


<b>Madison County</b>		
<b>Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes</b>		
		
AUGUST 3, 2017	1:30 P.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith</b> <b>Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans</b> <b>County Clerk: Kim Muir</b>	

**Budget work meeting to review and discuss the 2017-2018 County fiscal budget**

Specific budgets asking for additional funds were reviewed and discussed.

**Rick Henry/Bart Quayle/ Ryan Kaufman, Budget/L2 Discussion**

The Sheriff's office budget was discussed and how the levy limit will be reached each future year, limiting growth. Discussions were had regarding the Justice Fund levy and potential solutions and alternatives.

**East Parkway Corridor Discussion**

Brett Jeppesen, Dale Jeppesen, Steve Sorensen and other land owners in the area were present. Rexburg City officials were also present to include the City Planning and Zoning, Clerk, and Engineer. Commissioner Weber explained he was elected to office in 2008. Prior to this, Keller and Associates as the County engineer prepared a study for the East Parkway Corridor. It connected 7<sup>th</sup> South to curve around on the east side of the bench to Sugar City and involved various public hearings, meetings, and included different options.

The final option was voted on by the County Commission and the City of Rexburg. The road was placed on a map and designated as the East Parkway Corridor. Dale Jeppesen commented that as property owners they should have been notified. Many of the property owners asked questions about the notification process and how firm the plans are. Commissioners stated that the hearing was properly noticed in 2010 through the use of the paper, and many attended the meeting from that part of the county. There were also articles in the paper regarding this.

Commissioner Weber stated that the process was started many years ago. Commissioners wanted the line on the map for future planning, so people would know before new projects or construction began. When the County plans for roads like this (which took approximately 10 years of planning) the County knows how it will affect people. The County tried to align a road that has the least impact on property owners. The road was kept to the west so it didn't affect homes, however it does affect property. As an example, the Widdison addition on the West side of the area of Highway 20 was cut in half when Highway 20 was constructed. Highway 20 is now enjoyed by many however it didn't start out that way.

Those present asked how this roadway is going to relieve pressure on 2<sup>nd</sup> East. Commissioner Ricks provided some history of the East Parkway Corridor. He commented that traffic patterns changed from the east and the north to the south and east. Plans changed and the County and the two cities updated

their transportation plan and the roadway was included in the plans. The RPO (Rural Planning Organization) was created two years ago to plan for the growth of the area. The development of Sugar City has been resurrected and they are now experiencing growing pains and this corridor is now being discussed again.

Those present asked Commissioners to define where the roadway is to be built. A map was shown of the proposed roadway. Commissioner Ricks commented the corridor is still in the planning stages. Dan Hannah asked what impact this roadway has on future development. He gave an example of Hancock's decision to build a home that the roadway will go right through. He feels someone should have told them about the roadway before they were issued a permit. Comments were made that land owners should have been notified. It is unknown why the landowners were not notified of the proposed roadway when they came in for building permits.

Farrell Davidson asked why they weren't notified. There were notifications in the newspaper, which is what was required, and numerous people showed at the hearings on this matter. This option that was ultimately chosen was on the map in the original plan. Keith Davidson from the City of Rexburg mentioned it will happen as traffic occurs as stated in the original plan. Farrell Davidson stressed that communication is what bothers him the most. He hopes we will learn from this and be better about notifying people.

Commissioners and Clerk Muir discussed sending out a personal letter to land owners that are involved in major roadway and subdivisions in the future to help notify all landowners. It was noted that the County publishes in the paper all matters twice as long than what is required by law in order to give citizens ample notice of actions.

Mrs. Jeppesen asked the status of the road. The City and County have each held public hearings and the East Parkway Corridor has been formally adopted. The City of Sugar City is still looking into the matter on how it connects once it meets their boundaries. There is currently no funding assistance being sought or environmental impact statements for a bridge that will need to be constructed, however for good planning purposes, we want to alert people that this is where the road is planned to go. It was asked what is the impact on property values? This is unknown and hard to speculate upon. This road may go in, or it may never go in. There are countless factors to consider, the largest of which is funding. This is a massive project, and will at a minimum likely be done in phases. Hence, these decisions and the actual building are likely multiple years if not over a decade or more down the road. The Commissioners made available the reports, minutes, public notices, etc., to those present regarding this corridor.

### **County Business**

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims, with the exception of the Litigation Fund claim which was denied, presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Contracts/Documents**

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Quit Claim Deed for Bear Crest Limited. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to ratify Commissioner Ricks' signing the Missy Mania Fair Contact. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 5:10 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman  
Todd Smith, Commissioner  
Kimber Ricks, Commissioner