FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 14, 2014 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Dirk Bowles, Commissioner Boyd Burbank, Commissioner Scott Workman, Attorney Vic Pearson and Clerk Shauna Geddes

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** for the September 22 and 29, 2014. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes. Dirk second. Motion passed unanimously.
- **3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**—Scott made the motion to add Airport Lights, Drainage Dist, Road Issues and Birthday Holidays to the agenda. Dirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- **4. APPROVAL OF BILLS**—A motion to pay the bills as submitted was made by Scott, seconded by Boyd and passed unanimously.
- 5. **DEQ QUARTERLY REPORT/BRUCE OLENICK**—Monitoring of air quality is on-going. There was only 1 complaint about road dust this summer. DEQ is working with ValleyWide construction making sure they are disposing of their waste properly. Bruce was out to the gun range and took two samples. They did find some lead from shotguns. The County has made some good improvements to the gun range. Bruce also inquired about the Shields property south of Preston and if there have been improvements there. The Sheriff has visited them weekly and some clean-up is happening.
- **PROPERTY TAXES**—Craig McLean purchased a home in June 2013. There was a miscommunication regarding the homeowners exemption form so it was not put on for 2014. The McLeans are asking for the homeowners exemption for 2014. The amount of taxes that would be cancelled is \$665.92. Craig is on disability and has gone through the indigent program. Scott made the motion to forgive the homeowners exemption for Craig McLean Parcel #4934.00. Boyd seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES/BEAR RIVER ADJUDICATION--The Department of Water Resources is beginning the process for Adjudication of the Bear River. Gary Spackman and James Cefalo said that they will set up public meetings in November to begin the dialog. It is a good time because the Snake River Adjudication just finished. It took 30 years and dealt with 160,000 water rights. Only 5% of them were contested. Now 80% of the land surface in the state has been decreed. The structure is in place to move forward because the ground rules have been established.

One of the benefits is that enlargement of statutes can only happen within the structure of adjudication. Another is "old handshake" transfers can be recognized and the Dept of Water Resources has ways to settle disputes. There are about 20,000 claims for water in the Bear River.

One of the downsides is the cost which will be funded by user fees and the state general fund. Another is that it can pit neighbor against neighbor. Adjudication cannot begin until the legislature authorizes and agrees to finance.

- 8. DESTROY 2004 COUNTY RECORDS— The motion to destroy county records from 2004 was made by Scott, seconded by Dirk and passed unanimously. The records to be destroyed are: Accounts Payable Voucher and Reports, Draft Minutes, Sales Tax Reports, Warrants-file copy, Principal Retirement Payroll, Payroll Reports and Time sheets, General Ledger, AFLAC, Correction Journals, Outstanding Warrants, Invoices, Cash Receipting and Revenue.
- **9. POST HOLLOW ROAD**—Karl Wheeler has locked a gate on Post Hollow Road which runs through his property. Troy will visit with Karl. If that doesn't work out Vic will send him a letter stating that he cannot lock the county road.
- **DRAINAGE DISTRICT**—Cub River Irrigation is putting their water in a pipe instead of the canal which will be filled in. There is concern about the storm runoff water. The question is if a Drainage Dist. can be formed and if so, how?
- 11. **AIRPORT LIGHTS**—Logan Airport is replacing their runway lights and said that Preston Airport may salvage anything from the existing lights. John Kezele is asking for men and equipment on October 20 -24 to help. Dirk will see if the road department can spare a man with a backhoe and truck. Scott will talk to the Power Company and see if they will contribute.
- **12. GRAVEL PIT LOAN**—A motion was made by Scott to authorize Chairman Bowles to sign a loan for \$125,390 from Zions Bank to purchase the Beckstead gravel pit. The loan is for 1 year payable by September 30, 2015 with 3.03% interest. Boyd seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION ¶IC 67-2345 (d)(f)** At 11:05 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 12:05 p.m. the executive session ended.

14. Indigent Cases-

Boyd made a motion to suspend indigent case #2015-10003. Dirk second. Motion passed unanimous.

Boyd made a motion to approve indigent case #2015-10004. Dirk second. Motion passed unanimous.

Boyd made a motion to deny indigent case #2015-10005. Dirk second. Motion passed unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, October 27, 2014. Commissioners would like to meet with each department head.

Attest Shauna Geddes Dirk

Dirk Bowles, Chair