

Camas Commissioner Meeting Minutes November 20, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Commissioner Kramer. Also present were Commissioner Colter, Commissioner Ralph, Jim Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney, and Brianna Walter, County Clerk.

Commissioners reviewed the November 20, 2023 agenda. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the November 13, 2023 brief synopsis. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Public comment for Secure Rural Schools Title III Funding Allocation open to the public. No members of the public present for discussion.

Commissioners discussed the Camas County Republican Central Committee Election Equipment request. After research and communication with Clerks across the State of Idaho, motion by Commissioner Colter to deny the request to allow the central committees to use the County Election Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Animal Damage Control invoice. Motion by Commissioner Colter to pay the budgeted amount of \$1,000. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the community donations to the Ambulance. Jim Thomas, Camas Public Defender, will research code. Motion by Commissioner Colter to table the discussion until further research is complete. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, item tabled.

Scott Brashears presented concerns about the speed limit by his home on 600 East. Travis Martin, Camas Sheriff, discussed that the county cannot place speed limits by homes without going through the proper channels. Reminds Scott to call the Sheriff's office next time he feels someone is speeding by his home and not to approach the individuals on his own. No action needed.

Commissioners reviewed the Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) Grant application to sign replacement in the county. Commissioner Colter motioned to sign the application, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Sheriff Martin discussed a proposed housing agreement with the new part time deputy starting November 21, 2023. The Forest Service is allowing the deputy to stay at their bunkhouse beginning the middle of December. Because there is a couple weeks before that begins, Sheriff Martin proposes to pay for a hotel during his two days a week shift and during the training period. Motion by Commissioner Colter to pay for the hotel expenses for Deputy (Steven Burnette) as part of the compensation package and paid out of the deputy budget line for the first two weeks of December. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners discuss correspondence.

Heather Sabin, with other members of the public, attended the meeting to discuss concerns on the winter maintenance discussion for 100 W / 100 N (Gardner) to Baseline Road. Heather voiced her concerns and the board will discuss the maintenance map at a future meeting.

Meeting breaks for lunch 11:58 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:04 p.m. with a Zoom meeting with Bob Duchen and Tom Duchen from River Oaks Communications Corporation as potential legal counsel moving forward with the Capital Project Funds (CPF) broadband grant. Motion by Commissioner Ralph to contract with River Oaks for outside counsel, seconded by Commissioner Colter, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the National Association of Counties (NACo) invoice. Motion by Commissioner Colter to budget the full amount of \$6,834 in 2025 budget. In 2024 Camas will pay the same amount as years past of \$450 and budget the full amount for the next budget cycle. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

The Board discussed the salaries for the County Commissioners. Discussion that the chairman should make more of a salary. Motion by Commissioner Colter to increase commissioners salaries by 5% (budget was set at 8%.) Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed. Motion by Commissioner Colter to increase the Chairman Salary an additional \$100 per month. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed. Clerk will work on a resolution for Chairman Salary.


Motion by Commissioner Ralph to go into Executive session for IC31-874. Seconded by Commissioner Colter. Roll call vote in favor. Executive Session in at 3:07 p.m.

Executive session out at 3:26 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ralph to contact Whitman on guidance on ambulance fee collection list. Seconded by Commissioner Colter, motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Kramer, Chairman



Brianna Walter, County Clerk