

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

The Elmore County Commissioners met in special session on the above date in the Capital Building, Room WW17, Garden Level West End, 700 West Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho.

The special session was called to meet with interested parties to discuss Arrow Rock Road.

Senator Bert Brackett was present and asked if every could introduce themselves.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele all representing Elmore County. Boise County Commissioners Barbara Balding and Jaime Anderson, Boise County Clerk Mary Prisco and Boise County Road Supervisor were present. Boise County Commissioner Vicki Wilkins was present by phone. Atlanta Highway District Commissioners, Allen Lake, Ron Sherer and Bob Bartimoccia were present along with David Gill. Laura Lance, assistant to Stuart Davis, Executive Director of Highway Districts was present as was legal counsel Dave Winecoup. Mr. Davis will be joining the meeting later.

A brief history of maintenance on the Arrow Rock Road was given. A contract was sent to the Atlanta Highway District from Boise County. The contract had been changed from previous years. Atlanta Highway District rejected the contract and a meeting was held between the two entities ending in no resolution for maintenance on the Road. Boise County decided to no longer maintain or pay to have the road maintained from November 1 to May 1 and put notice in respective newspapers to that effect.

Boise County stated Elmore County should be paying for their residents to keep the road open and plowed. Commissioner Hofer stated he was concerned about the Atlanta residents and Boise County Commissioner Chairman Barbara Balding stated she sympathized with the Atlanta residents but that Boise County must be careful with the tax dollars and budgeting and was not sure they could justify the expense of Boise County tax dollars being used for Elmore County residents.

Laura Lance stated there has been a long history regarding this road but the bottom line is highway district funds which are state gas tax dollars are received by Boise County to maintain the road and those funds should be used for that. Dave Winecoup stated that stretch of road could be transferred from Boise County to the Atlanta Highway District along with the state funds. If statutory assistance is needed that will take place.

Discussion followed on continuing the maintenance with a joint powers agreement or memorandum of understanding for this winter with more discussion on the past negotiations.

Senator Brackett stated an immediate arrangement is needed to keep the road open and maintained.

David Gill spoke about the Atlanta Highway District taking over the responsibility of the road and not only are there Highway User Funds but the Craig Wyden funds that are being given to Boise County for road maintenance.

Discussion followed and the Boise County Road Maintenance person stated he would be fine with turning the road over to the Atlanta Highway District with Boise County Commissioner Jamie Anderson shaking her head in agreement. Atlanta Highway District Commissioner Allen Lake agreed they would also be in favor of taking over the road. The details were discussed at length.

Boise County Commissioner Jaime Anderson asked if Elmore County would share in a short term solution and could the counties split the \$20,000.00 figure that was referenced in one of the earlier meetings between Boise County and the Atlanta Highway District. Elmore County Commissioner Bud Corbus stated Elmore County is obligated to its citizens in Atlanta and although Boise County already receives funds for the maintenance of the road Elmore County would gladly pay ½ which would be \$10,000.00 for this winter.

Executive Director of Highway Districts Stuart Davis joined the meeting and a small recap was given to him on what had already been discussed.

Stuart Davis and Attorney Dave Winecoup will meet to do up a draft regarding the de-annexation and annexation of the road from Boise County to the Atlanta Highway District and will work on the project to have something in writing by December 13th of this year. If legislative action is required all parties will work to obtain that action.

Elmore County Civil Attorney will draft an agreement regarding the \$20,000.00 road maintenance.

The meeting adjourned.

ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

ATTEST:

BARBARA STEELE, Clerk