

**\*\*\*Monday, December 15, 2014**, Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

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

The Road and Bridge Department report was cancelled.

9:00 a.m., Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting.

Commissioner Kirby moved to go into closed session under Idaho Code 31-874. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of closed session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to deny indigent application 2015-2. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Ryals left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the amendment of the December 1 and 2, 2014 minutes to include minutes from Commissioners' special session held on Friday, December 5, 2014. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve junior college certificate of residency forms for the following applicants: J. Unruh, M. Sabin, K. Reed, J. Moon, S. Hanson, M. Voth-Plyler, and M. Woodward. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to cancel taxes for year 2014 totaling \$303.18 for parcel #OC01120000020A due to error. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to cancel taxes for year 2014 totaling \$213.70 for parcel #RP64N01E326310A due to error. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to accept the amended award amount of an additional \$1,485 for the 2013 Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG), when it becomes available. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve and sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Form for the Prosecutor's Office. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adopt Resolution 2015-3. A resolution to increase the Juvenile Probation-Lottery Budget due to receipt of unanticipated funds to correct an error. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution 2015-3 reads as follows:

#### RESOLUTION 2015-3

#### INCREASE JUVENILE PROBATION – LOTTERY BUDGET

DUE TO RECEIPT OF UNANTICIPATED FUNDS TO CORRECT ERROR

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, County of Boundary, State of Idaho, did establish an operating budget for the Juvenile Probation - Lottery Fund for fiscal year 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, lodging for a Community Justice/Probation Department employee was paid to Best Western Plus University Inn in the amount of \$269.97 on Boundary County warrant number 2015-219 on October 14, 2014 out of the Juvenile Probation - Lottery Fund, Fund 67, account number 439-00, Travel – Other; and

WHEREAS, the expense for lodging should have been paid out of the Juvenile Accountability Grant, Fund 60, account number 439-00, Travel – Other; and

WHEREAS, there has to be verification, in the form of a warrant, of the expense being paid out of the Juvenile Accountability Grant, Fund 60, for grant audit purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Probation – Lottery Fund must be reimbursed by the Juvenile Accountability Grant for the expense; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Probation – Lottery Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 is in need of this additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, the addition of this revenue does not affect the tax levy for Boundary County; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to increase the Juvenile Probation – Lottery Fund Revenue Account Number 67-00-391-021 and Expense Account Number 67-00-439-00, Travel – Other, in the amount of \$269.97.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried,

IT IS RESOLVED that the increase to the Juvenile Probation – Lottery Budget Revenue Account Number 67-00-391-021 and the Juvenile Probation – Lottery Budget Expense Account Number 67-00-439-00, Travel-Other, in the amount of \$269.97 is hereby authorized and ordered; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is instructed to deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Boundary County Treasurer and the Boundary County Auditor.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2014

COUNTY OF BOUNDARY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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 #262561

Commissioner Kirby moved to reappoint Bob Martin, Theron Wages and Larry Nelson to the Hospital Board of Trustees with terms to expire January 1, 2018. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

9:59 a.m., Boundary Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) Chief Ken Baker joined the meeting.

Chairman Dinning left the meeting to participate in a conference call.

Commission Pinkerton moved to appoint Commissioner Kirby Acting Chairman in the absence of Chairman Dan Dinning. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to recess as the Board of Boundary County Commissioners and convene as the Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board. Acting Chairman Kirby yielded the chair to second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2014. Acting Chairman Kirby yielded the chair to second. Motion passed unanimously.

Acting Chairman Kirby asked Mr. Baker if he had any comments. Mr. Baker said BVA is getting everything straightened out regarding Medicaid and Medicare and he added that every time BVA obtains a new license it takes four to six weeks to receive payment from billings. Mr. Baker said BVA has all three medics up and running now. Clerk Poston asked Mr. Baker if BVA is caught up in their billing. Mr. Baker said billing is up to date with the exception of the last four weeks. Medicare usually takes a couple of weeks for billing, but Medicaid is more cumbersome and takes longer such as up to three months. Mr. Baker said billing is as current as can be. Clerk Poston said she knows in the past BVA's billing was behind. Mr. Baker said BVA changed their billing service in year 2008 so billing is only about a week behind now.

Acting Chairman Kirby said he heard about a truck driving through an incident due to slippery road conditions. Mr. Baker said the road was slick that day and a driver slid right through.

Mr. Baker mentioned he would bring Commissioners a proposal for a heating matter the next meeting and Commissioners and Mr. Baker discussed heating upgrades. Acting Chairman Kirby said the issue is the intakes are too close to outtake, but the system was installed by licensed and bonded contractors some time ago. Mr. Baker said it was done in year 2001. Acting Chairman Kirby said it would take a fair amount of dollars to fix the system. Commissioners will ask Courthouse Maintenance John Buckley to look into the issue. Clerk Poston said this proposal is not in her budget. Acting Chairman Kirby said Mr. Buckley might have a solution that is less expensive and less demanding. Mr. Baker mentioned a matter with BVA's dryer and added that no one will make repairs as the system is not up to code.

10:09 a.m., Commissioner Pinkerton moved to adjourn as the Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board and reconvene as the Board of Boundary County Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

Boundary Search and Dive Rescue Board members Danny Rawson, Jimmy Driver, Jim Jinright, Bart Camps, and Secretary Megan Owens joined the meeting.

Mr. Rawson said Search and Rescue had gone through their existing by-laws then prepared a new rendition. Mr. Rawson presented Commissioners with the updated by-laws. A few changes were made in order to bring the organization up to specs. Starting in January everything in the by-laws will be in

motion as approved. Mr. Rawson said he did not have the county's attorney review the by-laws. Acting Chairman Kirby said as long as Search and Rescue has by-laws they can operate within, that will satisfy Commissioners. Mr. Rawson said Search and Rescue also wanted to begin having their meeting minutes taken so they've appointed Ms. Owens as the organization's new secretary. Mr. Jinright and Mr. Driver are board members, Mr. Camps is the new president and Mr. Rawson said he is vice president.

Commissioner Pinkerton asked who runs Search and Rescue such as who is the corporation. Mr. Camps said Search and Rescue itself is a corporation. Commissioner Pinkerton said the county has no bearing on Search and Rescue whatsoever so he doesn't know if the county needs to have their by-laws, but it's nice to recognize that they do have them. Ms. Owens said Search and Rescue has equipment listed on the county's inventory and is covered by county insurance so she would think the county would have interest in the by-laws because of that. Commissioner Pinkerton asked if the by-laws state that Search and Rescue is at the behest of the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Rawson and Ms. Owens said no. Mr. Rawson mentioned Search and Rescue's past lack of board direction so they would like to know if Commissioners have any questions as they are not sure of exactly what they should be.

Clerk Poston asked if Search and Rescue received a listing of county equipment and verified that Search and Rescue has ownership. Ms. Owens said yes and she is working on finishing inventory now. Commissioner Pinkerton said he knows one question was how to handle surplus inventory. Mr. Camps said they now have the acquisition forms for inventory. Ms. Owens said she was told anything purchased with Craig Wyden funds had to be surplussed in a different manner from other equipment not purchased with those funds. Clerk Poston explained that it is Commissioners who ultimately declare items surplus. Clerk Poston said she knows the Search and Rescue travel trailer has come up before and she questioned how the trailer was purchased. It was said the trailer wasn't purchased with Craig Wyden funds, but it is turned over to the county for maintenance, insurance, etc. because Search and Rescue doesn't have funds for that. Clerk Poston said revenue received from holding a surplus auction for Search and Rescue equipment would go back into the fund she has for emergency management services so those funds do go back to Search and Rescue. Clerk Poston said Commissioners can request sealed bids or a minimum bid amount for the travel trailer. Ms. Owens clarified that items have to go through the county regardless of if they need to go to the dump. If an item is not usable for its sole purpose, it was suggested to leave that item on the inventory list so it can be used for training and the new items are usable for their own benefit. Mr. Camps said a used older rope wouldn't be used for a victim, but it could be used for practicing tying knots.

Mr. Rawson said equipment is time sensitive and he gave an example of a six year time limit for rope. If rope being used is older than six years, it is already a violation, but it could be used for training on tying knots as long as it is not used officially. Commissioner Pinkerton suggested keeping the training rope separate and mark it and have the weight bearing rope inventory separate. Commissioner Poston said the items that are purchased through Craig Wyden do need to be tracked.

Clerk Poston said there is county insurance coverage for these items, but as far as being called out by the Sheriff's Office and using personal equipment, Search and Rescue would need to check with the county's insurance agent, Darrell Kerby, about that.

10:38 a.m., Blue Sky Broadcasting Reporter Mike Brown joined the meeting.

Mr. Rawson wondered if maintenance on vehicles used by Search and Rescue but owned by the county is the responsibility of the county. Mr. Rawson said if Search and Rescue gets called out by the Sheriff,

they take equipment and perform the search then hand in the paperwork, but they are not allowed reimbursement for fuel or maintenance for county vehicles used on a search. Clerk Poston explained that she used to have a line item for Search and Rescue and their budget requests would come in, but that hasn't happened for years. Clerk Poston said Search and Rescue needs to submit a request to Commissioners to approve or deny. Mr. Rawson said one of their trucks has its service light on. The truck runs, but it should be serviced so that is the reason for his question. Should Search and Rescue take the vehicles in to be serviced and do they get reimbursed for that. Clerk Poston said she would prefer receiving a budget request prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Clerk Poston said she shows \$8,000 in the budget for Search and Rescue. Mr. Rawson said they will submit a projected budget to Commissioners. Clerk Poston said she isn't so sure that fuel and maintenance budget requests hadn't been submitted in the past.

Clerk Poston said there are two boards, the Search and Rescue Board and the Board of Commissioners and she doesn't know how the two boards should mesh so it would be cleaner to have the county show support by setting aside a specific amount of funds for Search and Rescue. That was the intent with the former Search and Rescue organization at the time and she recalls the county did support funding pagers for the year.

10:52 a.m., Chairman Dinning returned to the meeting.

Mr. Rawson asked if gravel could be put down in the back portion of the Waterways building due to the level of the grade.

The meeting with Search and Rescue members ended at 10:53 a.m.

10:57 a.m., City of Bonners Ferry Council Member Tom Mayo, City of Bonners Ferry Mayor Dave Sims, Restorium Board members Peach Baker and Larry Dirks, Restorium Administrator Karlene Magee, State Representative George Eskridge and Susan Kiebert with the Community Transportation Association of Idaho joined the meeting to update Commissioners on grant funding for the senior bus program.

Chairman Dinning said he was informed the grant of \$60,000 for the senior bus program was approved. If a plan of some nature is not developed in which to utilize the funding to serve the general adult population, then that bus will have to go back to the Idaho Transportation of Idaho (ITD) to be given to another agency who can use it for its intended purpose. Within the grant, there is a match and there are entities that have committed to this match. If Boundary County kept the bus and used it to only service the Restorium, it does not provide the proper service and the bus would go back ITD, according to Representative Eskridge.

Representative Eskridge said the bus is not being utilized as was intended so they have to come up with a plan. Representative Eskridge added that this bus cannot be used just for Restorium residents. If a plan to use the bus is not developed, the grant is returned and used for public transportation somewhere else in Idaho. Representative Eskridge said the grant has been preserved while going through this process. The bus is not to be used to support Sandpoint as it is only for Boundary County. There is \$30,000 in matching funds. Representative Eskridge said the City of Bonners Ferry is offering \$10,000, The Area Agency on Aging can provide an additional \$10,000 so what he is looking for \$10,000 of in-kind service from the county. That cost is primarily insurance, fuel, and maintenance for the van. These contributions would reach that \$30,000 match. That is the proposal, according to Representative Eskridge. The bus is for a demand service, not a set route and as far as users of the bus, the Restorium residents will also get use of the bus as demand clients.

Mayor Anderson said he did not budget for the \$10,000 so there may or may not be monetary constraints, but the city council has to make that decision. Mayor Anderson asked what the time constraints are for the grant and the plan and can an extension be granted for this match. Representative Eskridge said he received concurrence with ITD that in the near term the bus can be kept here because we are working through this. Representative Eskridge asked about the requested time frame. Mayor Anderson said he's looking at a 30 day extension. Representative Eskridge said that is a reasonable request and is doable. Ms. Kiebert said the Office on Aging has committed funds, but that is reimbursable services, not cash up front. Chairman Dinning asked if the Kootenai Tribe and Veterans Services have been contacted. Representative Eskridge said they would pursue that if the county decides not to proceed.

Restorium Office Manager Pam Barton joined at 11:04 a.m.

Representative Eskridge said the project is not hopeful if the county is not on board. Mr. Sims said once the bus service is up and going it will be easier to go back and get funding from other groups and agencies. Chairman Dinning said the last time we met to talk about this Commissioner Pinkerton had concerns about ongoing match and the thought was there wouldn't be need for ongoing match. The county has also set its budget for the year. Commissioner Kirby said ridership produces income and would offset costs for someone. Representative Eskridge said he doesn't think so as there are not fees for this. It's public transportation and is free of charge for ridership. Commissioner Kirby said if riders cannot be charged, the number of riders should still be tracked. Mr. Sims said each year as future years roll along and funds are requested for continuing the service, the state looks at the number of riders so if ridership is too low, the state will no longer fund the local program.

Chairman Dinning asked if there are funds in the Restorium budget for this. Ms. Magee said she has budgeted \$3,500, but some of that has been used this year. Representative Eskridge emphasized that the bus cannot be used just for the Restorium. Commissioner Kirby said there has been all kinds of propositions from the manager of the Selkirks Pend Oreille Transit (SPOT) program. Someone has to drive the bus and be responsible for it. Representative Eskridge said the bus program would be managed by the SPOT manager out of Sandpoint, but funding for her participation comes from the grant. The person who will drive the bus lives in Naples and he would be assigned to the Bonners Ferry service. The bus will be housed in Boundary County. Boundary County would still have title to the bus unless the county wanted to relinquish it, then the bus would go to the City of Bonners Ferry, according to Representative Eskridge. Commissioner Kirby said he thinks the 3,500 takes care of the Restorium's separate bus and this bus. Ms. Barton said \$4,500 covers both vehicles, \$3,500 for the bus and \$1,000 for the Restorium's other vehicle. It was said the bus's coverage would fall under a normal liability policy. Mr. Sims said he's looked at the value of insurance and it's hard to determine. As in-kind match, insurance coverage is probably worth a couple thousand dollars. Commissioner Kirby suggested contacting an insurance provider to see what it would cost to cover the bus and use that figure as in-kind. Representative Eskridge said we are also looking at fuel and maintenance costs so it will be a real commitment. Commissioner Kirby said we have a place in the county and we know we're covering a fleet of vehicles.

Representative Eskridge spoke of the county having a cap on the amount of match requested from them. Commissioner Pinkerton said the county match is fuel, etc., and the cost is capped. Costs could conceivably exceed the amount of \$10,000 so who covers costs beyond that cap. Representative Eskridge said that is his understanding from ITD so if the county's match is capped and expenses go

beyond the cap, other funding sources will have to be considered. It was said we know we have the \$60,000 grant and the \$30,000 match so additional funding will have to be sought if costs exceed the limit. The manager of SPOT will take care of all dispatching and that is why they have the grant. Representative Eskridge said once the transportation service is started the options become greater. The bus will travel around Bonners Ferry two days of the week and one day of the week the bus will travel to Sandpoint for doctor's offices, etc. Mr. Sims asked if the Restorium would be able to use the bus on the remaining days of the week. Representative Eskridge said he did not have the answer to that. Mr. Dirks said the Restorium is using the bus once per week at this time. It was said the total service for the bus once the program gets started is three days. If use of the bus is used outside of the scope of the grant, it's not certain how that would be worked in terms of insurance, etc.

Chairman Dinning said for today's meeting it's about the financial portion for those three days and if the Commissioners support that. Commissioner Kirby said we have time to gather the data for this service over one year's time. Ms. Kiebert said the grant dollars become available April 1, 2015. The funding year maybe going to two or three years. It was asked if this program would be eligible for funds the next year and the answer was absolutely. It was said the amount of \$60,000 will probably be augmented and it's sustainable. We don't want to start this service and have ITD come back and say you've done your six months and now you are done. Representative Eskridge said to be specific, the commitment he got from the state is that they will continue the program as long as we have a public highway transportation pool. We want to keep it simple and propose the two day service in Bonners Ferry and one day in Sandpoint, according to Representative Eskridge. Representative Eskridge said he just needs a decision on the proposal outlined here today then later look at how the program can expand.

Chairman Dinning said the program will not start until April 1<sup>st</sup> so when we're looking at budgetary cycles is this on a federal cycle. If that is the case, for county budgeting purposes, we will only need to budget half the amount. Mayor Anderson said he's looking at this size of money against his budget, but then hears it will start April 1, 2015 so the city is probably only looking at half the amount due this cycle and the remaining half in the next cycle. That would ease the pain and make it doable for an exploratory service. Mayor Anderson said the state cut a lot of rural programs during their last cycle, but they kept our transportation program at full funding to help get it started. In order to get this program started it's important to commit, according to Representative Eskridge. Chairman Dinning asked about the \$60,000 for SPOT such as how the grant funds are broken down. Mr. Sims said that information is available if Commissioners request it. Chairman Dinning said it sounds like a lot of money. Mayor Anderson said he expected the funds will be spent incrementally. Representative Eskridge said he understands the actual cost of the program is \$60,000 down to \$50,000. Mr. Sims said he thinks the city is different because they need cash to get started such as using the city's portion for start-up. Mr. Sims said there may be worry if the service is not visible and the thought is funds have been mixed up between this new service and the existing SPOT service.

Chairman Dinning asked who administers this grant. Ms. Kiebert said SPOT would act as administrator. Chairman Dinning asked about administrative fees. Ms. Kiebert said there are no administrative fees. Representative Eskridge said there is a management fee for the bus runs in Bonners Ferry. Ms. Kiebert said there are no overhead costs. Mr. Dirks asked if storage of the bus could count as grant match. Representative Eskridge said that could be up to the Restorium and Commissioners. Chairman Dinning said what he sees is in this budget year there is \$3,500 in Restorium and that would be the budget for this come next October. The program doesn't start until April 1, 2015. Chairman Dinning said if the county chooses to go forward with budgeting \$3,500 and the budget stays static, that is a total of \$7,000 in cash. The other balance of the \$3,000 is the in-kind and to consider storage of the van and an extra

set of winter tires. Mr. Dirks said he thought the cost of the tires was \$1,000. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners need to answer if we are going to commit to that amount of match through this budget cycle. Representative Eskridge said we're looking at longer than six months and want a longer commitment. Commissioner Pinkerton said if we're going to continue, we need to come up with ongoing match. Representative Eskridge said the grant amount of \$60,000 is a one-time grant so it will not go on forever. If the program is going well, we will need to reapply for more grant funds as it's a one-time grant. If the grant cannot be renewed, the program will go out of business, according to Representative Eskridge. Mr. Sims said the expectation is that hopefully the state will get this funding and SPOT will continue to apply for it. Representative Eskridge said each time this grant has to be redone the group has to agree to recommit.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners cannot bind a future board so they cannot commit beyond October so that is the reason to have an "out clause." Representative Eskridge said if a future board cannot agree to fund the grant, the local program would dissolve or another funding source will have to be located. Mr. Sims said Ms. Kiebert has been working on finding other sources so that is what we would continue doing. Mr. Sims said of the \$10,000 a lot of that is in-kind such as value for amount of insurance and storage, but when there is the need to buy gas that is a pretty good leverage. Mr. Sims said we're looking at a \$60,000 grant and the amounts the other agencies are providing. If the county has \$3,000 or \$4,000 in cash, that amount of cash may enable a \$90,000 transportation service. Commissioner Kirby said we need to look at the fact we are participating in providing a service. There will be a bus running around a couple days per week. Commissioner Kirby said he personally feels this is a service to provide for the community and we have the bus.

Commissioner Pinkerton said first off, is it really the county's role to provide public transportation and second, as far as the Restorium, do we want to fund this program or let the bus go back. Commissioner Pinkerton said as it stands it's a cost of \$10,000 per year. Representative Eskridge said the vehicle is an eight passenger bus. If there are outside arrangements to use the bus for other purposes, it has to be assumed that use is outside of the purpose of the grant and outside of the responsibility of SPOT and the driver. Commissioner Pinkerton said he's assuming ITD will allow those uses, but that is something the county can investigate and he doesn't want to mess that up with this proposal as it stands.

Representative Eskridge said worst case is to spend \$60,000 in grant funds, \$10,000 from the City of Bonners Ferry and \$10,000 from the Area Agency on Aging, and \$10,000 in-kind funds. If the cost of the grant decreases, the matching requirement also decreases. It was said the county is protected as is the taxpayer because the grant is only for so much so if the cost goes beyond that, there is no more money.

The grant cycle is from April 2015 to April 2016. From the county's budget standpoint the Restorium has budgeted \$3,500 for the bus for this year. If we chose to budget \$3,500 the next year, the county will have \$7,000 without affecting the budget. It was said the county has another \$3,000 as it's easily made up with the cost of the tires, insurance and everything else. This program needs to be looked at from the standpoint of a one year program right now and then we will see how this goes. Chairman Dinning said he knows the question is if it's the role of the county, but the census has changed and a majority of the population is over 50 years old. It's not known how much this program will be utilized, but if it is successful, it would be anticipated that other organizations will get on board.

Representative Eskridge said if the county is looking at \$3,500, it would be counted as match and not for other outside services. Ms. Magee said that is the amount she had set aside for that bus. Representative Eskridge said we either get this program together or we lose the bus. We could try to get another



service, but since we've been dealing with this for one year that potential is diminishing. Representative Eskridge said the state will take the bus back as it's not providing the service as was intended, but he doesn't want to use that as intimidation.

Mr. Dirks said right now the Restorium has one volunteer driver who comes in once per week and it's almost a line-up of who gets to ride the bus as he understands. It would be really nice to keep the bus and keep one driver who is not paid and keep the one day use. Mr. Dirks said we have to think of the liability of residents and he would think a staff member would have to ride along with a Restorium resident when they ride the bus. Mr. Sims said he sees SPOT as a benefit and it is taking some of the responsibility off the Restorium.

Commissioner Kirby moved to put this grant into motion for the budget year to provide in-kind match capped at \$10,000 for the SPOT/senior transportation bus service. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Commissioners called for discussion.

Chairman Dinning said his concern is this program will be made up of a majority of money budgeted for the bus today through the Restorium. With the in-kind match of storage, tires, and some maintenance from Road and Bridge it's not going to increase the budget from what he sees today. Commissioner Kirby suggested negotiating with Road and Bridge for maintenance and include in that the system for the fuel costs. Chairman Dinning said we just need to commit to the match today understanding this fashion. If something major were to occur with the bus and Road and Bridge had to spend \$4,000, the match would be handled. Commissioner Kirby said he wasn't thinking of catastrophic maintenance. Chairman Dinning said that was his concern and he wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page. Commissioner Pinkerton said his concern is ongoing costs. It's not a one-time cost, but an annual cost if we continue the service. Whether the state comes up with grant it will be up to the county taxpayer and he feels it's not the county's role. The Restorium is budgeting \$3,500 and Commissioner Pinkerton said he doesn't know if that is a good way to gamble. Chairman Dinning said we're very clearly looking at one year. Chairman Dinning informed everyone that Secure Rural Schools funding (SRS) is not reauthorized and during a recent conference call, real concerns were expressed about this as that is almost \$900,000 of the Road and Bridge budget so Commissioners cannot commit to an ongoing situation. Chairman Dinning said he wants everyone to understand that this is a one-time thing and that Commissioners also understand that this is a one-time thing.

Representative Eskridge said he has an agreement from the county to participate to the degree of \$10,000. If Commissioners decide to concur, he will proceed and wait for the City of Bonners Ferry's commitment and confirm the Area Agency on Aging's commitment.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the prior motion to proceed with the SPOT/senior transportation van service. Chairman Dinning yielded the chair to second under these circumstances. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "nay", and Commissioner Kirby "aye." Motion passed.

The meeting to discuss the SPOT/ senior transportation van service ended at 11:59 a.m.

Commissioners recessed for lunch at noon.

1:30 p.m., Commissioners recessed for lunch with Chairman Dinning, Commissioner Pinkerton, Commissioner Kirby, Clerk Poston, and Deputy Clerk Rohrwasser.

1:30 p.m., Commissioners met to discuss financial matters for the Waterways Board. No members from the Waterways Board were able to attend the meeting. Clerk Poston said she feels the audit conducted for Waterways matters went okay, but she isn't sure if those funds can be carried forward. The county has to do something with those funds from the registration stickers, which total approximately \$40,000. The Waterways Board had a budget meeting in the past and there were to be new docks purchased, but that hasn't happened. The county needs someone who will ensure that this happens for our waterways. Commissioner Kirby said we need to put something in that says the Waterways Board needs to install the docks. Clerk Poston said maybe some of the Search and Dive Rescue members would be interested in maintaining the docks. Chairman Dinning said the county would wait to see what the outcome of the audit is. Clerk Poston said this is the same as the outcome of the boat safety grant. It was said there is equipment belonging to the Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue being housed in the Waterways Building.

The meeting to discuss Waterways matters ended.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

1:45 p.m., Fire Safe Program Manager Don Gunter joined the meeting to discuss grants with Commissioners.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Mr. Gunter presented Commissioners with documents for a Community Protection Plan (CPP) Grant Application totaling \$100,000. Mr. Gunter said this grant does not require a match and he has spoken with Tyre Holfeltz, Community Fire Protection Manager with the Idaho Department of Lands. Mr. Holfeltz has been on selection committees so he know the process and finances behind these projects. Mr. Holfeltz is taking over the fire and fuels program for the north part of the state.

Mr. Gunter said he is also going to apply for a \$240,000 grant. The request is \$300,000, but the state will deduct their portion. This grant has to do with weed banks, thinning, planting, etc. Mr. Gunter said there is nothing to sign in regards to the document he provided today and if there are no corrections needing to be made, he will just send in the application.

Mr. Gunter informed Commissioners the Western States Fire Manager Grant has been completed for the south end of the county and it included the Naples area.

The meeting with Mr. Gunter ended at 1:59 p.m. Deputy Clerk Ryals left the meeting.

2:00 p.m., Commissioners held proceedings to consider the 2015 County Alcoholic Beverage License Applications. Present were: Chairman Dinning, Commissioner Pinkerton, Commissioner Kirby, Clerk Poston, and Deputy Clerk Rohrwasser. The proceedings were recorded.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the County Alcoholic Beverage License Applications for year 2015 as presented in Exhibit A. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting recessed until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

**\*\*\*Tuesday, December 16, 2014**, Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

9:00 a.m., Chief Deputy Tracie Isaac joined the meeting.

Commissioner Kirby moved to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)b, to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student. Commissioner Kirby second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 9:10 a.m., Commissioner Pinkerton moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

9:11 a.m., Boundary County Airport Manager Dave Parker and Airport Board members Patrick Gardiner and Jay Wages joined the meeting.

9:20 a.m., County Civil Counsel Tevis Hull joined the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to go into executive session under Idaho Code 67-2345(1)f, to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Commissioner Kirby second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 10:19 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Wages, Mr. Gardiner, and Attorney Hull left the meeting.

10:19 a.m., City of Bonners Ferry Fire Chief Pat Warkentin joined the meeting to discuss matters regarding expanding extrication services throughout the county and the recently formed Boundary County Arson Investigation Task Force. Also present was City of Bonners Ferry Firefighters and Boundary Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) emergency medical technicians (EMT's) Alan Hamilton and Ken Baker, South Boundary Fire Protection District Chief Tony Rohrwasser, North Bench Fire Chief Gus Jackson, and Boundary Volunteer Ambulance Paramedic John Minden.

Mr. Warkentin presented Commissioners with information on the Boundary County Arson Investigation Task Force. Mr. Warkentin explained this task force has been in effect for the last couple months and members of the task force include Boundary County Sheriff's Office Detective Dave McClelland, Bill Steele with the Idaho Fire Marshal's Office, City of Bonners Ferry Fire Department Lieutenant/Boundary County Sheriff's Office Posse Investigator Dave Winey, City of Bonners Ferry Fire Department Chief/Boundary County Sheriff's Office Posse Investigator Patrick Warkentin, and Robert Rekstad, also a Boundary County Sheriff's Office Posse Investigator. Mr. Warkentin said all members have fire experience.

Mr. Warkentin said there is a response protocol document the Sheriff, County Prosecutor, and City of Bonners Ferry will sign, but in the meantime he provided Commissioners with the basic format of the document explaining the protocols, which will also be presented to the local fire chiefs. Mr. Warkentin

said he drafted the form based on what he has seen before and he added that the Sheriff's Office has the ultimate authority.

Mr. Warkentin said part of what drives this is that every fire that occurs is a potential crime scene so the fire is investigated for the cause of origin and if the fire was intentional, then you have a crime scene. If a crime has been committed, that is the time to bring in law enforcement. If the incident goes to court, under state statute you have the authority to investigate and determine cause. When you get into the criminal part of this that authority is there, but you need legal authority on scene. The fire department will determine cause, but the legal authority will file the paperwork for the prosecutor for evidence so it's a step in the right direction.

Mr. Warkentin switched topics to talk about an issue with extrication services in the county and he added that City of Bonners Ferry Administrator Stephen Boorman had even talked to him some time ago and asked what can be done to improve these services. Mr. Warkentin brought up the accident that occurred involving a pickup truck and a driver's education car. Boundary Volunteer Ambulance was already tending to another accident, medical helicopters were coming in and by the time extrication equipment arrived on scene, you could find broken hammers and other tools because the initial people on scene were pretty desperate to get people out of the car. In the county there are several pieces of extrication equipment capable of being used. The City of Bonners Ferry has an extrication unit and it's a great highway rig. This unit has the capability for extrication services, extinguishing fires, and carrying air generators, saws, etc., but this unit just sits in the city. BVA has a four wheel drive rescue unit with similar equipment and now they are to receive even more extrication equipment so those two rigs are available. Mr. Warkentin said people get upset when you discuss taking the city's equipment outside of city limits. That doesn't happen often, but when it does you need to have that equipment available. Mr. Baker said BVA's equipment is not new, but they are getting more.

Mr. Warkentin mentioned the Arson Investigation Task Force is under the Sheriff's Office and is countywide. Mr. Warkentin said last night Paradise Valley Fire Chief Doug Ladely said the Sheriff's Office doesn't have the authority to show up and conduct an investigation so he would tell him to get off his scene. Mr. Warkentin said he disagreed with Chief Ladely. Mr. Warkentin said if we can get an umbrella over the task force as a fire department activity, why can't we do the same thing for extrication countywide and get personnel trained. The extrication equipment is good, it's up to date and he would see something beneficial in that. It was said that Deputy Fire Marshal Steele said he would be willing to come up once per month and hold a class on fire investigation to assist fire departments get up to speed on fire investigative services. Mr. Warkentin said if we can do that with this one fire department activity, why not do that with extrication and distribute the service a bit to include storing BVA's four wheel drive extrication unit up north because there is no equipment in that area that he is aware of. Mr. Jackson said North Bench Fire Department has light equipment now, but this type of equipment is in the budget and they are buying spreaders and cutters.

Mr. Warkentin spoke of various issues on scene such as traffic control. In Boundary County traffic control falls on the fire departments so there is now a manpower issue and there is a limit on what you can do with limited personnel. Mr. Warkentin mentioned a specific incident and said the first department to put water on the fire was South Boundary, who brought an engine, but the quickest responding agency would have been the City of Bonners Ferry, but the city attorney said they couldn't respond to an association. Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) had stated that the City of Bonners Ferry could provide mutual aid to North Bench Fire Association, but then Mr. Warkentin said he runs into a legal road block from his city attorney and there is very little he can do. If the umbrella

agencies can be placed under one head and possibly form an extrication task force, then we can get to the point where responders are working together more. Maybe this fiefdom of little kingdoms who don't get along for limited resources can get to the point of getting something going, according to Mr. Warkentin. This system is not sustainable the way it is and will implode eventually.

Mr. Warkentin said he would like to see extrication develop into something more for the community instead of saying "this is only ours and our name is on it and you have to jump through hoops if you want to use it."

Commissioner Kirby said he's somewhat familiar with what goes on as he is a board member for North Bench Fire Association and in listening to Mr. Warkentin, as a representative of the city, it has occurred to him that Mr. Warkentin has brought up the problem and that problem is the city. The rest of fire departments work fairly well together so the killer is the city. Every other department has mutual aid agreements and are budgeting for equipment, according to Commissioner Kirby. We have training already and the fire departments are good, except the city. It's a big nut to crack and the city cannot go out of their limits for anyone or any reason. Mr. Warkentin said the City of Bonners Ferry could respond to an incident within the limits of the City of Moyie Springs. Commissioner Kirby said that is bull. Mr. Warkentin said he agrees, but he can't do anything else about it. Chairman Dinning said at current time, he can't change the current direction so we need to try to figure out some mechanism that would allow the city to respond anywhere.

Commissioner Pinkerton asked what the issue was for the city's attorney. Mr. Warkentin said he would talk to Attorney Andrakay Pluid later this week. Mr. Warkentin said he is not trying to build a resume when he leaves this job as he's getting too old for this. Chairman Dinning said he understands the concern that has lasted through the years that if an extrication vehicle leaves the city and then something occurs within the city, he understands that, but there is more than one set of equipment so there are other avenues. Mr. Warkentin said the city's unit is self-contained with equipment that runs from the inside, but there is also portable equipment. Mr. Warkentin said Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Baker both disagree with taking the city's unit outside of city limits, but if something happens outside of town and there are three responders, have someone take the portable equipment off the vehicle to use and bring the unit back to town.

It was mentioned that South Boundary Fire Department also has some extrication equipment. Chairman Dinning said if the equipment is spread out properly, there would be equipment available. Chairman Dinning said what if it was a city resident who had the auto accident just north of Three Mile.

It was suggested that a draft could be put together to reflect what is desired and it could be reviewed by an attorney. Mr. Warkentin mentioned the car accident north of Three Mile and said he may be throwing people under the bus, but John Youngwirth and David Sims feel the city's equipment should never leave the city, but what if it was their family members in that accident. Anybody who has an accident is likely to be a friend, neighbor, and relative so do they want to sit on this equipment and not help just because the equipment belongs to the city. Mr. Warkentin said that is crap and he's tired of hearing that. Commissioner Kirby said the city's refusal to participate and use the equipment outside of the city for whatever reason is a fact that we know about and it puts the onus on someone else to provide the service. Commissioner Kirby referred to North Bench Fire Association and said here is a private company who has spent a lot of money gearing up as they need to be able to provide extrication service and other departments are also developing this service as they don't have it, but it may not be far away. Commissioner Kirby said these other departments have more or less been put in a corner and

if they want this service, they have to provide it for themselves and they're doing it. South Boundary Fire Department is doing it and we're all doing it. Mr. Warkentin has a good point, but he's talking to the wrong crowd, according to Commissioner Kirby. Mr. Warkentin said to have extrication services requires significant amounts of money. The issue for the fire service is that when you need the equipment you need it now, but it's not needed often so it could be shared. Mr. Warkentin mentioned the duplication of services and said apparatus is very expensive and the older apparatus is more expensive because you're always fixing it. Duplication is a waste of resources.

Commissioner Pinkerton said he's curious how to go forward. The emergency field is the most territorial field in the country. It's mine, mine, mine and that's just the nature of the beast. We need to get past that hang-up with the city. Mr. Warkentin said he needs assistance with that as he's not doing it very well. The discussion needs to be opened up with people who are controlling the system. The people who feel the extrication equipment shouldn't leave city limits have been in charge forever and those members will have to go along with the change if it happens otherwise if the tone goes off and those members don't want to help, they can go home.

Commissioner Pinkerton said he doesn't care if BVA responds to a motor vehicle accident and needs to cut the top of the car off and he doesn't care if the city responds, but the work needs to be done and there doesn't need to be arguing about it. Mr. Warkentin said that is the issue he sees. Commissioner Kirby is right about the city and speaking for himself, he hasn't lived here long enough to know about the intricacies between the county and city. Those entities have got to come to some agreement and that is a start. Commissioner Pinkerton said we need emergency services. The Fire Chief's Association may be a place to determine the solution for what is best, not for their own agency, but for neighbors, friends, etc. There is already redundancy, which is good, but not over redundancy. Get the protocols in place, according to Commissioners. Mr. Warkentin said we wait for screw-ups to happen then we respond.

Commissioner Pinkerton mentioned firefighters being on a scene and having an EMT telling them they have to hold for traction, and it's no way. It has to be a two way street, according to Commissioner Pinkerton. Mr. Warkentin said they have to pay attention to the paramedic as they have a life in their hands, so if a firefighter tears up a car against an EMT's direction, there is liability and you need to be careful. Commissioner Pinkerton said he would be more than happy to say this is a broken system and we need to fix it. Mr. Warkentin said as far as Mr. Boorman mentioning how to improve extrication and trying to get something countywide, he didn't expect that from him. Mr. Warkentin said Mr. Boorman doesn't care if he makes people angry as he has specific opinions. Mr. Warkentin said everyone might get their toe in the door to open this discussion and try to explore common ground and good, but it won't be easy and it might not be common ground. It's good for those people who pay taxes. Commissioner Pinkerton said we need to get the leads from these agencies to the table and set protocols that everyone can live with. We need to get a draft so we can take it to the city, talk to them, and rehash the issue. Mr. Warkentin said he would like to see this conversation continue.

Putting the seven departments under one umbrella was mentioned. Chairman Dinning said it would be a draft document so it's just a progression that may take years, but we need to start the conversation. Chairman Dinning said to him the premise would be starting with countywide extrication services so now how do we get there. Commissioner Kirby said there has to be a willingness.

Mr. Rohrwasser said it is great. One big issue is the kingdoms. Mr. Rohrwasser referenced limits placed on using extrication equipment and said South Boundary, who has 25 firefighters trained in extraction,

has been told they can't touch anything until someone who is authorized to use the equipment comes to the scene. Anyone can get this equipment, emergency medical services has to sign up as a responder and these grants are available. But to tell the responders they cannot do this. It was said that Mr. Rohrwasser may have a misunderstanding of what was said. Mr. Warkentin said to please don't think that the city is the only entity who can respond to provide extrication services. There is a yellow apparatus that is set up and if he could give this equipment away without getting hung, he would do it. Mr. Rohrwasser referenced Idaho Code statutes for forming a countywide district. Chairman Dinning clarified that that was not what this meeting is about. It was explained the conversation was about making extrication available outside of the city. The city seems to have been told the same thing as the county and it's having the ability to contract with associations.

Mr. Jackson said that can easily be resolved with a memorandum of understanding (MOU). There are mutual aid agreement between some agencies, but not an MOU. North Bench Fire Association and the city could resolve things with an MOU. It was said Mr. Baker has MOU's with all responding departments for manpower, except the city. An MOU was put together in year 2008 such as Mr. Jackson was talking about. Chairman Dinning asked Mr. Baker to talk with the fire chiefs and put together a draft.

Chairman Dinning asked Mr. Baker about BVA's paramedics. Mr. Baker said BVA now has three 24/7 paramedics that came on board about one month ago.

The meeting ended at 11:07 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

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