

STATE OF IDAHO        )  
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County of Bingham    )

**THE BOARD OF BINGHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION. PRESENT WERE CHAIRMAN A. LADD CARTER, COMMISSIONER WHITNEY MANWARING AND COMMISSIONER MARK R. BAIR. The following matters were considered:**

**STAFF MEETING**

The Commissioners met with Elected Officials, Department Heads and Supervisors for the regular monthly staff meeting. The Meeting was conducted by Commissioner Manwaring.

Attending: Chairman Carter, Commissioner Manwaring, Commissioner Bair, Pam Eckhardt, Patty Walters, Ron Simmons, Randy Ghezzi, Mike Gardner, Scott Reese, Dave Lane, Eric Jackson, Allen Jensen, Shawn Hill, Cody Lewis, Lori Jorgensen, Chase Hendricks, Jeff Gardner for Sheriff Craig Rowland, Tanna Beal, Sharon Sturm, Krista Cernyar, Tracy Reifschneider, Dan Eldredge, Kurt Asmus, Paul Loomis, Kurt Hibbert, Mary Reyes, Mark Gough, Danette Miller, Troy Vance, Scott Denny, Devin Trujillo, Lisa Tornabene, Cindy Reese, Bob Skinner and Jessica Lewis, Recorder.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Manwaring

Minutes: There were no changes or corrections to the minutes for March; they were approved as written.

Special Presentation: Scott Reese introduced Cindy Reese, Lisa Tornabene, Scott Denny, Bob Skinner, Devin Trujillo and Troy Vance, members of the Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve, ESGR. Mr. Reese explained that Devin Trujillo nominated the Commissioners for the Patriot Award for their support of the Guard and Reserve. Mr. Trujillo presented a plaque to Commissioner Bair; Mr. Denny presented a plaque to Chairman Carter and Mr. Vance presented a plaque to Commissioner Manwaring thanking them for being a Patriotic Employer and supporting the Guard and Reserve. Mr. Reese added that the ESGR also wanted to acknowledge Sheriff Craig Rowland with the Seven Seals award for his leadership and support of the ESGR. The Commissioners thanked these employees for their service to the country.

Commissioners: Chairman Carter thanked those who have been working to combat flooding in the county, things have been managed well this year and it looks like we may be in the clear for now.

Commissioner Manwaring explained that the Commissioners have been out chasing the water and doing what they can to help the public protect their properties. He stated that all the water from the desert flows back in towards the Snake River causing flooding in the west part of the county.

Commissioner Bair thanked Scott Reese for all his work as the Emergency Services Director for the county. He also thanked the City of Blackfoot and Randy Ghezzi for their work on the levee.

Clerk's Office: Pam Eckhardt reminded everyone that she will be discussing the changes to the budget process after today's staff meeting.

Payroll: Patty Walters thanked everyone for getting caught up with employee wage increases. She reminded everyone that April's cutoff for payroll is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Public Works: Randy Ghezzi explained that they are working with FEMA and the state to get reimbursed for all the damage caused by flooding in the county, the roads in the western part of

the county on the desert are now possible but still need a lot of work. He added that they will be moving onto the mountains roads as soon as possible.

Mr. Ghezzi explained that as of Saturday the county has taken over the Construction and Demolition hauling at the Central Transfer Station. He added that Brandon Morrell's Office has been moved out to the Central Transfer Station, he will be working five days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Coroner: Mike Gardner explained that there have been a lot of attempted suicides in our area, he asks that everyone look out for their friends and neighbors.

Parks and Recreation/Emergency Management: Scott Reese explained that they have been really busy, he thanked Public Works for all their help. He added that they have been working on the levee by the golf course, most of this has been in-kind work and not a lot of cash has gone into the project. He believes that this project's estimated cost is \$80,000 and it was accomplished with only \$30,000 - \$15,000 from the City of Blackfoot and the Flood District the remaining amount was in-kind donations.

Human Resources: Dave Lane thanked Patty Walters for making sure that we get paid.

Building Maintenance: Eric Jackson explained that this time of year heating and cooling is difficult, it is hard to get the temperature in the building right. Until the night temperatures get warmer they are not able to turn on the chiller.

Planning and Zoning: Allen Jensen thanked everyone who was involved in getting the Planning and Zoning office updated.

Drug Court: Cody Lewis explained that Drug Court Graduation will the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of April, anyone is welcome to attend.

Prosecutor's Office: Lori Jorgensen explained that their office has been extremely busy.

Sheriff's Office: Jeff Gardner thanked everyone for the help with update to the Civil Office. He explained that the jail is overpopulated, they have been extremely busy as well.

Extension Office: Krista Ceynear explained that all the Extension Educators are at a conference this week. She added that 4H has begun.

Information Technology: Tracy Reifschneider stated that JustWare is back up and running as of today. She explained that they are still working on getting little things fixed, the phones at the Solid Waste are still not operational.

Mrs. Reifschneider explained that many counties are tightening up internet use, one of the worse websites to access is Facebook. She asks everyone to be very careful with their internet use, and with the security of their passwords. Passwords will need to be changed every 90 days. Another increase to network security will have each computer lock when not in use, this will mean that employees will have to sign into their computers after being inactive.

City of Blackfoot: Mayor Loomis explained that City Hall had stucco fall off the building, they are working on getting this repaired. Other things going on in the city include looking into making some of the streets in downtown Blackfoot on-way and Jensen's Grove has been stocked with fish.

Employee of the Month: Jeff Gardner announced that Sargent Gary Yancey is the Employee of Month for April. Mr. Yancey has become a senior supervisor for the patrol division and has stepped up. Mr. Gardner recognizes all the work that he does, Mr. Yancey is very appreciated.