

Idaho County Commission

Regular Meeting

May 1

9:34 a.m.

Idaho County Sheriff Doug Giddings: "Is there time right now"

DG: "Is there time right now, Skip"

Idaho County Commission Chairman Skip Brandt: "Yeah"

DG: "Can I take two minutes?"

SB: "No, haha"

DG: "OK"

SB: "I just gave Judy time"

DG: "I gave her time, too"

DG: "I can't breathe now"

SB: "Go for it"

DG: "I just wanted to add that the equipment we sold, I didn't talk about the equipment that we didn't sell"

SB: "I thought you sold everything"

DG: "Everything that we meant to sell"

DG: "I said it wrong and Skuca caught me on it"

DG: "We didn't sell everything"

DG: "We sold what we wanted to sell"

DG: "We kept the backhoe, a front-end loader, a semi-truck, three trailers"

SB: "Enclosed trailers, or semi-trailers, or?"

Idaho County Sheriff's deputy Justin Scuka: "They are three semi-trailers"

JS: "One is a step-deck trailer with hydraulic ramps on it"

JS: "We also kept the aluminum 53-foot flatbed semi trailer, and the reason we kept that one is it's in really really great condition, all the rubber is good, and it also has sliders on it, so it can go anywhere in the state"

JS: "We have a refrigerated ~~[, I want to say it's 45 feet, don't quote me on that,]~~ enclosed trailer"

JS: "And we kept all those semitrailers because they're great for storage, we can move our equipment around and the step-deck and the flatbed, on search-and-rescues, if I need all the four-wheelers or all the snowmobiles, it takes four or five trucks"

JS: "With that one trailer, I can throw everything on, and one driver and it's all done"

JS: "The forklift we've used for all sorts of things"

JS: "The backhoe is the same way"

JS: "We've had that down at the Riggins gun range"

JS: "We use it to load stuff all the time"

JS: "We clean the snow out of the SAR building and we've been over for this parking lot before"

JS: "Items like that are just invaluable, we use them all the time"

JS: "Then we have a list of stuff"

JS: "Rescue gear, we have ropes, ice picks, carabiners, harnesses, helmets that's just gone into our rotation and we also have stuff that has gone into our patrol trucks that now we're not buying we're just installing in our trucks and rotating them in and out"

DG: "That was two minutes, I timed it"

10:57 a.m.

Idaho County Clerk Kathy Ackerman: "You're back"

DG: "I scratched it off"

DG: "I was thinking this morning was the one"

[INAUDIBLE]

SB: "You know, Trudy, you've got your hands full"

[CROSSTALK]

DG: "The news media has been here ever since I left here, gosh" DG

Idaho County Sheriff's assistant Trudy Slagle: "Gives you an excuse to throw him out, eh"

DG: "Then Dawn Sarin(sp/ph) came in right after her"

[INAUDIBLE]

DG: "She said she's not covering any particular story, she's just wanting to know stuff"

DG: "You know how they are"

[CROSSTALK]

DG: "How are you doing?"

Idaho County Free Press reporter Andrew Ottoson: "Good, how are you, Doug?"

DG: "According to the tribe I'm not doing too good"

TS: "They just hired Kevin Brown"

DG: "That won't last"

[INAUDIBLE]

SB: "As a tribal officer?"

DG: "Ya"

TS: "Pretty sure they didn't contact us for a reference"

DG: "It'll be interesting"

SB: "Alright, sheriff's budget"

DG: "We're good"

SB: "Good and over"

SB: "Commissioner Frei, this is your bailiwick, you want to..."

Idaho County Commissioner Mark Frei: "Well, as you know, the commissioners are ultimately responsible for the budget"

MF: "So this is kind of like our half-year check-in, to see where you're at, if you're on track, if you're going to be over, if there stuff you want to tell us about, if there are things you need to shuffle around"

MF: "So we open it up to that discussion, but I would also just note that on the repair line item, repair and maintenance 0499, you've spent 87 percent of that line item and we're only 50 percent into the fiscal year"

MF: "So that jumps out at me"

TS: "77 percent of that budget line is our computer maintenance"

TS: "It's \$26,000 and we've paid that, so that will balance out as the year goes along"

MF: "OK"

MF: "So there's some computer stuff in there"

TS: "Yeah"

DG: "A lot of it is on contract"

Idaho County Commissioner Denis Duman: "That would be the same with the dues and subscriptions"

TS: "Yeah, we're pretty much done with that, there might be another \$100"

[CELL PHONE CHIMES – it is Slagle's. The ringtone is AC/DC's "Back in Black"]

TS: "Sorry"

SB: "Good ringtone"

DD: "Ya mon"

MF: "Those computer contracts are just one-time-a-year payment?"

TS: "Yeah, it's an annual contract"

[INAUDIBLE]

MF: "That was the only big thing that stuck out to me"

MF: "Is there anything else?"

SB: "I was thinking there was"

KA: "A thing under jail"

[CROSSTALK]

MF: "Also under search and rescue"

TS: "For jail you're probably looking at 106% on the assessment fee for the, uh, we didn't know they were going to raise it"

MF: "What page is the jail on?"

TS: "17 of 64"

MF: "Yeah, the 106"

TS: "Yeah, they raised it \$150 and we weren't aware it was going to go up"

TS: "That's a one-time-only and that's the only thing that comes out of that line"

SB: "And was there anything in search and rescue?"

TS: "Yeah, we're over"

SB: "What page is that?"

TS: "53"

MF: "Vehicles, operating expenses, 137%"

TS: "Yeah"

TS: "We put some money into I don't know what they were calling the loader"

DG: "Front end loader"

TS: "Front end loader?"

DG: "Yeah"

TS: "So we put almost \$4grand into it in repairs"

TS: "It was one of the military equipment that we are retaining"

TS: "So it's not one that we sold"

TS: "The front-end loader was \$4,000"

SB: "Is that the backhoe?"

SB: "Or is it an actual"

DG: "No, we have a backhoe, this is a front-end loader"

SB: "OK"

DG: "For moving all the heavy stuff with"

DG: "We're loading everybody out with it"

DD: "With forks?" DD

DG: "Yes"

SB: "So this morning did you reference that as the forklift?"

DG: "No"

SB: "So you have a forklift and this?"

DG: "Yes, we have both"

DG: "And we're keeping both of those"

DG: "We use the heck out of them"

DG: "You know that big storage, they can put on the ships, whatever you call those..."

DD: "Cargo containers"

TS: "Cargo containers"

DG: "...that front-end loader can pick that sucker up"

SB: "It will? Really?"

DG: "10,000 pounds"

TS: "It was very handy at the auction"

TS: "We were loading things up onto people's trailers, just wssst"

[CROSSTALK]

DD: "...those coolers that were there"

TS: "The walk-in fridge"

DD: "Do you happen to know what that went for?"

TS: "I have the sheet upstairs, I wasn't over there when they did that one"

DD: "I was sure that one was going to go way over what I was willing to spend for it"

TS: "Well it would have been probably OK for you to get it, because you could rewire it"

DG: "It was single-phase, but they sold it as a three-phase, but it was not it was a single phase"

DG: "So the guy that got it, he just saved himself some time"

DG: "I think it was about \$3000"

TS: "I have the sale list upstairs, but I haven't even had an opportunity to look at it"

DG: "There were some good deals"

MF: "So you're planning on making up the overage there from the auction?"

KA: "Well, the money is spent"

DG: "I don't know how you want us to do it"

TS: "Technically the cash is there, it's just not reflected on the paper"

TS: "We just didn't estimate high enough on paper"

KA: "So it won't be made up, necessarily"

DG: "Yeah"

MF: "I thought the idea was some of the money from this auction you guys were going to keep and it was going to go into search and rescue"

KA: "It would have to go into search and rescue on the revenue side"

KA: "It doesn't replenish the budget side, the expenditure side"

[CROSSTALK]

DG: "We spent \$4,000 and we're going to put in there \$133,000"

TS: "It's not going to make the piece of paper look better, but the money actually was there to be spent"

TS: "We just need to get our budget more to spend it"

KA: "I thought there was a discussion that maybe not all of that was going into search and rescue"

KA: "It's the county's money, that you were going to make that request"

DG: "And maybe a couple of trucks"

DG: "I think we agreed on that"

SB: "We'll arm wrestle"

KA: "But there needs to be a discussion"

KA: "The money doesn't automatically go into search and rescue because it's county proceeds"

DG: "Where does it automatically go, then?"

KA: "To the general fund"

DG: "We don't want it in the general fund, we want it in search and rescue"

DG: "I just lied to the news people if they do that"

KA: "I can look back on that conversation and the property belongs to the county"

DG: "Of course it does"

KA: "The sheriff's office sold it under the understanding that X amount would go to search and rescue for project X, Y and Z, and the balance of that could go to the county"

KA: "I don't know what those numbers are, I'll have to look back at the minutes"

DG: "I think when you research that you'll find that the folks gave us the property to be sold not to go into the general fund"

KA: "We've had this conversation and it is contrary to Idaho Code, what they're telling you you can do"

KA: "It's the county's money, the county's property and it goes to the county"

KA: "But the discussion that we've had is, you can certainly make that request of the commissioners to designate it where you would hope to see it go"

DG: "We did, and we agreed that, well, we said that we were going to give you so much money out of that, you were going to take so much, we were going to take so much, and we've turned over two trucks and they said well we're going to make a deal with you, just a month ago or so"

KA: "There has been horsetrading going back and forth, I'm not going to say that, but..."

DG: "We don't care where the money goes, it's going to be spent, if we need it in search and rescue, you've got to get it out of somewhere, so we'll take it out of the general fund"

DG: "We spent the money on search and rescue, so that's where we're going to put it"

DG: "We've still got to decide all that, but I thought we did"

SB: "In a nutshell, it wasn't there yet, it was hypothetical"

SB: "We're going into this auction, so what's going to be there?"

SB: "Again, Idaho Code lines it up"

SB: "But then, once we get into the budgeting process, then it depends on what you guys..."

DG: "Our goal is..."

SB: "...a trip to Tahiti..."

DG: "...our goal is..."

DG: "We don't want a trip to Tahiti"

DG: "...our goal is, finish the building off at no cost to the county other than the fact that money is the county's money, and have money in search and rescue so when we have a search and a rescue we can pay for it"

TS: "And there was discussion of buying one pickup out of that as well"

DG: "A new pickup? OK"

TS: "Jim had mentioned..."

SB: "That's all – that needs to come up in the budget process"

KA: "The thing is, the money coming in has to be put somewhere which is why I brought it up at this point, so we need to have that conversation"

KA: "If you want it to all go to search and rescue, that's wonderful, but we can't presume that it's all going to search and rescue, because we can't be moving on the revenue side from one fund to another"

KA: "Just like PILT"

SB: "Right"

SB: "But in the line item of what we budgeted for this year, is what we budgeted for this year"

SB: "Coming up we're going to start discussions about what needs to be raised, what needs to be, what can be lowered, and at that point, that's where we decide..."

[CROSSTALK]

SB: "...and I agree, it's mandated the general fund is where that money goes now"

KA: "If they are requesting \$100,000 of that, or \$134,000 of that, or however much, if the sheriff's office requested that go to search and rescue, you can approve that now, and when we do the AC for that money, that's where it goes"

MF: "I think the Sheriff's department should get us a written proposal of, now that you guys know the numbers, you should present the commission a written proposal of where that money goes"

SB: "And timeframe"

DG: "Timeframe on how we're spending it?"

DG: "Timeframe for what?"

SB: "When you foresee spending it, like buying an extra vehicle, is that going to be in the next budget cycle? Finishing the search and rescue building?"

DG: "Oh, yeah"

DG: "It's got to be this year, or it will be way over"

SB: "There you go, that's the component"

DG: "I'd be glad to do that"

DG: "I mean, we were hoping to get \$75,000, so..."

DD: "You may want to figure in those two pickup trucks that came out of the sheriff's office and went to solid waste and airport"

DG: "It's a little, I'm not sure, I don't do budgets that much, but that money doesn't come out of search and rescue budget and those trucks don't..."

DD: "Right"

DG: "...they're our regular vehicles"

SB: "We've got to keep that whole"

DG: "So if we put two vehicles out and bring money from over here, Kathy says you really can't do that, so we have to work..."

TS: "That was why Jim had mentioned you buying a pickup out of search and rescue..." TS

KA: "To make up for..."

TS: "...to replace for those two"

SB: "Yeah, we just need to have it line-itemed out so we know it's not just a slush fund for..."

DG: "We'll get 'r done"

DG: "We're just really happy we got that kind of money, so we have some we can bicker over"

SB: "Exactly, haha"

TS: "We anticipate we're not going to get a check from them until the checks they got clear, a couple of weeks"

DG: "There were a couple of errors by his bookkeeper"

TS: "I was impressed with their process, I tell you what, though"

DG: "It's great, but if you buy a new car and the guy says it's \$300, you write him a check real fast"

DG: "Then he's going 'Oh, no, it's \$30,000, I'm sorry' and are you going to come back and pay it or is he going to repossess it or what?"

DG: "If you sold it to him and he took the money haha"

KA: "Here's what was said on Oct. 24"

KA: "Jim Gorges was here talking about the sale which was going to be in early December but had been postponed"

KA: "Frei questions...blah blah blah blah...sorry"

KA: "Frei questions how the auction proceeds will be distributed"

KA: "Gorges advises they have approximately \$50,000 in slated projects and requests at least that much be directed to search and rescue"

KA: "Discussion on utilizing part of the proceeds for relocation of drivers license civil department"

KA: "Gorges advises the intent of full participation in this program is for the overall benefit of the county and the budgets"

DG: "Now go to the next week or the one where we talked about the trucks"

KA: "I mean, there has been lots of conversation about that"

DG: "Get it in writing is what Skip is saying"

KA: "Right, so we just need to know how much you are anticipating you want to ask for from those sales proceeds and if it's all of it, then just put that in your proposal so that we have some way to track it"

DG: "That's what Skip's saying"

DD: "And some of that will go into search and rescue and some will go into the sheriff's office budget for the vehicle funds"

KA: "That's Current Expense"

DG: "We're actually looking at that as a search and rescue vehicle"

DD: "Oh, ok"

SB: "A new vehicle is a search and rescue vehicle?"

DG: "Everybody's got a vehicle, and we're buying trucks so everybody's got a truck"

DG: "We're all in great shape"

DG: "This would be a search and rescue vehicle"

SB: "Right on" SB

SB: "Anything else?"

MF: "We did some horsetrading already as Kathy said, and if you could wrap that into your proposal, like 'we've already given you guys X amount of dollars' to support that"

SB: "To be sure everything's clear"

DG: "So you want it all in writing..." DG

MF: "Yeah"

DG: "...and I've got that written down now, rather than just taking notes saying 'yeah we're going to do this and that'"

DG: "Oh, had to show them? Haha"

SB: "\$50,000 and a rig and we'll get the rest"

DG: "Haha, you guys don't need any money"

SB: "Alright, thank you"

DG: "Thank you very much"

DG: "Don't write down any of that stuff I said, OK?"

AO: "You bet, Doug"