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Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
DECEMBER 21, 2017	9:00 A.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	

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Brent Mendenhall was present and Adam Jacobs from the Standard Journal was also present.

Public Comment

Bruce Wilding was present to discuss some issues he has had with the Hospital Board; he is asking the best way to proceed. Bruce will get his questions to Commissioner Smith in writing and he asks that the response also is in writing.

County Business

Committee & Board Reports

Calendar Discussion

January 8, 2018 Commission Meeting, Department Head Meeting and Sexual Harassment Training. Jim McNall from ICRMP will be here to do the training.

Discussion Items:

Contracts/Documents

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Final Acceptance letter for the 5000 S. to Archer Lyman Hwy. project. Commissioner Ricks seconded, and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Agreement for Professional Valuation Service. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner meeting minutes of December 11, 2017. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. See the attached list.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Kandee Boice/John Hogge, Extension Office and 4-H storage space, introduction of Lance Hansen

Lance Hansen was introduced as the new Extension Educator Associate Professor. Lance serves mainly in Madison County. He also speaks Spanish and will be helping throughout the District. He has worked for DHW in the past. Lance is working on setting up his advisory committee.

Kandee reported she went to Edmonton and learned a lot from that conference. She had a very successful year with the camps that were offered. In November, Kandee was on the State Leaders Forum and worked with leaders to present her leader camps. She attended the National 4-H meetings in Indianapolis; in 2020 the meetings will be held in Idaho. For the last two weeks she has worked with a marketing class at BYU-I. Kandee has been with the County for six years and has increased the number of participants by 10%.

John reported on how the summer and fall of 2017 went. They are developing hard white winter wheat projects. There was a four week Estate Planning course and four farms attended. John feels the class turned out well. There is a technology class coming up soon, forage school, and he is working with Simplot on critical issues on crops.

John and Kandee are in need of some storage space and provided a flyer with a bid. They suggested placing a storage container in the back of the Administration Building parking lot. Room downstairs in the Administration Building was also discussed.

Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) employee matters and (d) exempt records. Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber-yes
Commissioner Smith-yes
Commissioner Ricks-yes

Commissioner Ricks returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign liens on Case Nos. 2018005, and 2018006, and sign a denial on Case No. 2018002. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. No other decisions were made.

Lance Sayers, Field Director for Tommy Ahlquist and Michael Swanson, introductions and blueprint of campaign

Lance and Michael introduced themselves to the Commissioners and provided a brief biography. They gave the Commissioners a brochure outlining Tommy's campaign and went over Tommy's five main campaign points. They explained that Tommy's campaign is built off of a small business perspective; he wants to create a more business friendly environment in Idaho. Tommy is focused on the line of sight between Idaho jobs and education.

Bradley Petersen, Jail HVAC system, Transition House review

Jail HVAC

Courthouse Update

Bradley gave the Commissioners an update on the building from Eric Reiser. He wants to work on the upstairs first which will save the County some money. He is looking for someone to assist in acquiring a bid to upgrade the doors to handicap access.

Bradley gave the Commissioners notice about an invoice for two units on top of the women's jail that are nonoperational; the units are eighteen years old. If the remaining units are not currently replaced they may fail three to five years from now. They can be replaced individually to save on costs.

Transition House

Shay Plaggman was also present for this discussion. The inspection on the Transition House has been completed. Bradley presented the Commissioners an estimate; this does not include the plumbing and electrical costs. Bradley has contacted another builder to compare bids. He said this is just a starting point to look at options. He will be putting a Committee together next week to assist with the process. There was a discussion about the handicap access in the house. Bradley, along with the committee, will look through the original bid to see if there are costs that can be cut.

Bradley reported the City is willing to work with us on splitting the lot to include the garage; Shay doesn't think it is necessary to keep the garage. He said currently the main issue is the mold which needs to be addressed right away. Commissioner Smith agreed that this is a priority. The Commissioners will not shut down this facility as the courts and probation need it to remain open.

Cindy/Reo, Brad Linford Appraiser update

Brad was not able to attend. This will be set for another time.

Truck bids

Cindy told the Commissioners they have the budget for a replacement truck. Commissioner Weber asked Cindy to bring bids to the next meeting.

Shawn Boice/ Amanda Larese, Review tax code areas, review tax cancellation and credit for Powell, Grover, Harris, Riley, Bagley, Webster and Chapple back property taxes

Review tax code areas

Amanda reported that Sugar City had annexed property and created a new tax code area. The parcel in question was included into the City and erroneously annexed by the State Tax Commission. In 2000 the error should have been brought to the Commissioners to correct however it never happened.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Powell in the amount of \$269.17 Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Grover in the amount of \$249.63. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Harris in the amount of \$3,224.99. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Riley in the amount of \$423.69 Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Bagley in the amount of \$179.95 Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Webster in the amount of \$1600.48 Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Tax Cancellation due to an Administrative error for Chapple/ Six Eagle Development in the amount of \$385.61 Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

City of Rexburg, Sugar City and Madison County - work session to discuss the East Parkway Corridor, Comments by Jim Mullen of Keller and Associates and Aaron Hancock, Brett Jeppesen, and others present.

Jim Mullen was present from Keller & Associates. Commissioner Weber welcomed everyone present. He reminded everyone that this is not a public hearing. It is a discussion of the East Parkway Corridor focusing on the area north of the Teton River. Commissioner Weber reviewed the clerical error on the map and discussed the best option to proceed. Troy Evans and the County attorneys were consulted and after much discussion it was recommended to go back and fix the clerical error, both on GIS and in print. This matter is truly a clerical error in that the Commissioners voted on a route and the wrong map was included in the final paperwork and GIS by Keller and Associates as the corridor passed north of the Teton River. The route that was voted on was not the option put on the map. Troy recommended the County draft a resolution to correct this clerical error, direct Keller & Associates to correct the wrong drawing of the proposed roadway as it goes north over the Teton River and provide an amendment or supplement to what they have done thus far to correct their mistake, and direct GIS to update its map of this area once the correct map is completed. This will be placed on the next Commission agenda for review and approval. There is no need for another public hearing because that public hearing already occurred years ago. The issue is Keller & Associates included an erroneous map that was not voted upon and approved by the Commissioners. The purpose is not to realign the road; it is to fix an error that was made. Commissioner Weber reminded everyone that we don't want to scrap the plan and waste taxpayer money because it has already been voted on and that process was roughly \$80,000 to complete the study of this area. The Commissioners reminded the public there has been no applications, grants or otherwise to start this roadway and it will take years if not decades to develop.

Mayor Ogden

Mayor Ogden from Sugar City reported that the Council looked at the original option and is going to uphold that decision. He also reported that Sugar City has approved an option "E" for the roadway to travel once it hits Sugar City's boundaries.

Mayor Merrill

Mayor Merrill from the City of Rexburg reported he looked in the City records to see if there was an option voted on, and they show support for the Commissioner's original option and are supportive of correcting the error of the wrong included map.

Aaron Hancock

Aaron believes it is the right thing to do to move back to the original determination that was approved by the Commissioners.

Brett Jeppesen

Brett said he thinks as a group, landowners are somewhat united. He would like to see the road built by the Sugar City Cemetery with four lanes. He doesn't like the road going through a neighborhood and is not comfortable giving the land. He wants 2nd East to be improved. He said homeowners are not being asked about building there and they can't do anything with their land for twenty to thirty years. The Commissioners responded that all those matters were discussed years before when this was looked at and analyzed by Keller and Associates, discussed at the public hearing, and with the County Commissioners prior to their decision, and moving the road to the Sugar City Cemetery is not effective.

Commissioner Smith asked Troy what the options were if the owners want to build on the rest of the ground outside of the corridor. Troy replied that the best thing to do would be work with the property owners if they want to build in this area to see if they can leave the path open for this corridor, otherwise, at some point in the future, the costs will increase significantly if homes, etc. have to be purchased. With the land that is available, hopefully negotiations can be had with private property owners as to placement of homes, barns, etc. in order to keep the proposed corridor open. Also, this area is in the City of Rexburg area of impact, so the County would enforce the City's rules as to density, zoning, etc. If the County/City were to not allow building in the actual corridor and the private property owner wanted to place a structure right in the corridor's path, they would likely be looking at purchasing the ground from the private property owner for fair market value.

Commissioner Ricks said the community has changed and the East Parkway Corridor was originally considered to ease traffic on 2nd East and land has changed since this was done fourteen years ago. It might be wise to consider those changes. Commissioner Weber reminded everyone we don't want to react to growth instead of planning the future, we are looking at today. Also, that this corridor is one of many proposed roadways across Madison County that is in place for future planning.

Public Comment

A question was asked if there were plans to connect University to Barney Dairy Road. Keith Davidson from the City of Rexburg said planning plays a large part but this road is not a loop, it is a major collector. Bob Canning asked the Commissioners what the formal process would be to revisit this. Troy replied that an engineering firm like Keller would have to come back in to do traffic studies, population growth, roadway analysis, etc., and then revisit it with the Commissioners. This was already done once at significant cost to the County, but these can always be relooked at if the Commissioners so desire at some point in the future.

Some of the public present asked for a timeline. Commissioner Weber said this is difficult to determine because the road is approximately a \$30 million dollar project. Neither the County nor either City has any funding for this, and none is being saved at this time for this project. This is likely multiple years if not decades out, but no specific timing can be given because we just don't know. The project would likely be done in various stages, and Commissioner Weber restated that no funding, grants or anything has been applied for this project nor is it on the Commissioners' radar screen for the future at this point.

The landowners asked for full disclosure when purchases are made. The Commissioners replied this is a process if funding were ever made available where a negotiator would be retained, surveys completed,

and fair market property values would also be obtained and then negotiated with the individual property owners. The landowners also asked what legal implications are there to the landowner if a permit or development is needed. Mayor Merrill said landowners can continue doing what they want as long as it will work with the City and the County on location of any development, but the intent is to keep this corridor free from buildings. Troy said it would be a case by case situation, but the desire for everyone should be to work on solutions as they arise. Commissioner Weber encouraged landowners to talk to them if there are plans to build on their property.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to correct the East Parkway Corridor map clerical error, to reflect the actual decision of the Commissioners that was voted on previously after the public hearing. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. As such, a resolution will be prepared to correct this clerical error, and the corrected map(s) will be provided by Keller and Associates for the next Commission meeting to review and approve.

Rudey Ballard, Year to date health insurance update

Rudey let Commissioners know things are going well for the upcoming renewal. He presented a Claims Report that showed the County's highest claims paid out.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chair

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner