

PROCEEDINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHOSHONE COUNTY, IDAHO

BOOK 2022

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Week of January 24, 2022

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Present:

Commissioners: Mike Fitzgerald - Chair

Jay Huber

John Hansen

Deputy Clerk: Lori J. Teeters

9:00 AM Department Supervisors Meeting. In attendance was Public Works Department - Jim Cason and Jessica Stuzke, Planning & Zoning Department - Dan Martinsen, Solid Waste Department - Richard Brenner and Shelby Wilcox, Grants Administrator - Colleen Rosson, Weeds Department - Shelby Heiderman and Matt Beehner.

Public Works: New gas pumps are out for bid and the new accounting software program, Wincams, are the upcoming costs to the department. The snow plowing has finally gotten caught up on, the employees finally able to have a break. The amount of snow and the length of time it came down, was hard to keep up, but Jim wanted to note the crew has done a great job, there have been a handful of complaints, but they have been balanced out by compliments. Projects this coming year will focus on bridge maintenance and chip coating.

Planning & Zoning: The Department thought it would see a decline in permitting and building with winter, but Dan states that hasn't been the case. They have finished up some sub-divisions the department had been working on last year and are now working on some other subdivisions that will go on for approval this spring. They have completed some Zoning Code amendments, including setbacks, which is a big one for the P&Z dept that Dan feels will be very beneficial for efficiency and clarification. They are looking into a software program that is grant based that could possibly take permitting online.

Solid Waste: The department is still looking for one (1) driver position to fill. They have one (1) walk in trailer that is going to need to be replaced soon, but right now repair costs are way to high and want to try to go until it can't be used anymore before thinking about purchasing another. The department got funding from DEQ for a new Air Curtain Burner that takes green wood and dimensional wood and will burn it down to char. That char can be used as fertilizer and DEQ would like some of it to use up Montgomery Gulch.

Grants Administrator: Colleen has some funding ideas she would like to go over with the Commissioners, so she will schedule a time for that. She has settled into her new position and is now reviewing the Governors new budget and federal funding. Colleen states there is a lot of Government monies being thrown out there, and she wants to make sure the County is getting what they can. March 1st will be here first public outreach, to get ideas from the Public on what programs or funding they would like to see for the County. There will be a form you can fill out, so please share with the public that will be an option soon.

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Weeds: Weed control will start ramping up in February/March. Shelby just attended the state conference and learned that there is now new bio-controls for specific weeds, such as houndstongue and knotweed. There are also some new rule changes to some of the pesticides.

Commissioners: The Board stated it has been busy, Lori getting out tax exemption applications. They would like to take the time to say thank you to all the staff for the hard work. They would like to encourage everyone if they have ideas for funding or programs to get with Colleen, they are pretty excited to have Colleen to handle the AARPA funds.

10:00 AM The Board met with Don Duffy, Panhandle Health District Director for an annual overview.

Also in attendance: Shoshone News Press, Josh McDonald and Molly Roberts.

Mr. Duffy wanted to give a general introduction as the new Panhandle Health District Director and tell the Board a little about himself. He gave an update on the annual review of services that the public has utilized, that number being 1861 times that someone has used a program or service that Panhandle Health District has provided. Most of those have been Woman's Health services, home healthcare, and drug programs. He stated there have been changes to the ICP, the program will not be maintained by the Health District, it will be taken over by DEQ because of State Legislative changes. Also because of the new legislative changes the Health District will no longer be state funded, they will be county funded and will have more local control of the Health District. Because of that change, Don would like to have more frequent meetings to update the Commissioners on what the Health district is doing.

11:00 AM The Board convened to hear argument in aid of its decision on a Petition for Rehearing in the matter of:

File: VAC-831-21

Applicant: Tri-State Consulting, LLC

Requesting to vacate and abandon a portion of Potlatch Road, Shoshone County, Idaho.

Also in attendance: Public Works Department, Jim Cason and Jessica Stuzke, Planning and Zoning Department, Dan Martinsen, Susan Weeks, Representative of applicant, Tri-State Consulting, John and Tonia Glinski, Shoshone News Press, Josh McDonald, Molly Roberts and Matt Beehner. Commissioner Fitzgerald noted that the meeting is not a public hearing but will be recorded for minutes purposes and the Commissioners will not hear public testimony today. The meeting is specifically being held to decide if the Petition for Rehearing requested by Tri-State Consulting will be approved. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked Mrs. Weeks, attorney for Tri-State Consulting to present her case for rehearing. Susan presented the Board with evidence that they feel the Board did not have an opportunity to look at and they, the applicant, didn't have an opportunity to review the staff's report and are requesting the Board to reopen the public hearing. The Board didn't have any further questions for Susan and believe the request for a rehearing warrants an approval. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to grant a rehearing, will schedule it for about a month's time, it will be advertised and interested parties will be notified, Commissioner Hansen seconded. The motion carried.

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1:00 - 3:30 PM Commissioner Hansen attended the Shoshone-Benewah Forest Health Collaborative via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022

The Board convened at 9:30 a.m. in regular business session and the meeting was called to order.

Present:

Commissioners: Mike Fitzgerald - Chair

Jay Huber

John Hansen

Deputy Clerk: Lori J. Teeters

Also, in attendance:

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public comment was presented.

The consent agenda was reviewed for consideration as follows:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Decision of the Minutes of the Commissioners' Public Agenda Session dated Tuesday, January 18, 2022 to Thursday, January 20, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consent Agenda** – (These items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a Commissioner that one of more items be removed for separate discussion.)
 - Shoshone County Pre-Pays
 - Cancellation of Taxes – Homeowners Exemptions – there were no Exemptions.
 - Resolution 2022-4 - Hereby directs that the federally recognized Juneteenth holiday that was approved on January 26th, 2022 Resolution 2022-2 shall be included for purposes of the Shoshone County Personnel Policy holiday designations set forth in Section XII, Employee Benefits, Section C "Holidays", and will result in a closure of the Shoshone County Courthouse on the recognized federal holiday reserved.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: There were no changes to the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Huber, seconded by Commissioner Hansen to approve the consent agenda as presented with specific items addressed as indicated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Executive Session: Indigent Cases: There were no Indigent cases presented.

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COUNTY OF SHOSHONE

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4

WHEREAS, Shoshone County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance and purpose behind the federal declaration of June 19th as a federal holiday referred to as "Juneteenth,"

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County adopts and accepts June 19th as a federally recognized holiday, and hereby directs that it shall be included as a federal holiday for purposes of the Shoshone County Personnel Policy holiday designations set forth in Section XII, Employee Benefits, Section C "Holidays," and will result in a closure of the Shoshone County Courthouse on the recognized federal holiday observed.

DATED this 26th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

s/Mike Fitzgerald
Mike Fitzgerald, Chairman

s/Jay Huber
Jay Huber, Commissioner

s/John Hansen
John Hansen, Commissioner

Attested to by:
s/Lori J. Teeters
Lori Teeters, Deputy Clerk

Sheriff Mike Gunderson of Shoshone County, Idaho, revoked the appointment of Skyler Farnsworth, Detention Deputy, in and for Shoshone County, State of Idaho effective December 24, 2021.

10:00 AM The Board convened to discuss, review and consider 2022 Tax Exempt Applications pursuant to Idaho Code 63-602 for the following:

- B.P.O.E. Kellogg Elks Lodge #1841 – Parcel #D-1500-003-008A - Approved with no changes from last year;

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- B.P.O.E. Wallace Elks #331 – Parcel #B-0500-015-017A - Approved with no changes from last year;
- Shoshone County Sportsman Association – Parcel #48N06E-32-5600 – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society – Parcel #48N04E-21-4000 – Approved same as last year with a partial exemption;
- Wallace District Mining Museum, Inc – Parcel #B-0050-019-009A – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Shoshone Memorial Gardens – Parcel #48N02E-06-1000 – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Mullan Historical Society – Parcel #A-000-013-005A – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Prichard/Murray Fire Department – Parcel#49N05E-05-3330 #O-2400-006-005-0 – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Silver Valley Worship Center – Parcel#F-0050-003-004A #F-0050-003-010A #F-0050-003-013-0 #F-0050-003-008-0 #F-0050-003-001A – Approved with no changes from last year;
- United Church of Christ – Parcel #B-0050-014-002A #B-0050-014-006A – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Church of Christ Pinehurst – Parcel #G0700-005-008A – Approved with no changes from last year;
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church Mullan – Parcel#A-0100-009-021A – Approved with no changes from last year;

Following review and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Hansen to approve the 2022 tax exemptions.

10:30 AM The Board convened for a follow up discussion on information received from the Planning and Zoning/Disaster Services workshop that was held on November 22, 2021 to further deliberate department goals, organization and direction the department should take.

Also in attendance: Planning and Zoning Department, Dan Martinsen and Monica Miller, and Matt Beehner.

Commissioner Fitzgerald stated that at the previous meeting they had a great discussion on strengths and weaknesses of the department, ideas on goals or direction the department would like to take. A couple of the main concerns were follow up in the field, and not streamlining the permitting process. Strengths were great customer service. They discussed a potential code enforcement officer to help out in the field, and possibly separating the job positions that are now combined and one person fills, specifically Planning and Zoning Administrator and Disaster Services. After discussion Commissioner Hansen made a motion for Commissioner Fitzgerald to create an organizational chart, with specific job descriptions for those positions on the chart and schedule another meeting for next week to go over the org. chart and new job descriptions with Dan and Monica, seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. The motion carried.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: W. J. Teeters
Deputy Clerk

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Thursday, January 27, 2022

Present:

Commissioners: Mike Fitzgerald - Chair
Jay Huber
John Hansen

10:00 AM Commissioner Huber attended the Silver Valley Transportation Team meeting held at the Idaho Health and Welfare office in Kellogg.

12:00 PM The S.A.V.E Committee meeting scheduled for today was canceled and rescheduled for February 24, 2022.

12:30 – 3 PM Commissioner Fitzgerald attended the Panhandle Health Board meeting via Zoom.

The Commission reviewed and approved the following report as presented. The following bills or claims against the County were examined and allowed; and in payment of the same the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants/checks on the following viz:

CHECKS

001	Current Expense	\$453,881.61
002	Road	\$139,979.95
006	District Court	\$32,180.97
016	Indigent	\$8,478.27
020	Appraisal	\$22,648.65
023	Solid Waste	\$38,291.14
027	Weed	\$1,880.12
052	Airport	\$1,338.23
056	Emergency 911	\$6,551.43
207	ARPA Grant	\$5,468.12
215	Title III Trust New 2099	\$5,314.35
9101	Auditor's Trust	\$8,267.87
	TOTAL:	\$724,280.71

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STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Shoshone)

We, the Shoshone County Commissioners, being duly sworn do hereby certify and declare that we have reviewed the demands enumerated and referred to in the foregoing register and that the same are to the best of our knowledge accurate and are just claims against the County and that there are funds available for payment thereof in the County Treasury.

APPROVED for distribution as of

s/Mike Fitzgerald
Commissioner

s/John Hansen
Commissioner

s/Jay Huber
Commissioner

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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Friday, January 28, 2022

10:00 AM Commissioner Fitzgerald attended the Magistrate Commission meeting at the Shoshone County Courthouse.

ATTEST Tamie J. Eberhard
County Clerk

Approved: 
Chairman

By: 
Deputy Clerk