



Camas Commissioner Meeting Minutes December 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Commissioner Kramer. Also present were Commissioner Ralph, Commissioner Colter, Jim Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney, Brianna Walter, County Clerk, and one member of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the December 9, 2024 agenda as posted. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the November 25, 2024 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the November 25, 2024 Commissioner Meeting Synopsis for publication. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the December 2, 2024 Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the December 2, 2024 Commissioner Meeting Synopsis. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Idaho Office of Emergency Management Grant application. Motion by Commissioner Colter to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, all in favor, motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed the Forest Service Modification Agreement updating Road & Bridge Supervisor to Josh Ashmead. Motion by Commissioner Colter to sign and accept the new agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, all in favor, motion passed.

Lynn McGuire, County Assessor, presented the Occupancy Roll for 2024.

Commissioners reviewed the liquor license applications for Smoky Bar Store, A Camas Creek Store, Elmer Miller Post 19 and Soldier Creek Brewery. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve all 4 licenses, seconded by Commissioner Ralph. All in favor, motion passed.

10:00 Public Hearing for Resolution 223, Road Validation for Fir Grove Road begins per Idaho Code 40-203A. Chairman Kramer gave Commissioners time to express any ex parte communication. The Petition for Validation was reviewed. Kyle Bastian, counsel for petitioners, Scot & Margaret Horton, begins discussion on road validation of a public highway or a public right of way. Presentation by staff begins with Ted Strickler, Road & Bridge Supervisor. Public Testimony Begins for road validation at 10:20 a.m. Ted Miller gives testimony and asks that the validation be determined to move forward with the next agenda item. Roxanne Olson testifies and asks if this road is not a valid road, then why are there county signs on them?

Leo Cavanaugh, Planning and Zoning Administrator, discussed that any changes to the road maintenance may affect the comp plan. Terry Lee, Weed Superintendent states that weed maintenance is done on this road. Scot Horton, states that he did go to the county for a building permit and discussed with Ted at Road & Bridge before building. Kyle Bastian, counsel reviewed cases determining the status of a road as a public road or a public right of way. Asking to designate this road as a public highway. 10:29 a.m. public testimony is closed.

Deliberations begin at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Kramer reads the Idaho Codes 42-03 and 42-03A, 40-114, states roads will be kept safe and passable and gives the commissioners discretion on how to maintain and be subject to county funds. Commissioner Kramer answered questions on the testimony given. Commissioner Ralph stated he believes testimony given by Ted Strickler was enough to validate the road. Commissioner Colter clarified if an ordinance was needed after the decision. Deliberation closed at 10:39 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Colter to acknowledge the validation on South Fir Grove Road as a public highway. Seconded by Commissioner Ralph, all in favor, motion passed.

10:50 second agenda item of snow removal for Fir Grove Road begins. Kyle Bastian begins testimony on behalf of Scot and Margaret Horton. Asks that the snow removal map be extended to the Horton's driveway on South Fir Grove Road. Idaho Code 40-114(3) is discussed for snow removal. Margaret Horton gave her testimony and discussed hardships to not get to her business and serve the community in the winter months. 11:07 a.m. staff presentation was given by Ted Strickler, Road Superintendent. Ted discussed the approval of maps and what roads were approved for winter maintenance annually by Commissioners. Ted provided a detailed outline of events for Fir Grove Road.

11:23 a.m. public testimony begins. Numerous members gave testimony. Public testimony closes at 12:13 p.m. Kyle Bastian gave closing remarks for Scot and Margaret Horton. Fir Grove Road does receive state funds, asking for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the mile be added to the snow removal map. Adopt an ordinance for snow removal and winter maintenance on Fir Grove Road.

12:17 p.m. public hearing closes.

Deliberations begin. Chairman Kramer reviewed several Idaho Codes: 40-202, 40-101, 40-101(6), 40-202 (3), 40-203 (1), 40-801(2) for consideration. Commissioner Colter discussed growth of the county and winter maps and how many building locations are in the core where winter maintenance is already provided. Commissioner Ralph questions any risk of making an exception in this case for future requests and the financial obligations that may come with requests. Chairman Kramer discussed that statute does not require the counties to plow all roads. Make sure that processes are in place moving forward with county building processes. Deliberations close at 1:11 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ralph to amend the winter snow plow map to include an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on Fir Grove Road to the Horton's driveway and the reflection will be made on the map. Seconded by Commissioner Colter. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 2:20 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ralph to go into Executive Session 76-206 (a)(b). Seconded by Commissioner Colter. Roll call vote showed in favor. Motion passed. Executive Session in at 2:50. Executive session out at 3:01.

Commissioners discussed the new motor grader leases for two 150 motor graders for the Road and Bridge department. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the lease agreement for EB501669 and EB501670, seconded by Commissioner Ralph, approved.

Motion by Commissioner Colter to go into Executive Session 76-206 (a)(b). Seconded by Commissioner Ralph. Roll call vote showed in favor. Motion passed. Executive Session in at 4:04 p.m. Out at 5:12 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed November 2024 claims. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the claims, seconded by Commissioner Kramer, passed. Commissioner Ralph recused.

Motion by Commissioner Ralph to approve the remaining claim, Seconded by Commissioner Kramer, passed. Commissioner Colter Recused.

The Board reviewed the November 2024 timecards. Motion by Commissioner Colter to approve the timecards, seconded by Commissioner Ralph. Approved.

Being no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Expenditure Funds: November Expenditures (Report dated 12/02/2024)

Justice Fund	\$4,209.53	Current Expense	\$22,765.22
Road & Bridge	\$157,915.47	Revaluation	\$1,953.00
Health	\$1,044.57	Landfill	\$432.00
Noxious Weeds	\$178.76	Snowmobile	\$26,881.00
Elections	\$487.24	Ambulance	\$1,053.18
911 Communications	\$539.07	State Fund	\$16,014.28
Camas Library	\$3,492.78	Court Trust	\$2,039.99
City of Fairfield	\$12,392.64	School Dist. #121	\$9,353.73
Cemetery District	\$1,291.98	West Magic Fire	\$21.19
Camas Mosquito	\$812.16		
Payroll	\$160,485.72	Total Expenses	\$262,877.79

Attest:



Travis Kramer, Chairman

Attest:



Brianna Walter, County Clerk