENT	
93-171 thru 93-174	\$ 223.83
TORT	
93-175	\$ 70.00
WEEDS	
93-176 thru 93-178	\$ 151.03
WEED REVOLVING	
93-189	\$ 305.70
WATERMASTER	
93-179 thru 93-188	\$ 4,760.78
INDIGENT TRUST	
93-180	\$ 4.00
COMMUNITY BUILDING	
93-183	\$ 695.05
TOTAL	\$49,383.97

ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD DO NOW ADJOURN.

  
JO ANN S. TAVENNER, CLERK

  
CHARLES R. VADNAIS, VICE-CHAIRMAN