

*****Monday, November 24, 2014**, Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown was in attendance of the meetings on and off throughout the day.

Commissioners gave the opening invocation and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 a.m., Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall joined the meeting. Mr. Gutshall did not present a written report.

Mr. Gutshall presented Commissioners with a draft of the proposed Transportation Plan update. Projects include bridges and collector routes as they are all that is eligible for federal highway dollars. The importance of updating the plan is having to complete the update process every five years. Mr. Gutshall said applications are now being taken for the Surface Transportation – Rural Program and this program will be open for two years instead of one. Mr. Gutshall informed Commissioners that this is the program the Don Olson Bridge was built under. As far as Myrtle Creek, Mr. Gutshall said he understands the Federal Lands Access Plan will accept new applications after the first of the year so if that happens, the Myrtle Creek and Meadow Creek projects will be submitted. Mr. Gutshall and Commissioners reviewed various proposed projects. Mr. Gutshall said the update needs to be approved by a resolution adopted by Commissioners.

9:15 a.m., Boundary County Historical Society Member Dottie Gray joined the meeting.

Mr. Gutshall said by updating the Transportation Plan and adopting the resolution it allows the county to be eligible for funding if the state sees the county has made plans for projects. It's also a good tool and a review of the entire county in identifying needs. Mr. Gutshall added that the City of Moyie Springs has projects included in this plan update and they would need to have a resolution adopted by Wednesday.

Mr. Gutshall said the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) contacted him about the Cow Creek Guardrail project. LHTAC would like to consolidate four projects and present those projects to the engineer in order to lower costs. Boundary County has the second Ruby Creek Bridge that is going into the Statewide Transportation Investment Program (STIP) for next year and that is a project that will be awarded. Snow Creek Bridge, which is a small timber bridge, is below the rating of 50 so it is eligible this year. Mr. Gutshall said the cure for the short wooden bridges is a short span steel bridge.

Chairman Dinning suggested amending the agenda in order to adopt the resolution due to time sensitivity.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to amend the agenda in order to adopt a resolution to update the Boundary County Transportation Plan as it is time sensitive. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adopt Resolution 2015-2 authorizing the update of the March 19, 2008 Boundary County Transportation Plan. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution 2015-2 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2
BOUNDARY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

A RESOLUTION OF BOUNDARY COUNTY, IDAHO, SETTING FORTH ITS AUTHORITY BY PROVIDING FOR THE UPDATE OF THE BOUNDARY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN DATED MARCH 19, 2008.

WHEREAS, in December 2004, Boundary County was awarded grant funding through the State of Idaho, Local Rural Highway Investment Program to hire a consultant to draft a multi-jurisdictional 20 year transportation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Transportation Plan is to identify future county projects and safety improvements needed and in identifying these projects and needs, allows for eligibility of project funding provided by the State of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, Boundary County is required to update the Transportation Plan every five years; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Boundary County Commissioners approve the updates to the March 19, 2008 Boundary County Transportation Plan made by Boundary County's Road and Bridge Superintendent as submitted to Commissioners during their regular session on Monday, November 24, 2014.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Regularly passed and approved, this 24th day of November, 2014.

s/ _____
Dan R. Dinning, CHAIRMAN

s/ _____
LeAlan L. Pinkerton, COMMISSIONER

s/ _____
Walt Kirby, COMMISSIONER

Attest: s/ _____
Glenda Poston,
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
Recorded as instrument #262418

Mr. Gutshall mentioned an issue pertaining to property splits requiring approaches to be widened. Not all of the property owners want to contribute to widening the approach and it leaves the work and cost up to one of the other property owners. Mr. Gutshall mentioned that multi-residential areas need a wider approach.

The meeting with Mr. Gutshall ended at 9:28 a.m.

Ms. Gray said she stopped in as a representative of the Boundary County Historical Society. Ms. Gray said the Historical Society wanted to thank the county for an increase in funding. With the expense of sewer and water line issues, the increased funding was greatly appreciated. Ms. Gray said the Historical Society has two big events coming up, one of which is the centennial of the ferry in Bonners Ferry. The Boundary County Museum is planning a program on December 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., and as part of the program she has prepared a proclamation to effect that the 150th anniversary of the ferry is December

22, 2014. Ms. Gray said she would like to request Commissioners sign the proclamation, which will be read aloud at the event. It's an educational opportunity and we need to let people know that it's been 150 years since Edward L. Bonner established the ferry. Ms. Gray said she will also ask the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and City of Bonners Ferry to sign the proclamation.

Ms. Gray said in January the Historical Society will hold the 100th anniversary of the formation of Boundary County. Boundary County Museum Curator Sue Kemmis and Clerk Glenda Poston have been working on the celebration for July and the fair will carry the theme of the 100th birthday. The museum will hold a kick-off event in January and have a little gathering in the museum to recognize the original date.

Ms. Gray said the Historical Society has a lot going on to include openings for projects they are working on. A grant was just received from the Idaho Humanities Program for railroads and postal stops along the railways that were important to people in the early days. The Historical Society is also trying to raise their own funds and has produced a Boundary County calendar and every day of the calendar year has a snippet of history of what happened 100 years ago on that particular day. The cost for the calendars is \$10. These calendars and the documentary on Boundary County will be on sale at the craft fair in December.

Commissioner Kirby moved to sign the Historical Society's proclamation once it has been amended to include signature lines for all three Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gray left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the junior college out of district tuition forms for the following students: N. Gonzalez and H. Evans. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Mr. Brown left the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to go into closed session under Idaho Code 31-874. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Pinkerton moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve indigent applications #2015-1 and #2015-3. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Ryals left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to ratify Chairman Dinning's initialing of the Boundary County Probation Office document listing the Probation Department case statistics for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report for reporting period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

11:00 a.m., Bonners Ferry District Forest Ranger Kevin Knauth joined the meeting to update Commissioners on Forest Service projects.

Mr. Knauth presented Commissioners with Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLRP) projects that had been updated for November 17, 2014. Mr. Knauth said there had been recent interest in helicopter logging, but the time limit was up for a particular project. The Forest Service has put out another bid opportunity until January 2015 in order to get proposals, but even with people hungry for work, the Forest Service is not sure if they will receive proposals. When it appeared heli-logging was dead, there might be a bit of a revival.

Mr. Knauth said the Forest Service may be able to sell the remainder of Brushy Mission. Some of the road work was done by the original purchaser of this project so funds can go toward other work. ATV trails are a big part of that as well as fixing the road into Brush Lake. Mr. Knauth spoke of going stewardship for that project, but he is still working out whether or not it is better to have the project under a timber contract or stewardship.

Mr. Knauth said timber sales the Forest Service is looking at for this year would be helicopter for the Placer Nugget portion of Kriest Creek, Brushy Mission and Hellroaring. Chairman Dinning asked about the communications on Lynx. Mr. Knauth said the Forest Service is not anticipating anything, but is waiting to receive comments from the Fish and Wildlife Service after sending them the draft.

Mr. Knauth said he had a presentation on the Deer Creek project at the last Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative (KVRI) meeting. Attendees of the meeting were informed and nods from KVRI were received to move ahead with scoping. Mr. Knauth said he is still working on the timeline for scoping because of the holiday and the Forest Service wants to give people ample time to provide comment.

Mr. Knauth said the Idaho Buckhorn prescribed burn consists of 4,000 acres and will be an ongoing project over many years. The Forest Service is looking for a 50% top kill allowing for a quicker rebound.

Chairman Dinning asked if there had been any more thought on road contract funds in which the county would handle the work. Mr. Knauth said that is tied to the budget and resource advisory council (RAC) so he doesn't know what kind of funding will be available yet. Mr. Knauth mentioned he has a conference call on the weeds environmental impact statement (EIS) and it may involve an analysis and weed spraying across the forest, and setting up certain side boards that you find with any kind of vegetation treatment. This will allow the Forest Service to be a much better cooperator with the county. There is no target with completing a weeds (EIS) so Forest Service staff will start to ramp up, then get pulled off to another task.

Those present discussed watching a video as had been presented at KVRI.

Commissioner Pinkerton asked if the Forest Service has any plans for putting up additional gates in the forest anywhere and he mentioned the Mission-Hall area. Mr. Knauth said the Forest Service had a contractor working on replacements and repairing gates and that would have occurred in October, but

he doesn't know about any new gates in that area. Mr. Knauth said that involved fixing or adjusting the access of gates that have been there. Commissioner Pinkerton mentioned Forest Service Road #2481 in the Hall-Mission area and he said there is a new gate near the border. Mr. Knauth said there was no analysis to his knowledge that there would be a new gate. Commissioner Pinkerton said there used to be vehicle access. Mr. Knauth said he would look into that. Commissioner Pinkerton said he saw equipment parked there, but didn't know if it was for logging or road repairs.

Chairman Dinning mentioned helicopter logging units and he said Myrtle and part of Hall Mountain were analyzed. Mr. Knauth said the Eastport-heli was the test case and if it goes well, the Forest Service will look at other opportunities. Chairman Dinning said in talking to representatives with the Idaho Forest Group, they said a way to bring down logging costs is to limb threes in woods to leave fuels. Chairman Dinning mentioned looking at prescriptions. Mr. Knauth said there has been a discussion with Idaho Forest Group representatives about that. It goes back to determining the need as they were going to leave some form of downed fuels.

Mr. Knauth said the Bonners Ferry Ranger District is busy and doesn't seem to be slowing down. The December meeting with Mr. Knauth was rescheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015.

The meeting with Mr. Knauth ended at 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m., There being no further business for the week, the meetings adjourned.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

Attest:

GLEND A POSTON, Clerk

By: Michelle Rohrwasser, Deputy Clerk