

June 22, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to recess of the June 8, 2020 with Ken Miner, Chairman, Brett Barsalou and Rick Snyder present. The minutes of the June 8, 2020 were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS

Weed Supervisor Sharayh Krantz reported she has taken the spray truck to Caldwell for repairs and they will be installing the AgTerra MapItFast Program. She has had two successful spray days. She stated she is in need of a Spray Truck Driver. Landfill Supervisor Scott Duncan reported HazMat Day will be June 24th. He has been working with Great West Engineering on updating our operating plan and an agreement for professional services on petroleum contaminated soils land farm area. They will be sending over the agreement soon. Building Supervisor Russ Dalley reported there were a couple of leaks from last week's rain storm. We are finishing up the wording for advertising for bids to replace the courthouse steps and walkway.

The board had discussion with County Assessor Jenny Rosin, County Treasurers Kammy Maughan and County Clerk Brenda Armstrong about the Cares Act Funding. The consensus was there would be more cost to implement it than funding that would benefit Lemhi County residents. There are still issues from the Tax Commission down to the counties that will need to be evaluated before a decision is made. At this point the board will be waiting for more clarification of the program before a decision will be made. County Clerk Brenda Armstrong inquired about funding the low income/senior citizen wood program. This year's funding would need to come from the Craig Wyden Title III funds since the Forest Service Rac board has still not been formed. The board feels this a very valuable program and we should move forward with it.

IN THE MATTER SCRAP METAL BID OPENING

Bids were received from Western Metals Recycling, LLC, Pacific Recycling and Mill Creek Metals. High bidder for scrap metal was Western Metal Recycling at \$80.00 per ton. With a total estimate of \$24,000.00. The board accepted the highest bid contingent approval of the Landfill Supervisor Scott Duncan.

IN THE MATTER OF FOREST PLAN DISCUSSION

Chuck Mark – USFS stated he had been working on the forest plan revision. Last fall he had taken a step back to look at the revision plan and what had been working for the last 30 years. He stated the challenge now was how he could include the community to get their feedback with all of the Covid-19 stipulations. He was looking at doing a summary document that would outline what the revision team believes is the need for change based on the current direction in each plan and then giving a 45-60-day formal feedback period. Barsalou did want to make sure he would be utilizing all public feedback gathered from the initial process that is relevant. Snyder inquired about when the summary document would be available. Mark estimated it would be ready by mid-July. Miner emphasized the importance of putting the summary document in layman's terms.

IN THE MATTER OF USFS PROGRAMS AND FIRE OUTLOOK

Ken Gebhardt and Kyra Povirk gave the board a fire update. It was looking like July would have normal fire activity with August being above normal. Staffing at the Salmon Air Base is higher than normal, which puts them in good standing in the event of a busy fire season. A Type 1 helicopter is being housed here but it is a national resource. They have 28 locatable mineral projects on the forest. The Bear Track land exchange is on our forest emphasis items list for the next fiscal year with the intent to agree to initiate the project. Wildlife Services has an active control ongoing in the Moyer area due to livestock depredation. At least three calves had been killed since they were turned out a month ago. Timber and fuel projects are being working. With several timber sales currently active. The far north sale on Lost Trail Pass has been sold to England's. Granite South is up and going now. They have been working with the City of Salmon on an old MOU for the watershed. Most recreation sites are open. Yellowjacket site is still closed because of cleaning issues. Carmen Creek trail will be opening back up to motorized travel. Gebhardt touched upon the Hoodoo airstrip decision he signed about a month ago that proposed it reopening. Commissioner Barsalou wondered what the intended objective would be in reopening the air strip. He noted the road to the airstrip has not been maintained. Gebhardt responded the objective is to provide a lot of different types of access to the public. Barsalou also wondered about the cost of maintaining the airstrip would over shadow the benefits of this one added access.

There was no further business, the board adjourn until Monday July 13, 2020 @ 7:30 a.m. in the Lemhi County Commissioners Room #101.

 Chairman

ATTEST:  Clerk