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Madison County		
Informational meeting regarding the intersection of 2000 North 2000 West in Hibbard		
DECEMBER 13, 2017	6:00 P.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir, Deputy Clerk: Ilene Palmer	

Present:

Adam Jacobs from the Standard Journal
Steve Lewis from Keller & Associates
Kelly Hoopes from Horrocks Engineering
Community members – See sign-up sheet attached

County Business:

Joint Powers Agreement - Capital Crimes Defense Fund

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the **Joint Powers Agreement - Capital Crimes Defense Fund**. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Letter to approve 5000 S. project for an award, Keller & Associates

After review and discussion, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the **letter to approve 5000 S. project for a reward, Keller & Associates**. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber welcomed those present. This is intended to be an informational meeting with those surrounding this proposed roundabout between the County and engineer. It is not intended to be a public hearing. The County tried to send out an individual letter to all homeowners surrounding this roundabout and apologized if some were missed. The purpose of this proposal is the State Transportation Fund has released money to counties for shovel ready projects. The County will apply for the grant by December 20th 2017; however, this doesn't mean the project will go forward because the County doesn't have to accept the grant. The County wanted to have this informational meeting for those who it affects the most and discuss what the plan is prior to applying.

The Intersection located at 2000 North 2000 West in the Hibbard area, as it stands today is dangerous and the Commissioners and public want to have a transportation plan for the future. Safety and enhancement prepare us for future growth.

Commissioner Weber asked Kelly Hoopes from Horrocks Engineering to deliver his presentation and then have informal questions.

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Kelly gave the public a short bio of his previous experience and presented a 3D model of the proposed roundabout. He explained he first looked at this intersection in 2013-2014. He believes this is the correct time to grasp this opportunity. There was a fatality and additional accidents at this intersection. The Commissioners have looked at concerns and improvements on this corner and they have the opportunity to make improvements as there is almost certain future growth and traffic will be increasing. The question is what we can do to make this safer and improve mobility. Kelly said it is not time for a signal; however it is time to fix this intersection now to address the potential growth. He said this is the perfect situation for a roundabout.

Kelly reported that in the future, traffic to the north and east will increase and they looked at interchanges and mid interchange crossings as options. In addition, farmers and truckers needs were taken into consideration. This will be a rural roundabout and curb heights were lowered to accommodate agricultural uses. Kelly said that the County already has the ground as part of its right of way with the exception of the Rigby property.

Rich Andrus asked Kelly if plans have been made for water drainage. He said that a drain ditch has been there for years, built by the pioneers to drain to the river. In past years due to a fast thaw, there was a lot of water. Kelly replied the drainage from the east is collected in a pipe which then enters into the ditch and goes to the west and it has been proposed to change the ditch. There is a 24 inch pipe at the end of the ditch which goes north to south, it looks like the pipes crosses by the power pole and then goes nowhere. The plan would be to combine the two, and it will then drain to the west. Commissioner Weber said this project could actually enhance the current drainage issues on that corner.

Gary MacKay, Jeff Raybould and Bron Leatham led a discussion about their concerns allowing farming equipment and large trucks in the new roundabout. Gary is concerned that the roundabout will not accommodate double trailers and longer and he wanted to know why we were limited to only 18 feet. In addition, Jeff was concerned about a potato harvester that needed 19-20 feet clearance. Kelly responded that there is currently a truck "ride up apron" and a 4" curb and gutter. Also, there are plans to have a splitter island. Jeff feels two lanes will solve the issue. Kelly said that two lanes only serve the needs of the traffic and that the projected increase does not warrant the additional lane increase. Russell Luthy asked how we are going to fit a quad axle trailer or a 62 foot cattle trailer. Kelly responded trucks that big are a concern however we will try to accommodate them. This is a much larger roundabout than what you see in Rexburg or Idaho Falls. It is a rural roundabout.

Commissioner Weber reminded the public that the roundabout will be built right. He said to look at the bigger picture as a mixed use roundabout not just for today or tomorrow but twenty years from now. The County agrees that this needs to be built for agricultural use and long trucks. He said we are not turning a blind eye, however will make it work for the County as a whole. The Commissioners asked Kelly to revisit the issue of longer length vehicles to make sure they can make it around this roundabout.

Britt Donahoo asked if the potential of heavy traffic creates a scenario that will increase traffic in a residential area and do traffic patterns shift to the west to not deal with the roundabout. Commissioner Weber said the roads are all built to the same specifications. When development happens, traffic patterns will always shift and the County is trying to get ahead of this. He explained that some intersections fail because of a lack of good planning.

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Larry Widdison inquired about the Hatfield's and Taylor's access to their property. Kelly responded that the connection will be to their existing driveway and the approaches are matched up. Commissioner Weber said this is in the County right of way and these are not final drawings.

Commissioner Weber thanked everyone for coming. The Commissioners have listened to what was said, and have instructed Kelly to take these comments, relook at the design, and then come back with a revised design if it is needed.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner