

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 23, 2016 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. AGENDA –A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Bees at Maple Creek and a report from Jeremy Field of Senator Rischs' office was made by Boyd. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Scott made the motion to approve the minutes of May 4th and May 9th. The motion carried unanimously after a second from Boyd.

4. CANVAS OF VOTES /MAY 17 ELECTION—Commissioners met as the Board of Canvassers to verify the results for the May 17 Election. The Caribou Joint School District Supplemental Levy Election passed with 25 voting in favor and 12 voting against. The Plant Facilities Reserve Fund passed with 24 voting in favor and 12 voting against. The voter turnout was 27.69%. Scott made the motion to accept the results for the Caribou Joint School District election. Boyd seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Primary election was held for the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and the Constitution Party. 1,418 ballots were cast for a 23.45% turnout. In the only contested local race Robert Swainston beat the incumbent Scott Workman for Commissioner seat from District 2. Commissioner Dirk Bowles, Sheriff David Fryar, County Attorney Vic Pearson and Treasurer Janet Kimpton retained their offices. A motion to accept the results of the May 17 election as presented was made by Boyd and seconded by Scott. All voted in favor.

5. PROPOSED BUDGETS—

Juvenile Services- Boone is requesting a full-time tracker. It is hard to keep a permanent person when they are only offered part-time work. His case load is growing. The JAIBG grant is gone and he needs more money in his vehicle maintenance budget as both cars need new tires.

Weed Department—Aaron is requesting to increase his herbicide budget to 45,000. He is using a lot of sterilent on the County Roads. He is also having more repairs.

Abatement—Miles Geddes, Kyle Knapp, Aaron Hull and Larene presented the Abatement proposed budget. Miles explained that the Board does not feel that 1/2 of Aarons salary should come out of the Abatement budget as he does not spend 1/2 of his time working Abatement. The board members do not wish to be paid and the money should be moved to pay the temporary assistants. The rest of the categories should stay the same. They only want to levy \$150,000 and take the rest of the budget out of reserves.

Extension/4-H—The Extension and 4-H budgets can remain the same except for a needed extra \$500.00 in supplies, according to Stuart Parkinson and Laura Sant Extension Agents. The amount the State is sending for a 4-H Assistant is \$5,000.00 the same as this year.

Coroner —Ron stated that all of the autopsies can only be done in Boise now with the retirement of Dr. Garrison of Pocatello. The fee for each is \$2,000.00. With that will come additional costs for travel. He would like to bump the toxicology budget to \$1500.00. That fee has gone up \$50.00 and is used quite a bit.

Road & Bridge—Troy is hoping that the East Oneida Project will begin construction next year, but there are no guarantees. The grant match will come out of the Special Highway Fund. Expenditures for that fund will be \$100,000 for the grant match; \$50,000 from reserves and \$50,000 taxes levied. With HB315 the Road Department should receive about \$240,000 which can be used for materials. Troy asked for an increase of \$126,834 in various funds.

Treasurer—Janet Kimpton presented her budget. She needs \$500.00 more in supplies and reduce repairs to \$300.00. She will only have one employee on insurance.

6. **BEES AT MAPLE CREEK**—There is concern regarding beehives up Maple Creek. On Saturday Jim Allen was riding his horse down the road and was swarmed by bees. It took the horse down. Jim was rescued by a neighbor on a 4-wheeler and spent a day in the hospital. The beehives are on the Newswander Property, but owned by someone else. One of the neighbor children is extremely allergic and the bees are near the bus stop. Commissioner Bowles looked into the County Ordinances and could not find anything that would apply.
7. **MINK CREEK ROAD**—It was determined that a public hearing is not needed to change the use of a county road. Dirk would like to keep the road to the forest open, the same as was done in Dayton and Oxford Loop. Boyd feels that because of the new fence, a passable road cannot be made without destroying the fence. He would like it to be a 4-wheeler road with a turnaround at the bus turn around. He also suggested to the Christensens that they put up a cross gate at the Maples to keep people on the trail. Scott would like to keep it a 4-wheeler road. Krista Christensen asked the Commissioners to postpone their decision at the request of their attorney. Phil Christensen has unlocked the gate, but has had cows out on two separate occasions. He asks that the Commissioners use common sense and feels it would cost more to maintain a road. There was discussion about County participation with signs and cattle guards. This will be tabled until Christensen's put it back on the agenda.
8. **TERRY PORTER/SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**—Terry would like the subdivision ordinance requirements to be changes. He feels that he should not have to meet all of the requirements in order to sell his property. And that the Commissioners should not be able to dictate what the taxpayer can do with their own property. Dirk informed Terry that the process for changing the ordinance begins with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Terry does not feel he should

go to the P&Z Commission because he did not elect them and they cannot make the decision. He feels that the rules for the subdivision do not make sense. He feels that he should be able to make a shale road.

Scott stated that there are a lot of things we have to do because of rules and laws. The Commissioners make the best decisions they can with the information given. Boyd noted that last winter there were problems with the gravel roads and people were calling because they could not get to their houses. There is a reason to have a Planning & Zoning Commission because they have continuity and knowledge.

9. **JEREMY FIELDS/SENATOR RISCH'S OFFICE**—Jeremy reported that because this is an election year, there is not a lot going on in Washington, D.C. The EPA which is becoming a super agency under the Obama Administration is working on Air Quality. The Secure Rural Schools program has been funded for 2016 and 2017.

10. **GUY ARNELL/MAPLE CREEK ROAD**-- Richard Silcock of Silcock Properties, Guy Arnell and Gerald Martins of EHM Engineers discussed the Maple Creek Road Improvements with the Commissioners. Mr. Martins is an engineer who has specialized in Road construction. He drove the road with Road Supervisor in the morning. He would like to establish some parameters and then develop a plan to present to Franklin County. There are some areas of concern. There are two bad curves and 3 existing bridges which will not meet standards. There are a lot of fences, corrals etc. in the Right-of-Ways and road side streams which could cause problems. Mr. Martins would like to propose a 22' base with 2' of shoulders on either side. He would like additional widening around the curves. There are 2 curves and 2 WOW's that need to be widened by cutting into the hill. He proposed 12" subbase and 2" of hotmix on top. He would like to sign the curves and cut the speed limit. He would install roadside drainage in seven places. He feels he would be able to do all of this without creating a "firestorm" with the neighbors. This does not exactly meet the current road standards, but what is in the agreement does not meet the standards either. Troy likes the idea of less impact on the neighbors, but is concerned that the road is less than the traffic study showed should be built. Gerald is offering a better surface and fixing the curves. There should be some speed deterrents, because when the road is better, people drive faster. The Commissioners will drive the road tomorrow and give a decision.

11. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**—Scott met with the District Health Department Board last week. They approved to go ahead with the funding a new building based on the latest bid of \$215,400.00. They will pay for the building and the money they normally pay to rent the building will go towards paying off the building. The usual rent is \$23,500 per year. This will take 6.7 years to pay back. At that time the County will then own the building. A place to house the Health Dept. during construction is still a concern. The Health Department would like to remain in their building until after the Health Fair on June 15.

Scott made the motion to approve the District Health constructing a building as proposed and to begin moving forward. All voted in favor after a second from Boyd.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ¶IC 74-260 (1) (d)(a&b)** At 3:10 p.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 3:30 p.m. the executive session ended.
13. **INDIGENT CASE #1F2016-10014** Boyd made the motion to approve Indigent case #1F2016-10014. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. until Commissioners drive Maple Creek Road on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Equalization

Commissioners met as the Board of Equalization with all present at 3:40 p.m..

1. **PARCEL #RP04369.01**—Marilyn Liechty requested to set her values for the 2016 tax year at \$15,000.00 for land and \$24,380.00 for improvements, with the remaining value to be exempted under Idaho Code 63-602AA to avoid undue hardship. This exemption will apply to 2016 only, and Mrs. Liechty will apply for the Property Tax Reduction for future property tax assistance. Assessor Jase Cundick estimated this is what her values would be with the Property Tax Reduction in the future. Dirk made the motion to set her values as requested. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

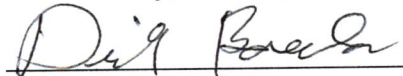
Board of Equalization adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Commissioner meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Present was Dirk Bowles, Boyd Burbank, Vic Pearson and Troy Moser.

After driving up Maple Creek Road and discussing with Road Supervisor Troy Moser it was decided to allow the Maple Creek Ranches developers to improve the road to the following standards: 22' paved surface with two feet shoulders on each side, two inches of pavement with a chip seal the following year. There are 4 corners that will need to be negotiated because of the sharpness of the turns. Boyd made a motion to give these standards to Mr Martins, Mr Silcock and Mr Arnell and allow them to proceed developing a plan. Dirk seconded the motion. Both voted in favor. If the developer is ok with the standards then he can proceed. If not they may meet with the Commissioners again.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday, June 13, 2016.


Attest, Shauna Geddes


Dirk Bowles, Chair