

*****Monday, March 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m.,** 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 and Assistant Superintendent Ken Arthur joined the meeting to give a departmental report. Mr. Gutshall did not present a written report. Commissioners informed Mr. Gutshall they have seen an aerial map of the property the Waterways building sits on and determined the property does not need to be surveyed. Chairman Dinning informed Mr. Gutshall of the request for gravel to be placed near the Waterways building.

Mr. Gutshall mentioned that Road and Bridge was brushing Lynx Road and found approximately 1,500 board feet worth of logs lying in the county' right-of-way. Commissioners said it would be best if the Road and Bridge employees did not get the wood. Mr. Gutshall discussed approaching the adjoining property owner about purchasing the stumpage from the county. Mr. Arthur said there is interest from the other landowners.

Mr. Gutshall briefly discussed projects through the Forest Land Access Proposals, which is for the Myrtle Creek and Riverside Road projects.

Mr. Gutshall said Road and Bridge Office Manager Renee Nelson has coordinated mapping efforts with County Mapper Olivia Drake and there are a lot of interesting details on the map. Mr. Gutshall said Ms. Drake was able to come up with this map right away so maybe what Road and Bridge needs as far as GIS services won't be that difficult and could be accomplished within the scope of what has been discussed for the GIS position.

Mr. Arthur said Road and Bridge has been checking roads and keeping an eye on the beaver problems. Those present discussed brushing roads. Chairman Dinning said Boundary County has an easement consisting of approximately one mile that is up Boundary Creek that needs to be brushed sometime this year. Mr. Gutshall said other than brushing Road and Bridge has been crushing rock and checking roads. News signage has been put up for the Naples Bridge. Chairman Dinning asked about sloughing and Mr. Gutshall said there has been minor sloughs on the Westside Road and near Feist Creek.

Boundary Volunteer Ambulance (BVA) Chief Ken Baker, and BVA Board Members Ken English and Nancy Russell joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Mr. Gutshall and Mr. Arthur left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of March 9 & 10, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board meeting minutes of February 23, 2015. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker said his six month report is due so he will work on getting that to Commissioners.

Chairman Dinning informed those present of proposed legislation stating that if a paramedic arrives on scene and treats a patient, they will not be required to take that patient to the hospital, but will still be compensated for treating the patient. Mr. Baker mentioned it's called treat and release. Commissioner Kirby said the paramedic on scene treats a patient, but in order to get paid for services the patient has to be transported to a hospital, but now legislation is proposed that paramedics will be able to treat someone, release that person so they can go home and the paramedic can still get paid for services. Mr. Baker said BVA would do the billing if the paramedic was one of theirs. Commissioner Pinkerton questioned what occurs if the ambulance is called to respond to someone who has fallen and added that he wouldn't want to pay for ambulance service just for them to come out and say he's fine. Commissioner Pinkerton said people can't be forced to sign a release so it will be interesting to see how it goes for this bill. Chairman Dinning said if there was a call that was not life threatening, why would you want to send the ambulance until the situation has been assessed? Mr. Baker said we're getting there, but not quite yet. Commissioner Pinkerton said he appreciates the BVA board members coming to this meeting as it means a lot.

Mr. English said sometimes you don't know how bad an incident is going to be in relation to ambulance calls. Mr. English said he has assessed, on his own terms, that the average age of someone who falls and can't get up is 64 years old.

Commissioner Pinkerton said he would rather not having a Boundary County Ambulance Service District Governing Board meeting unless the board members from BVA are present.

9:40 a.m., Commissioner Kirby 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.

Mr. Baker, Mr. English and Ms. Russell left the meeting.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

10:00 a.m., Commissioners held a tax deed hearing for parcels with delinquent year 2011 taxes. Present were: Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser, and Treasurer Sue Larson. The hearing was recorded.

Chairman Dinning said the first public notice for the tax deed hearing stated the time of the hearing was 10:00 a.m., but the date in the second notice had mistakenly been listed having the hearing at 10:30 a.m. so Commissioners will continue the hearing to 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to continue the tax deed hearing for delinquent 2011 taxes to today at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

10:15 a.m., Commissioners held a hardship exemption hearing for parcel #RP64N01E068411A owned by Henry and Karen Watkins. Present were: Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton,

Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser, Treasurer Sue Larson, and Applicant Karen Watkins. The proceedings were recorded.

Chairman Dinning administered the oath to Ms. Watkins. Chairman Dinning said Commissioners had received the Watkins' application requesting the exemption of year 2011 taxes.

Commissioners said the application indicates there is a deficit in income. The taxes for year 2011 are \$957.84. There is a home on this property, but it isn't certain if Ms. Watkins has the homeowner's exemption. Treasurer Larson said she believes there is a homeowner's exemption for this parcel. Ms. Watkins just picked up the paperwork for the circuit breaker exemption so she will work on that benefit for year 2015 taxes. Chairman Dinning mentioned that the application states Ms. Watkins is unable to work as her husband needs care. Chairman Dinning reviewed the Watkins' income versus monthly expenses. Chairman Dinning said the one asset that stands out is the Harley Davidson motorcycle. Ms. Watkins explained that this motorcycle has been on the market for sale through Craigslist since year 2013, but that she has also been approached by a company out of Las Vegas that sells motorcycles online so she will advertise through this company as well. Ms. Watkins said the Chevrolet Van listed on the application is also advertised for sale.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to grant the hardship exemption application for parcel #RP64N01E068411A for year 2011 taxes totaling \$958.92. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting to consider the hardship application ended at 10:22 a.m.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

10:30 a.m., Commissioners held the continuation of the tax deed hearing for parcels with delinquent year 2011 taxes. Present were: Chairman Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser, and Treasurer Sue Larson. The hearing was recorded.

Commissioners have spoken to property owner Tod Navarro and his agreement is to be able to pay his delinquent year 2011 taxes for parcel #RP61N01E311202A no later than April 6, 2015, but other properties on the list provided by Treasurer Larson will be tax deeded.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to continue the tax deed hearing for parcel #RP61N01E311202A to April 6, 2015 in order to allow payment of year 2011 taxes in full otherwise the property will be tax deeded. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to tax deed the following parcels for delinquent taxes for year 2011: parcel #RP00840010016AA in the name of Sonja Nyberg Lahnert (Sonja Nyberg Martin), Wallace Nyberg, Dannis Carlson, and LaWann Wunder in the amount of \$332.35; parcel #RP65N01W084815A in the name of Sonja Nyberg Lahnert (Sonja Nyberg Martin), Wallace Nyberg, Dannis Carlson, and LaWann Wunder in the amount of \$324.73, parcel #RP61N01E119461A in the name of Walter Merrifield in the amount of \$2,183.12, and parcel #RP63N02E351400A in the name of John Bryant Thornhill Jr. and Toni Ann Thornhill in the amount of \$884.84. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

The tax deed hearing for delinquent year 2011 taxes ended at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Dinning left the meeting to tend to other matters.

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

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac joined meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac presented Commissioners with information on how the Classification Committee calculates points in order to determine grades for the various county positions. Commissioners reviewed the information. Clerk Poston explained that for a long time when a cost of living increase was given, it was not given to the starting wage figure. There is nothing in the county's policy that allows an increase to an employee who is going above and beyond what is required of the job. Acting Chairman Pinkerton said once the employee is hired these documents no longer apply. Acting Chairman Pinkerton said "other duties as assigned" should be considered temporary tasks. Clerk Poston said the whole grading system is broken, but she isn't sure how it can be fixed. Chief Deputy Clerk explained how it has worked when someone working for the county has longevity, but then takes on a different job title with a higher position. Since the employee has been employed by the county for a long time they already make more than the new job position so they would receive the difference of the pay increase between grade levels. The county's personnel policy is supported by Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) as they would have to defend the county if the personnel policy is challenged, according to Clerk Poston. Acting Chairman Pinkerton asked what sections of the personnel policy consistently cause issues as those are the sections that need to be changed.

Acting Chairman Pinkerton said vacation time should be scheduled at the beginning of the year otherwise how do you fairly schedule employees' time off if they want it at the same time? Acting Chairman Pinkerton mentioned in lieu holidays and said it will take time to figure out, but it's more of a benefit for the employee than employer.

The meeting with Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac ended at 11:28 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to sign the Commercial Lease with BFI, Inc. for office space at the Creamery Building for the Sheriff's Office. Acting Chairman Pinkerton yielded the chair to second. Motion passed unanimously.

11:30 a.m., Boundary Community Hospital CEO/CFO Craig Johnson and Boundary Community Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Elden Koon joined the meeting to provide Commissioners with an update on hospital matters.

Mr. Johnson said the hospital is in the black financially for the month of February. Inpatient services continues to be busy, but the nursing wing is not as busy. The Rural Health Clinic physician office is also busy. The practice is still building up and working well. May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to noon the hospital will host the rural health fair and the fun run will start at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Johnson said the hospital's strategic plan will be coming up soon.

Mr. Johnson spoke of a time sensitive emergency issue in which legislation is putting together a trauma team for Idaho. Dr. Stu Willis and Head Emergency Room Nurse Wanda Wilkerson are the

representatives for our area. Boundary Community Hospital will become a Level 5 hospital for trauma, which includes ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and stroke. Protocols are being developed throughout the state. This is a huge step for the trauma side of care in Idaho, according to Mr. Johnson. EMS staff will also be involved in this and it will change some of what the hospital does, but it will also provide guidelines so there will be a consistent approach. Commissioner Kirby mentioned legislation in which a paramedic can be compensated for providing care outside of the hospital. Mr. Johnson said he would be worried about liability from the medic's side.

Acting Chairman Pinkerton questioned if the hospital currently has a designation if the hospital is going to be designated a Level 5. Mr. Johnson said Level 5 is similar to what Boundary Community Hospital does now since it doesn't have surgeons or neurologists. Kootenai Medical Center is a Level 3 and could be a Level 2, but they don't have an anesthesiologist on site 24/7.

Mr. Johnson spoke of robot cameras to assess a patient. Boundary Community Hospital does have a video system that could provide that service now, but it is still too soon.

Commissioner Kirby mentioned veterans' matters. Mr. Johnson said there is a Veterans Administration hospital in Sandpoint, but due to mileage distance Boundary Community Hospital is not a VA hospital. Boundary Community Hospital will treat VA patients in an emergency prior to transferring them.

The meeting with Mr. Johnson ended at 11:46 a.m.

11:48 a.m., There being no further business, the meeting recessed until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

*****Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m.,** Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Rohrwasser.

Commissioner Kirby moved to amend the day's agenda to include signing the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Agreement for the Boat Safety Grant. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

9:00 a.m., Commissioners held an elected officials/department heads meeting. Present were: Chairman Dan Dinning, Commissioner LeAlan Pinkerton, Commissioner Walt Kirby, Clerk Glenda Poston, Solid Waste Superintendent Claine Skeen, Courthouse Maintenance John Buckley, County Noxious Weeds Superintendent Duke Guthrie, Extension Office Representative Sheila Pruitt, Road and Bridge Department Office Manager Renee Nelson, Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall, Chief Probation Officer Stacy Brown, Prosecutor's Office Manager Tammie Goggia, Treasurer Sue Larson, Planning and Zoning Administrator John Moss, Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac, Court Clerk Della Armstrong, Assessor Dave Ryals, and Restorium Administrator Karlene Magee.

Chairman Dinning reminded those present that they need to start preparing to update their budgets. The county may be facing more challenges this year as compared to last year due to payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools funding (SRS). The 25% fund payment through SRS is \$201,000 minus approximately \$60,000 for the school district leaving approximately \$140,000 for the Road and Bridge Department when they used to receive approximately \$900,000. Chairman Dinning said a number of years ago Mr. Gutshall started preparing for this scenario so he does have a plan in place.

There will be minimal maintenance and snow plowing so we will see how that functions. Commissioners asked those present to please get their budgets in to the Clerk ahead of the deadline.

Ms. Pruitt said the Extension Office just hired Amy Robertson as extension educator.

Chairman Dinning said Commissioners and Mr. Skeen did meet with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Panhandle Health District regarding the small community exemption permit for the landfill. This permit is to expire in year 2021. A new operation plan for the landfill needs to be written, but two significant statements were made, one being that the national average of waste generated per person per day is 4.5 pounds. When Mr. Skeen had conducted random tests for a week Boundary County was very much below that rate. There was also some confusion as to if the four and one half pounds generated was based on 365 days or the number of days the landfill is open, but it turns out the limit of 20 tons is based on 365 days. The other statement from DEQ and Panhandle Health District pertained to the tonnage limit. Panhandle Health District had once stated that the limit of 20 tons consists of the volume that is brought in to the landfill on the trucks, but now the only thing the county needs to worry about is how much garbage is actually put into the hole. Recyclables and other items can be shipped out and won't count towards the 20 ton weight limit. Ellery Howard with JUB Engineering is the firm working on the analysis for the county's landfill.

Mr. Gutshall said he is tracking his Road and Bridge budget daily and is tempted to use a lot less than half of the reserve so he can operate the same way next year. Road and Bridge is working on a joint proposal between the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Kootenai Wildlife Refuge to widen Riverside Road for a total of four and one half miles and to also bring the dike down. This is a 3.5 million dollar project if it is awarded. Road and Bridge is also looking at a proposed Myrtle Creek Bridge replacement project at a cost of 2.5 million dollars. Other than that Road and Bridge has engineering and design work on Trout Creek Bridge and replacing the second Ruby Creek Bridge. Mr. Gutshall said he is looking at replacing a couple smaller bridges over the next years. The repairs to the Naples Bridge are completed and he will look into the guardrail project on Cow Creek Road. All these projects have a match of 7.34%, according to Mr. Gutshall.

Ms. Brown said the County Probation Department is running smoothly and her staff is finding time to conduct more home visits.

Ms. Goggia said there have been repeat juvenile offenses, but no new offenses. Ms. Goggia said matters regarding felonies have been busy.

Assessor Ryals said his office is just putting along.

Ms. Armstrong said the Idaho Supreme Court was at the courthouse yesterday installing new equipment to include computers and monitors as well as a new digital recording system in the Extension Office.

Chief Deputy Clerk Tracie Isaac said Summer McDonald, Idaho Department of Labor, provided her with brochures listing the various tests that job applicants can take at their office. Chairman Dinning said the Department of Labor is considering a lot of office closures and there is talk again that the Bonners Ferry office may move to Sandpoint. Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac said she was told the office would remain in Bonners Ferry, but there would be internal office changes. Chairman Dinning said the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee (JFAC) said keeping the local office open with internal office changes is no longer going to happen.

Ms. Magee said the Restorium has a job opening for a part time registered nurse.

Treasurer Larson said her office will soon send out tax reminders.

Clerk Poston mentioned the recent school district supplemental levy election and said there will be another election for the library and school district trustees to be held on May 19th. Clerk Poston said she is working on the budget so budget requests will go out shortly. The Boundary County Centennial celebration is in the works and the commemorative coins should arrive by the first of May. Clerk Poston listed the events to take place at the centennial celebration to include a powwow by the Kootenai Tribe, Swish, a BBQ, and tractor show. This event will take place the weekend after July 4th.

Commissioner Pinkerton informed those present the Regional District of Central Kootenai officials have built a new recreational center and the cost for a family is \$12 to \$13 for the entire day. The cost to go swimming is only \$3.00. Commissioner Pinkerton said this is a state of the art facility, but that the Creston community is having trouble getting residents from Boundary County or the United States to come up and use it and the reason is thought to be the border crossing. As a United States citizen, a person cannot be denied entry back into the United States so you don't have to have a passport. Both the Canadian and United States Customs representatives stated a person needs to have at least a government form of picture identification such as a driver's license and a birth certificate. Commissioner Pinkerton encouraged those present to spread that word to everyone about what is required to cross the border as the thought is a person had to have a passport.

The elected officials/department heads meeting ended at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes of March 16 & 17, 2015. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously.

9:40 a.m., Boundary County Noxious Weeds Department Superintendent Duke Guthrie met with Commissioners to provide a departmental report. Mr. Guthrie mentioned working on the Neighborhood Co-op program.

Mr. Guthrie discussed with Commissioners the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign. Donations are being sought for this program and last year Boundary County donated \$100 out of Weeds Department budget. Mr. Guthrie said this program does a lot of good. Commissioners approved the expenditure of \$100 for the donation to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign.

Chairman Dinning said the county needs to find someone to job shadow with Mr. Guthrie since he is planning to retire in December.

The meeting with Mr. Guthrie ended at 9:48 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to sign the agreement between the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Boundary County for the boat safety grant/marine deputy position. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners tended to administrative duties.

10:00 a.m., Assessor Dave Ryals, Mapper Olivia Drake, Road and Bridge Superintendent Jeff Gutshall, and Road and Bridge Office Manager Renee Nelson joined the meeting to continue the discussion on how to complete the duties of the GIS Mapper position since County GIS Mapper Gary Falcon retired.

Chairman Dinning explained the process of someone needing an address, which starts with the Planning and Zoning Office Administrator issuing a location permit. Ms. Drake said Planning and Zoning Administrator John Moss forwards a copy of the permit to her to make sure it is okay and from there Road and Bridge will determine if an approach permit is needed as well as determine requirements for sight distances, culverts, etc. Ms. Nelson said the owner of the property has to sign the permit and take it with them and stake the center point of the driveway. Then the Road and Bridge crew will GPS that center point and the information is sent back to Ms. Drake. Mr. Gutshall said that is the same process that had occurred prior to Mr. Falcon's retirement. It was said Ms. Drake will assign the address. Ms. Drake said she inputs information to make sure it is solid before sending it to the Sheriff's Office. It was said it is the property owner's responsibility to notify utility companies of any new or changed address. Chairman Dinning said the one common aspect is the Planning and Zoning Department so maybe bring information back to Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss can provide the property owner with the information they need rather than call all parties. Ms. Nelson said that may not fix the issue, but she can refer property owners to Mr. Moss.

Mr. Gutshall said one issue that occurred is that a property owner did not mark the property when they said they had. Commissioner Kirby said he likes the approach to have Planning and Zoning act as the clearinghouse for everything. Assessor Ryals said periodically, Mr. Falcon used to send a letter to a property owner's mortgage company on their behalf informing the company of the new address change. Ms. Drake said Mr. Falcon used the Legacy Program at a cost of \$2,000 per year, but that program may not be needed any longer as the Esri Program has tools for that. Assessor Ryals said approximately \$1,500 per year in maintenance fees could be saved by canceling the Legacy Program.

10:16 a.m., Ms. Drake and Ms. Nelson left the meeting.

Commissioner Pinkerton 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. 10:21 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Chairman Dinning asked Assessor Ryals and Mr. Gutshall to review and rewrite the job description for the Assessor's mapper position and Road and Bridge Office Manager position.

The meeting with Assessor Ryals and Mr. Gutshall ended at 10:23 a.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2015 Idaho Federal Lands Access Program Joint Project Proposal with the Bureau of Land management, United States Forest Service, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the Riverside Road and Myrtle Creek Bridge projects. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

10:30 a.m., Airport Manager Dave Parker and Airport Board Chairman Jay Wages joined the meeting to provide Commissioners with an update on airport matters.

Mr. Parker said the Airport Board members have met and put together a list of proposed goals for the airport improvement project. Mr. Parker provided Commissioners with a list of maintenance items the Airport Board has determined should be accomplished this year as part of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Project. Those present reviewed the list. Fog seal was applied to the runway a long time ago and now the asphalt is becoming dry on the surface so rocks are surfacing and getting picked up by propellers. Fog seal would basically cover all pavement on the runway, but will not be used to cover private taxiways, according to Mr. Parker. The centerline striping is approximately 90% gone as is the same is with taxiway striping.

Currently the airport doesn't have any hold signs so when a pilot is taxiing down the runway there is no sign that says this is an actual runway. This is a red sign with white lettering. This issue isn't uncommon, but it is being fixed at many airport, according to Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker said coal tar protection is needed for fuel. If a plane is parked or is getting fuel, the jet fuel or ad gases are hard on asphalt so this is a sealant to protect against that. Commissioners asked if soil sterilant can be applied along the edges of the runway so grass doesn't grow up through the asphalt. Mr. Parker said the airport needs two more threshold lights to make a total of eight. Runway edge lights are also needed. Mr. Parker explained that the light globes are white in color for most of the length of the runway except for the last 2,000 feet, which is supposed to have amber colored lighting. Mr. Parker said the last issue is runway 2 precision approach path indicator (PAPI). The airport has a visual approach slope indicator (VASI) at the north end of the runway that has been there for some time now, but there is nothing at the south end so there is no guidance for an angle. The PAPI protects planes from hitting trees, etc., and this is something the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would like the airport to get.

Chairman Dinning asked if the hold signs have to be lighted. Mr. Parker said it can be reflective tape, but he was told the cost difference between lighted and reflective is negligible. Mr. Wages said the county's share is \$1,000 to go from reflective sign to a lighted sign and the electricity comes from existing conduits in the ground. Chairman Dinning said if the FAA is paying for sterilant, is there still a match, and he asked if this is something County Noxious Weeds Superintendent Duke Guthrie can apply. Mr. Parker said he wasn't sure. The cost for the crack sealant, seal coat and tar is close to approximately \$200,000 lumped together and the signs and electrical work may cost \$65,000. Chairman Dinning said the county is getting less than half of what was thought it would receive from the FAA through the airport improvement project. The County had anticipated receiving funds in the range of \$60,000, but now the amount is approximately \$39,000. Chairman Dinning said the mediation regarding E.C. Enterprises is this Thursday so Commissioners need to consider how costs, especially 5% to 7% for the grant match the Airport Board is looking at, will affect the county. It was said these costs are within this year's budget. Chairman Dinning said if the Wheatley or Howard property purchases are completed, what is the county looking at as far as costs? Mr. Parker said there is approximately \$60,000 left to match if the state participated. The \$300,000 is the Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) fund for airport maintenance and electrical work. The match portion for the county for this work would be approximately \$15,000 to \$22,500. Commissioner Pinkerton asked how long it would take for the county to make up that amount in revenue. Mr. Parker said the airport runs in the red financially. Commissioner Pinkerton said that is his point. How does the county benefit from this? Someday people will look at what money the county threw at the airport. Mr. Parker said the airport has a lot to give and he added that he is a taxpayer as well as Commissioners. Commissioner Pinkerton said someday these are the questions Commissioners will be judged on. Look at how much money has been thrown away.

Mr. Wages said the Airport Board's responsibility is to look at this project as residents and taxpayers as this is not a place for people to just play around. The immediate return is jobs. If we don't do anything, you don't realize the benefit.

Commissioner Pinkerton said we need to keep our eyes on the target and added that the county needs to quit expanding the airport and to maintain and operate it at that point. Commissioner Kirby explained that he had once worked at the airport for approximately three or four years when there was precious little employment in the county said he said we were on the verge of something big. Chairman Dinning said Commissioner Pinkerton isn't saying he's opposed to this, but we need to consider what is involved.

Chairman Dinning said the proposed sewer system that was to stretch to the Three Mile area did not materialize, but if it had, the question is what would've occurred if the system had gone through. Commissioners are being frugal because of what is coming up. Commissioner Pinkerton said what we have discussed is the Road and Bridge budget income dropping due to Secure Rural Schools funding in the amount of \$160,000 when the county used to receive approximately \$900,000, but the county is still looking at this project so how do we balance this to get the most bang for the buck. We need to look at what is truly the most important for everyone.

Mr. Parker said the airport actually brought in over \$9,000 more in hangar leases than he had budgeted for. Plus there is more on the sidelines with businesses coming in. Commissioner Pinkerton said that is why the improvements are taking place otherwise Commissioners wouldn't be going through with it.

Chairman Dinning said Aero Painters contacted him about a dust issue near the airport so we need to look at expending funds for a good dose of calcium chloride. Chairman Dinning also mentioned the need to put up a gate at the former Dinning property, but he is not sure about the former Merrifield property. Mr. Wages said the trees on the Merrifield property have been taken down.

Chairman Dinning said Mr. Byler contacted him and in essence he wants the county to fill out 7460-1 paperwork so we need to do whatever we can do to assist in this case. Mr. Parker said filling out a 7460-1 form for someone else may put the county and him in a bad place. Chairman Dinning said he feels more communication needs to be done and Commissioner Pinkerton said this could affect someone's business that is not expanding, but already exists there and that is the county's fault. Mr. Byler is trying to keep his business and the county needs to support that. Mr. Parker said accurate GPS locations are needed. Chairman Dinning said this is an unintended consequence, but at least have another conversation with Mr. Byler. Commissioner Kirby encouraged more conversation with Mr. Byler.

The meeting to discuss airport matters ended at 11:00 a.m.

County Civil Attorney Tevis Hull and Airport Board Chairman Pat Gardiner 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 regarding E.C. Enterprises, David Byler, JUB Engineering, and Caribou. Commissioner Kirby second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 11:44 a.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go

out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to sign the agreement to mediate with Charles Lempesis regarding E.C. Enterprises. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting with Mr. Parker, Mr. Wages, and Mr. Gardiner ended at 11:46 a.m.

11:46 a.m., Deputy Clerk Nancy Ryals joined the meeting.

Attorney Hull said he took figures received from JUB engineering and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to try to determine how totals were arrived at and ultimately came up with \$39,267. The grant amount was \$609,300 and the FAA was to pay up to 90% of the project. The actual amount spent totaled \$649,783.17 and at 90% the FAA was to reimburse the county \$584,804. That is the maximum amount the FAA would reimburse the county although the original approved amount was for \$609,300. Up until the time that this was approved the county had only received reimbursement of \$545,537 leaving a difference of \$39,267. The adjustments were broken out into two columns, one of which is what the FAA didn't approve as well as the administrative costs for each of the properties involved. The amount of \$94,100 was verbalized, but no one knows where that figure came from as the bill from JUB Engineering was only \$91,340, according to Attorney Hull. JUB had stated they didn't know where the total of \$94,100 came from. Attorney Hull said if you calculate the amount of \$94,100, JUB adjusted their bill by \$2,760 so it brought the total down to \$91,340. The remaining balance of \$24,496 will go back to the State of Idaho for other projects. Mr. Gardiner said that is why we need to let Melissa Kaplan at the FAA know of other projects Boundary County has. Mr. Gardiner said JUB's billings were just a maze to get through.

Deputy Clerk Ryals asked the status of requests for reimbursements and invoices to match the amounts listed in the requests for reimbursements as this information is needed in order to receive reimbursement from State of Idaho Aeronautics Division. Deputy Clerk Ryals said she needs invoices totaling \$39,267 along with the request for reimbursement to send to the FAA in order to get the funds, but those invoices also go to the state. Everything that the county has been reimbursed for to date by the FAA also needs to be forwarded to the state for reimbursement to the county. Deputy Clerk Ryals said requests for reimbursement #6 and #7 were never submitted to the FAA because she had never received approval from Gary Gates of the FAA to do that.

The meeting to discuss funding for the airport improvement grant ended at 12:14 p.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton moved to sign Subgrant #HC863700 with the State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for mosquito surveillance activities. Commissioner Kirby second. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m., Chairman Dinning returned to the office in order to participate in the Idaho Association of Counties legislative conference call for District 1. Also participating in the call was Assessor Dave Ryals, Treasurer Sue Larson, Clerk Glenda Poston; Tony Poinelli, Dan Blocksom, and Mindy Lynn with the Idaho Association of Counties; and various elected officials from the remaining four northern counties. Topics

discussed included: transportation, oil and gas tax collection, property tax, park model vehicles, public defender legislation, urban renewal, and State Tax Commission Board of Tax Appeals.

The call ended at 3:40 p.m.

3:40 p.m., There being no further business, the meeting recessed until Commissioners' mediation appointment scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

*****Thursday, March 26, 2015, 9:30 a.m.,** Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Coeur d' Alene with County Civil Attorney Tevis Hull, Craig Wheatley of E.C. Enterprises, and Mr. Wheatley's attorneys, Marc Lyons and Megan O'Dowd for mediation purposes.

9:30 a.m., Commissioner Kirby 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 regarding E.C. Enterprises. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Commissioners voted as follows: Chairman Dinning "aye", Commissioner Pinkerton "aye", and Commissioner Kirby "aye". Motion passed unanimously. 9:30 p.m., Commissioner Kirby moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Pinkerton second. Motion passed unanimously. No action was taken.

DAN R. DINNING, Chairman

ATTEST:

GLEND A POSTON, Clerk
By: Michelle Rohrwasser, Deputy Clerk