

BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2012
BOISE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HORSESHOE BEND ANNEX
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Robert A Fry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Robert A Fry, Commissioners Jamie A Anderson and Terry C Day and Clerk Mary Prisco

OTHERS PRESENT: House Representative Ken Roberts, House Representative Steven Thayne, HSB City Mayor Mary Hanson

Chairman Robert A Fry explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to review the current situation with the public regarding the Alamar Ranch debt and obtain feedback from constituents.

Chairman Fry provided information from the Order of Payment, from the Federal Court, regarding the Alamar debt. Chairman Fry discussed a number of topics that the county has looked at in determining how to make the scheduled debt payment in fiscal year 2013, as HB 585 was no longer an option. Topics discussed included:

- ability to bond and determination that we could not statutorily do so
- monitoring of expenditures since early 2011 which has provided some savings to pay towards debt
- a memorandum was sent to other elected officials and department heads asking them to respond to the question of a possible cut in budget of 20-25%. Majority of departments believed that such a cut would affect their ability to perform many statutorily required functions.
- looked at furloughing employees as well as a potential pay cut across the board
- the sale of property owned by the County but not being utilized and what kind of value it has

Commissioner Anderson reviewed the property tax levy process and how an individual property owner's property tax is arrived at.

House Representative Ken Roberts discussed Boise County's net taxable market value history over the last few years and the dramatic declining trend. Representative Roberts discussed the fund levy limit issue. He also discussed the executive session law and the need to have those sessions under specific circumstances as well as the fact that no decisions can be made in those sessions, only discussions.

House Representative Steven Thayne spoke to the group about the sentiments of the failure of HB 585. The possibility of legal measures in the 2013 legislative period and potential need for an interim levy in excess of the 3% growth limits.

House Representative Ken Roberts spoke about the possibility of drafting an amendment to HB 585 and the topic of why a vote of the people does not have any bearing on whether we have the debt or not. Representative Roberts discussed the difficulties involved in resurrecting the legislative language of HB 585 – the extremely short time frame (related to the end of the legislative session the following week). He also discussed reasons for opposition to HB 585 in the House of Representatives and how they might overcome that opposition.

There were questions from the audience throughout the meeting which were answered at the time of the question.

Having no further business, Chairman Fry adjourned the meeting until 6:30 PM on Friday, March 23rd, 2012, in Garden Valley.

Approved this 18TH day of June, 2012.

ROBERT A. FRY, Chairman
Boise County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

MARY T. PRISCO, Clerk to the Board