

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 9, 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** Boyd motioned to approve the minutes of April 11th, April 25th and May 2nd. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. **PAYMENT OF BILLS--** A motion was made by Scott to approve the bills as presented. All voted in favor after a second by Boyd.
4. **GUARD STATION FEES** –Fees for staying at the Cub River Guard Station will be raised this year from \$75.00 per day to \$100.00 according to Jared Mattsen and Dennis Duehren of the US Forest Service. During the off season (Sept 16 through May 14) the fee will change from \$45.00 to \$60.00. A lot of improvements have been made; including a pavilion, parking, play area, better toilets, parking and a basketball court. The money collected goes back into improvements for the facility. The Commissioners feel that this is a good facility and agree with the price increase.
5. **AFLAC CARRYOVER**—There are two employees who have extenuating circumstances regarding their AFLAC –Unreimbursed Medical from last year who were unable to meet the March 31 deadline for filing and would like to be able to submit their claims. The Commissioners can see no problem as long as it is legal to do so. Clerk Geddes will check to see if it can be done.
6. **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING**—Randy has been collecting bids for the Health Department Building. They have not been sealed bids, but he checked with the State Building Department who told him that it was not necessary to have them sealed. Attorney Vic Pearson agrees. The District Health Department would like to know the set amount for the building and they will make the final decision at their May 19 meeting. Randy will not award any bids until the decision is final. The Commissioners feel that the cost to tear down the building should be included; currently it is not. Even though the Road Dept. will tear it down, there is still cost. Randy would like to see something in the newspaper explaining the reasons for the new building.
7. **ROAD USE CHANGES**—The Commissioners have discussed the requirements to change the use of a road. Dirk has researched the Road Law Handbook by Christopher Meyer and could not find that a public hearing is required to change the use of a road. Clerk Shauna Geddes has asked the other counties what their procedures are and none of the counties which responded hold a public hearing

to change the use of a road. The Mink Creek Road will be discussed at the next meeting on May 23.

8. **POST HOLLOW ROAD** –Karl Wheeler would like to go ahead with mediation. Attorney Vic will set it up with the judge.

Commissioner meeting recess 9:35 a.m.

Board of Equalization

Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization at 9:45 a.m.

1. **PARCEL #RP02228.02** – This property had the homeowners exemption on and when it was sold the exemption was taken off. Normally the exemption would stay on with the new owner. Dustin Hartley is asking for the exemption for the 2015 taxes in the amount of \$668.23. He would like it subtracted from the balance he owes in June. The homeowners exemption is back on for future years.
2. **PARCEL #RP04369.01** –Marilyn Lichty is asking for a personal exemption on her taxable value for this year. Her husband, Milt passed away in April 2016. It was too late to apply for the Property Tax Reduction this year and is unable to afford her upcoming taxes for 2016 with her reduced income. Assessor Jase Cundick will look at the numbers to see how much she would qualify for and present to the next Board of Equalization.

Commissioners recessed Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened as Board of County Commissioners.

Boyd made the motion to cancel the taxes for Dustin Hartley Parcel # 02228.02 in the amount of \$668.23. Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


9. **SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE/TERRY PORTER**—Terry would like the Subdivision ordinance road requirements to change. He feels that requiring asphalt is cost prohibitive. He feels that there are people who would like to live here, but cannot afford the lots that are available. Commissioner Bowles informed Terry that the process needs to begin with the Planning & Zoning Commission. Surveyor Bryan Allen explained that there are many lots being developed on existing roads and the valley floor on valuable farm ground because it is cost prohibitive to develop elsewhere. The Planning & Zoning Commission began to address this issue last Fall. Road Supervisor Troy Moser was going to put together the numbers comparing the cost of asphalt and BST roads. Commissioner Workman noted that there are subdivisions in other counties that have gravel roads. He would like the P&Z to work on this. Commissioner Boyd Burbank noted that there are other unintended consequences. One being Air

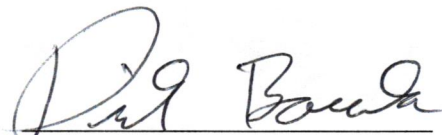
Quality. Gravel roads do effect the Air Quality. Scott Workman stated that we have pushed people away because of the costs. The rules need not be as stringent. Bryan Allen also expressed concern about road width requirements. He feels 30 feet road surface is excessive. Commissioner Bowles recommended that these concerns be brought to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

- 10. CACHE COUNTY JAIL CONTRACT--** Sheriff Fryar stated that Cache County has passed a resolution stating they would like to enter into a contract with Franklin County to house inmates at their jail. The cost would be \$52.00 per day. This would save the county money as well as man power and it is safer for the deputies to travel to Logan as opposed to Soda Springs. Vic has looked over the contract and says that it looks ok. The Sheriff will need to continue the contract with Caribou until the end of the fiscal year. He will let the county know of the intent to not renew the contract.
Public Defender Don Marler agrees that it is a good opportunity for the County, but there are some problems as far as he is concerned. It would be hard for him to meet with inmates he needs to see face to face. But he feels he could work out the details and could do video conferencing. The Sheriff, Don and Vic will visit the facility. This will be on the agenda next meeting.
- 11. M.O.U WITH DEPT OF AG/BOAT INSPECTION STATIONS—**Officer Hatch presented a draft agreement with the Department of Ag to pay officers to be at the Boat Inspection station at the border. They will pay for up to 16 hours of overtime pay a week. Scott made the motion to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the Sheriff to sign. Boyd seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 12. DENTAL PLAN --** During the quarterly report Eric Falk stated that the County could save money on their Health Plan if they would change to Cache Premier for their Dental Plan. The Commissioners would like to switch at the beginning of the new plan year. They will let employees know at open enrollment.
- 13. BUDGETS—**The County budgets for the end of the 2nd quarter are looking good. Half of the year is gone and 44% of the budget has been spent. Commissioners will meet with the Department Heads during the next two Commissioner meetings to discuss proposed budgets for next year.
- 14. CUB RIVER CANAL ABANDONMENT –**The County would like to take over portion of the Cub River Canal that is going to be abandoned. It is important for road drainage. Dirk will give the paperwork to Vic.
- 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION ¶IC 74-260 (1) (d)** At 11:50 a.m. Dirk made the motion to go into executive session. There was a second by Scott and a roll call vote was taken. Each Commissioner voted “Aye”. At 12:10 p.m. the executive session ended.

16. **INDIGENT CASE #2016-10010** Boyd made the motion to approve Indigent case #2016-10015. Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
17. **TEST BALLOT COUNTERS**—Elections Clerk Camille Larsen demonstrated the ballot counters that will be used on the May 17 Primary Election. The Secretary of State's office sent a test deck to be used to verify the counters. The demonstration went well

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Next meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2016.


Attest, Shauna Geddes


Dirk Bowles, Chair