


Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
		
FEBRUARY 13, 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	

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Kimber Ricks

Invocation: Todd Smith

Public Comment: None

County Business:

Committee & Board Reports

Kimber Ricks

LEPC

Commissioner Ricks reported that he attended the meeting; however there is nothing new to report.

Cloud Seeding

The Cloud Seeding Committee has solid science to back up their results. As far as snow depth, the results are small; however it does provide a consistent impact on snow depth. Idaho Power supports the cloud seeding and is garnering more support from other businesses in the community.

Todd Smith, MEPI

Commissioner Smith reported on a successful startup meeting for those wanting to show inventions. It was a much higher success than anticipated. There were many start-ups that attended; they were able to meet with professionals in the area for further advice and steering.

Calendar Discussion

A date for a work meeting was set on February 27th during the lunch hour.

Grant writer discussion (Fairgrounds, Homeland Security, and Parks)

Commissioner Ricks would like to select a time and establish a retainer amount to discuss grant possibilities for Fairgrounds, Parks, Homeland Security, etc., on the State and Federal level. Cameron Stanford was present to hear this discussion. This could potentially be in conjunction with the work meeting.

Discussion Items

VEBA benefit discussion, Dawn Hunter

Dawn Hunter led a discussion to consider changing the rollover of unused funds to the following:

- 5 years County employment - 50% rollover
- 10 years County employment - 100 % rollover

Commissioner Weber suggested moving Elected Officials to:

- 2 years County service - 50% rollover
- 4 years County service - 100% rollover

The paperwork needs to be completed in May for an effective date in June. This will be revisited when the paperwork comes back before the Commission for vote.

Contracts/Documents

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Planning & Zoning Board Appointment letters. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the letter to FEMA asking for reconsideration of the proposed flood plain. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the ITD Change Order crediting 5000 south for roadway sub base. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

South Frontage Road "on-call" task order with Horrocks. This was moved to the next meeting. The Commissioners would like Reo and Cindy to appear from Road and Bridge and discuss this with them.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Juvenile Justice Grant Award. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the GPC Architects Change Order. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign the Quit Claim Deed for Bear World. This will go on the next Agenda.

Transfer of Homeland Security to the Madison Fire Department

Troy reported that a Resolution is not necessary as there was nothing signed that first established this arrangement. This may change if someone from the state/federal needs something more. The Commissioners would like a quarterly report from the new Director.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the transfer of Homeland Security to Madison Fire Department as of March 1, 2017. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. Homeland Security will still be under the control of the Commissioners. Chief Childs will look to see if there are any bylaws or other documents between the Cities, County and Homeland Security.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Hospital By-law changes. These consisted of changes from the Commission that went to the Hospital Board who approved the same. They are now back before the Commission for final implementation. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the MOU District 6 Interoperable Governance Board. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. This included the Bruce Bowler agreement when he retired. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commission Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2017. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residencies for Mikal Bailey, Blair Bryner, Elwin Bunatae, Kinley Byrd, Jared Coray, Jared Erikson, Lindsay Johnson, Kari Koon, Emily Mackenzie, Rebecca Neal, Jacob Perry, Josh Stewart, Sierra Thurgood, Jayson Wade, Sophia Willmore, Zachary Winn. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions for Rick Robison, Ralph Robison, Assessor and Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. Brent McFadden's was denied (see discussion below), and the actions from the sheriff's office will need further explanations.

Craig Condie, Property Tax penalty and interest

Craig stated he has not received any bills regarding his property taxes. They have had mail stolen from their neighborhood mailboxes. He has paid on time every other year. Angie suggested cancelling only the interest. Commissioner Weber made a motion to cancel the interest only on the Craig Condie property tax; the penalty will still need to be paid. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The Treasurer will need to send Mr. Condie a letter informing him of this decision.

Agenda Items:

Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d), exempt records. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber-yes

Commissioner Ricks - yes

Commissioner Smith-yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:48 a.m. There were no other executive session matters to discuss other than indigent matters. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign a Lien on Case No. 2017014, sign Lien Releases on Case No's. 2011052, 2003003, 2013004, 2013044 and 2012041, and Sign approval on Case No. 2017013. Indigent Non-Medical: Sign Approval and Denial on Case No. N2017008, and an Approval on Case No. N2017009 Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Jared Arnold, Upcoming expenditures for Solid Waste and Mosquito

- Jared reported that the roll up door in the center bay slammed down and broke, a new one has been ordered.
- Jared is asking for a Grizzly compactor in the next fiscal year because the current one is worn out. The department will be down for five days when this is replaced. Jared will look into a lease during this time.
- Jared would like to get a concrete tarp to cover the scales at night to protect them
- Jared is asking for three new four wheelers for Mosquito. The current four wheelers are 2011's and are worn out. This will be discussed further at 2018 budget meetings.
- Jared presented Personnel Actions for Rick and Damon. Rick's probation period is over and he is working out great.
- Solar Eclipse discussion
- Discussion about holding the District 6 meeting at Beaver Dick Park

Shawn Boice, Ag Exemption for Weldon Sleight

The property is in Lyman across from the Lyman School. Weldon is one of the most pristine breeders for lambs and is very knowledgeable in Ag. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Chief Deputy's Wages

Shawn appointed two Chief Deputies in his office; Cindy Galbraith in DMV and the Amanda Lareese in the Assessor's office. Shawn is asking for an increase in wages for these responsibilities.

Brent McFadden, Employee increases

Brent and Ralph did not receive their increase of 2% and they would like to recoup it now. Commissioner Weber commented that Brent was relieved of several duties last summer. His pay was not decreased, however the Commissioners feel it would be tough to justify an increase with fewer responsibilities. Commissioners feel that Ralph deserves the raise.

Job Posting for P&Z Administrator

A resignation letter is needed from Brent, which he will provide. He will retire June 1, 2017. The job will be posted and a job description will be formulated. A discussion was had on whether an engineer position may be created in conjunction with P&Z. The Commissioners will likely keep the position just as a P&Z Administrator where most engineering duties are hired out.

Cindy/Reo, Road and Bridge, Bid Opening for a grader

Todd Robinson with John Deere read his bid: A 2017 grader lease with extended warranty is \$272,274.73, all codes are included. No snow gear is included; it will be taken off the old equipment and fit on the new equipment. The City of Rexburg wants to buy the John Deere that is scheduled to go back on lease return.

Cody Eck with CAT presented his packet: \$304,590.01. All specs are included and it does include snow gear, however they will purchase the snow equipment on the older machine.

Cindy and Reo report operating expenses for both CAT and Deere are very comparable and they don't see a lot of difference. Departmental operators like both. John Deere comes in lower on the lease and monies will roll over to this machine.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to move forward with the John Deere bid. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Update on flooding issues

- Cindy and Reo report that they are placing rip rap at Twin Bridges and there has been minimal flooding in the County so far. There are over 20,000 available sand bags at Road and Bridge for public use.
- The change in Homeland Security Director was discussed. The County has transferred this position from the Sheriff's office to the Fire Department and Trevin Ricks will be taking over as Homeland Security Director after being chosen by the Fire Department.
- There was a discussion on the older truck the Fair Board is hoping to get rid of.
- Frontage Road will be discussed with ITD at noon.

Robbie Taylor, Soil/Water Conservation District, Budget Discussion

Robbie Taylor and Greg Blouser are asking for budget consideration for FY 2018. They also presented their FY performance report.

- The Madison SWCD received a Western SARE grant that has enabled them to collect soil health data and prepare reports of their findings.
- This initiative is a project aimed at assisting farmers to improve their soil health through practices such as cover crops, no-tillage/minimum tillage, variable irrigation and variable rate fertilizing.
- Twenty three Water and Sediment Control Basins were installed on agriculture land benefiting eight landowners to improve both water quality and also reduce soil erosion.
- Cover crop plans have also been used improving wind erosion and improve soil quality and crop production.
- The fact that the State isn't providing the funding required by statute was discussed. Robbie will get some information on this to Troy to look at further.
- Commissioner Ricks commended the Board for being so active, engaged and effective.

Jerome Bowen, Frontage Road

Jerome wanted to see what the Commissioner's plans were on the Frontage Road and the state gravel pit. The Commissioners explained there is a commitment of funding from the Thornton Interchange south to 4300 west, and hope to start the process on the Frontage Road early in the spring. They further explained that we are applying for funding for the Frontage Road north.

Commissioners Ricks and Weber attended a meeting in Boise last week and ITD committed to give a quit claim deed to the County for the front 25 acres of the state gravel pit to begin building a park. The County will be discussing the total 90 acres being gifted in the meeting with Jason Minzghor today. There has been no gravel pulled off the site for fifty years. They will pull gravel out for 5000 South and for the Frontage Road. The County is not sure how this will affect Jerome Bowen's property.

Jerome questioned the Commissioners decision to complete the South Frontage Road or Bear World first. Commissioners answered that the bigger picture is the impact on County roads, traffic concerns, willingness of landowners to assist, and costs of the project. Currently, the County doesn't have adequate roads to handle the volume of traffic including buses to get to Bear World. He also asked how the County is deciding where the Frontage Road will go. The County is waiting for the design; however, the first choice is to keep it along the freeway rather than joggling off to the west. Jerome stated that his

preference is to have the road go to the east of his Lone Pine building. The Commissioners would also like to see the road designed this way.

Jerome mentioned that signage on the highway has never identified the Lone Pine business. Jerome is trying to sell this property, however no one wants to look at it without a Frontage Road. He is trying to decide if he wants to walk away and lose the property. He would like to change the zoning to multiple on the west side and keep the commercial zoning on the east side. Owners are asking why they would give their property when the County is buying other people's properties.

When Commissioner Weber asked if some would consider donating property, he knew it was just a suggestion to get the process started. The Commissioners commented the Ferguson's were proactive in pursuing ITD and the County for access from the start; however the Commissioners are aware of the other businesses in this area. It was explained the County has kept everything for this project local and are trying to accomplish the project for about half the costs of what it would be if it were a state/federal project.

Cindy and Reo are exploring funding right now. Jerome asked if the alignment has been set in stone on the Frontage Road on the south. It has not, however the County intends to move into the design phase. Commissioner Weber asked Jerome Bowen if he would help build the frontage road and he replied yes that he would.

Jason Minzghor/ITD, Discussion of State Gravel Pit off of Hwy 20

Jason was asked about signage for Lone Pine. Jason said that he will make it right and get Lone Pine on the signs.

Commissioners Ricks and Weber and Jason were in Boise with State Parks and Rec discussing the State gravel pit 90 acres. ITD is comfortable transferring 25 acres of it including the Frontage Road piece. The remaining property will need to have a way to get further gravel out. The one stipulation is the property is for public use only. Jason has received paperwork to move forward with this. The County would like access to the full 90 acres, however, with the stipulation that the State can pull gravel in the off season whenever it is needed. The County would like to have the full 90 acres designed, this could be done in stages. Jason stated a contract can be set up with the State and the County for the next bidder on a road project.

Jason will work with his legal team to get a rough draft agreement prepared and will run it by Troy thereafter.

A discussion was had on the water in the area. The water comes from an artesian flow; groundwater flows south east with a max depth of about 8 feet. Jason admitted they may never use the additional gravel; however he will check on ITD's position. The details can take longer, however they would like a general understanding that the County can proceed with planning. Dan Roberts came in to hear the Frontage Road discussion. He thinks it would be nice to protect the privacy of homeowners if a park goes in by the state pit. This could be done with fencing, trees, lower speeds, etc. Commissioners will look into water rights on the park property.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to send a letter to Chairwoman Perry in support of the bill allowing local governments to use electronic methods to give public notice. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner