

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 23, 2014 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Boyd Burbank, Commissioner Scott Workman, and Clerk Shauna Geddes

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—Scott made the motion to add building repairs and executive session regarding personnel to agenda. A second was made by Boyd and passed unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION 2014-5-23/ FRANKLIN CO MEDICAL CENTER—Richard Westerberg and Jay McKenzie presented a resolution verifying the name of the hospital as Franklin County Medical Center and also known as Franklin Hospital. A motion was made by Boyd to adopt Resolution 2014-5-23 regarding the Franklin County Medical Center. Scott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. TAX DEED/TREASURER JEANETTE MCKAY/ATTORNEY VIC PEARSON-- When property is taken with a tax deed, the county has between 3 and 14 months to sell it. Typically the County has waited the full time to sell. During the time the County owns the property it should be removed from the assessment rolls and no taxes would be collected. Jeanette and Vic would like the property to be sold 3 months after taking a tax deed to lessen the amount of taxes lost during the time the County owns the property. Boyd made a motion to set the timeline to sell the property after a tax deed has been taken to three (3) months. The motion passed after a second from Scott.

5. IDEQ/BRUCE OLENICK-- Bruce Olenick from the Pocatello office of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality introduced Ralph Osborne who will be replacing Tom Mullican. Ralph will take over septic/solid waste and remediation. Ralph has been working on the ground contamination from old underground tanks. Preston originally had 20 but there are only 4 left.

He would like to close the file on the ground contamination testing that is located between the courthouse and assessor's office. The problem is that he cannot locate the test holes that were dug and would like to dig three new ones. If the tests come back clear, then he can cap these new holes and close the file. This will be at no additional cost to the county. If there is still a problem, they will be able to continue to monitor. The Commissioners authorized Ralph to dig three new test holes.

Bruce noted that the DEQ had been contacted regarding lead found on the property below the gun range and that they would be addressing the issue.

6. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/KATHY RAY--** Kathy thanked the Commissioners for their support of the workshop she held at the fire station. She would like the county to continue their support for Economic Development for next year in the amount of \$6,000. This is the same amount as last year.

7. **COUNTY BUSINESS –**

Canvas Votes- The results for the 2014 May Primary were reviewed by the Commissioners. There were 2015 ballots cast which was 33.29% of the 6053 registered voters. The only county race which had competition was for Commissioner Dist #2. Scott Workman was the winner with 664 votes, Dave Bosen 653 votes, R Joseph Steele 373 and Steve L Stevens 196. Boyd made a motion to certify the results of the election. Scott seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Buildings – There is concern for the steps of the courthouse which are breaking up. Boyd will contact Justin Golightly to see if there is a better way to patch the steps. The Commissioners would like to set aside money each year to build a fund to replace the steps.

Camille Larsen would like the sink removed in the storage room under the stairs where the election materials are stored. Boyd said this would be a good project for this winter.

The Electrical retrofit of the Robinson Building will come out of the building fund.

Drug Court Coordinator – Judge Brown and Judge Hunn would like Linda Hampton to be the full-time Drug Court Coordinator. She will be compensated at \$6,000. per year. Until recently she had been sharing the position with Mike Bosen who moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Scott made a motion to appoint Linda Hampton as full-time Drug Court Coordinator. Boyd seconded and all voted in favor.

A motion was made by Boyd to recess the Commissioner meeting to convene as the Board of Equalization. Scott seconded the motion. The commissioner meeting was recessed at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

At 11:00 a.m. the Commissioners met as the Board of Equalization. In attendance was Scott Workman, acting Chairman, Commissioner Boyd Burbank and Clerk Shauna Geddes.

TAX EXEMPT CHURCH PROPERTY/ASSESSOR JASE CUNDICK-- Jase explained that in the past, it has been assumed that churches remained exempt. There should be a new application each year. The Board would like to continue to recognize chapels as tax exempt even if they do not fill out a new application. It was noted that taxes are collected on the farm property owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each year the church files an application to exempt the church buildings, but does not ask for an exemption on the enterprise properties which are the farms.

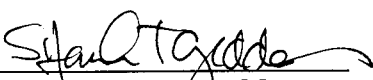
The Board would like to the Assessor to look at campgrounds in the county which charge fees but are exempt from property taxes.

At 11:35 Boyd motioned to adjourn. Scott seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. Next Board of Equalization will be June 23, 2014.

Commissioner meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ¶IC 67-2345 (a,f)** At 11:45 a.m. Scott made the motion to go into executive session. There was a second by Boyd and a roll call vote was taken. Each Commissioner voted "Aye". At 12:00 noon the executive session ended.

Meeting was adjourned at noon. Next meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2014.


Attest, Shauna Geddes


Scott Workman, Chair