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Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
		
FEBRUARY 27, 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:

Invocation: Clerk Kim Muir

Public Comment: None

County Business:

Committee & Board Reports

Kimber Ricks

Commissioner Ricks reported on the Eclipse meeting he attended. Leading up to the event, the Committee will meet every other week; in July the meeting will be held every week. Lodging from Pocatello to West Yellowstone is already booked the week of the Eclipse.

Commissioner Smith commented that he received a call from Rob Webster stating that farmers are concerned about people pulling off into their fields and damaging crops in the driest season of the year to view the eclipse. Commissioner Weber stated that farmers may need to make their own No Trespassing signs because the County cannot control all areas with the limited personnel especially on that day. Ideas and training are available from the Sheriff's office to inform them of what they can legally do to prevent this.

Commissioner Ricks announced to the Hospital Board that the meeting he attended last week would be his last. Commissioner Smith will be taking the Commissioner seat on the Madison Memorial Hospital Board. Commissioner Ricks has enjoyed his time on the Board and anticipates that a good relationship will continue.

Commissioner Ricks also reported on the RDA Board meeting. There was a presentation from Marvin Hill's company regarding generation units and alternative power resources. The unit captures waste and recycles the heat and lost energy. They have sold a few systems and there is a payback of 3 to 5 years. The Director will initiate a due diligence review. To meet RDA guidelines, there is criterion that needs to be met.

Calendar Discussion

District 6 meetings are scheduled for July 19th in Madison County and November 15th in Arco.

Discussion Items

Commission Board/Committees

This was not discussed.

Commissioner Weber has been asked to share the Courthouse security upgrades at the IAC meetings in June. Madison's courthouse upgrade was done through bond election accomplished a number of years ago, and included the jail. He asked Clerk Kim Muir and Attorney Troy Evans to assist.

Contracts/Documents

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the SimplexGrinnell Maintenance Agreement. This is the maintenance agreement for the control panel that was just replaced in the jail. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the South Frontage Road "on call" work task order with Horrocks Engineering. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Quit Claim Deed for Bear World. This will be taken care of at a later date. The county's attorney is still waiting for Bear World's attorney to furnish the document. It will be placed on an upcoming agenda once received.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the 2017 Audit Representation letter with Searle Hart and approve journal entries. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the AFLAC Renewal Forms. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Fair Board Letter of Commitment for a Truck Grant. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Letter transferring the administration to the Madison County Fire Department. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

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

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Commission Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residencies for Bethany Abel, Ellie Hancock, Brody Mecham, Ashley Nielsen, Nichole Perez, Sadie Perrine, Nathan Phillips, Emily Plank, Emily Taylor, Savannah Thurgood, Trey Walker, Lacy Wray. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

Agenda Items:

Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1) (b) personnel actions (c) to acquire interest in real property Mitch Neibaur, and (d) and 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 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign Approvals on Case No's. 2017009, 2017010, and 2017016, sign Assignments on Case No's. 2016004, 2016012, 2016011, Indigent Non-Medical: Sign Approval on Case No. N2017010. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Jared Arnold

- First discussion of proposed Ordinance # 410 related to discharge of firearms sign postage at C & D site. His office and the attorney has researched this issue with the help of BLM. The County does not completely own the property, as it can be used only for C&D purposes. Hence, BLM is still the actual owner. As such, the County cannot put up signs on the property per Idaho law where it does not own it. Enforcement of violations will be turned over to the BLM. The proposed ordinance will not be pursued any longer by the County until the property is actually fully turned over to the County. This has been in process with the federal government for a number of years now, and hopefully will be completed soon.
- Solar Eclipse update: PhD students were going to come out to work on their thesis; however NASA has decided to go to Montana. There was a discussion of porta potties at the parks during the eclipse. Jared feels that he has enough ordered.
- The front end loader was wrecked at Solid Waste; there will be a large cost to the County when the lease is redone.
- Jared presented a bid for 3 new four wheelers.

Shawn Boice

- **Arlo Luke** is within a subdivision and rents out the land. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the credit. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- **Chad Fleming** is a new request. He boards five 4H horses; this is where the income is received. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the credit. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- **Dean Green** applies every year based on his pasture on the side of the house, his contract comes up next year. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the credit. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- **Wilcox Brothers** have consistently applied for the tree farm and it has been granted previously. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the credit. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- **LLC Harris**, just purchased property behind her residence; it has always been used as Ag property. Statutes indicate pleasure horses are excluded, there have been cows in the past, but none presently. The only purpose for that ground would be Ag; there are no cows and no Ag income at all.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to deny the credit. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Cindy/Reo, Discuss the Madison County “On-Call” work order with Horrock’s Engineering. Horrock’s also will attend.

Mark Jones was present to discuss his property. The fence line is 60 feet off the highway, if another 100 feet is taken, it will be into the pond on the Jenkins property. He wants to put an amusement park in for kids and can’t have kids close to the road. With this plan, all electrical lines going through the property will need to be removed. If possible, he would like to move the projected line to get a 25 foot offset from the road. Kelly, with Horrock’s, commented there is a benefit to keeping the frontage road closer to the highway. This will be discussed at the next meeting with ITD.

Kelly announced that a Pre-construction meeting will be held at Road & Bridge on March 14, 2017 at 1:30 pm concerning the 5000 South roadway.

The work order presented by Horrocks Engineering was discussed and signed by Commissioners.

Rick Henry, Wage/salary discussion

The Sheriff’s office has had discussions with Jeremiah Cochran who has done the County’s step and grade program, and has come up with their own step and grade format. In order to retain and prevent losing deputies to surrounding agencies, they are building a study that shows how much the training costs are and why they have a need to increase employees’ wages. Madison County is the sixth largest Sheriff’s agency in the State. Commissioners asked how this plan fits into their budget and if this amount reflects benefits. Rick stated the numbers are within his budget and benefits have been considered, however it does not include any additional medical insurance. The General Fund still pays for a large portion of the Justice fund’s medical expense. This would bring all sergeants, deputies, and IT to a comparable wage. With the changes, the department will continue to be in the black in their current budget.

Departmental credit cards

New credit cards and their set up were discussed. A few changes need to be made and Rick will meet with the Clerk’s Office to discuss. Increasing credit limits will also be discussed.

Trevin Ricks, Madison County Homeland Security update

This matter was not discussed and will be moved to a later date.

Kirk Mace, EAC “Employee Advisory Committee” Updates and Proposals

The Committee meets the third Wednesday of every month. They would like to recognize employees that have been with the County for five years and additionally in increments of five years. Kirk asked if the Commissioners would like to present the recognitions quarterly to these employees. Employees would be given the option of a \$10 gift certificate or a plaque/certificate. Commissioners suggested presenting the employee recognition at the County parties.

Dana Izatt, Madison County’s 2016 Audit presentation and review

Dana presented and explained the audit report to the Commissioners. A review was had on the individual funds and overall financial health of the County. Dana commended the County Offices office for their attention to detail. His audit reflects that the county is doing well. His audit has no concerns with the County and he gave the County a clean audit report.

Work Meeting Topics:

➤ **Fair Grounds**

There were discussions on attaining a ten year plan for the Fair Board that would include projects they would like to see in that long term plan.

➤ **Solid Waste future planning**

Madison County paid \$675,000 last year to Jefferson County. Madison County needs to have a plan to build our own C & D site. Sites have been viewed; however no action has been taken. Commissioners will talk to Jared about looking into this.

➤ **Clean-up**

The Depatco dump site needs to be cleaned up; this is a Rexburg City problem as the dump exists within their boundaries and will be referred to them.

➤ **P & Z job opening**

The job will need to be posted with the objective of a new hire within 4 to 6 weeks before Brent's retirement. All Commissioners would like to be involved in a final interview. Having Brent continue as flood plain manager was discussed. He stated that he can't work over 19.5 hours a week or it will affect his PERSI. The Commissioners asked Brent to make a proposal to them as to his part-time wage and how many hours it may take a week to accomplish. Also discussed was Brent staying on after his retirement to complete the County road map that is in progress. This will involve him continuing to track the trails, roads, etc. in the Moody/Big Hole Mountain area.

➤ **Mapping and grant planning**

County Centennial Plaques to complete the monument in the park were discussed. Matt Eichner will put together a brochure and Commissioner Ricks believes there would be a grant available to underwrite. This would include a short centennial history. The cost is between \$5,000 – \$8,000; a grant may be acquired for that amount.

➤ **Rexburg Cemetery Road**

Commissioners have had several complaints from residents about the roadway. The Sheriff's office patrolled more often; however a follow up is needed. Brent McFadden was asked to follow up. This will be on the next agenda.

➤ **Transportation Plan/East Parkway Corridor**

This has been completed previously, however Sugar City is growing. The transportation study and the impact of the East Parkway Corridor needs to coordinate. Commissioner Ricks asked if the County needs to get serious about making sure the corridor is identified once in the Sugar City side. It currently goes a mile north of the Moody Highway; then growth patterns would dictate whether it continues east or west. Commissioner Ricks asked when developers come in to the Planning & Zoning Department if they are communicating to the public that the roadway is planned for the future. This is why a County-wide road map is necessary to have completed. The County needs to make certain that our plan with the East Parkway corridor interfaces logically with the Transportation Plan. Commissioner Weber will take this matter to the RPO Committee to discuss.

Sherry Arnold

Hardship request to re-address previous hardship request

Commissioners would like the applicant to make monthly progress payments between now and June.

Tax Deed Hearing discussion

- Carolyn Dickson – her last payment was made in 2013 when she died. Her son came in and has lost his job. He makes house payments to Alliance and will continue to try to pay the taxes.

- Steve Eaton - will pay
- Ray Walker - Ryan Hawker purchased the Trustees Deed; his name is on the deed with Walker. He has agreed to pay
- Joseph Reif – is in prison, his son is making monthly payments.

Greg Thomason/Dawn Short-Term disability discussion. This was approved above.

Gary Wilcox, Twin Bridges River Channel

Gary was present to discuss runoff at Twin Bridges. The Army Corp informed Gary that currently there is over 200% of normal snow pack in the mountains. The Corp will draw Palisades reservoir down until May and are hoping to be able to hold the water from that point on; however they said to count on high water this year. Reo stated Gary and Jerome dredged an area above the bridge forcing water down the other side a few years ago. The question remains until the water is here and we know which direction it is flowing, what do we do? The channel was opened up in 2009 and a lot of big boulders were placed in 2011. Reo stated that they will put rip rap in on the north embankment (both sides) this week and on the southeast corner of the roadway. The south channel has been taking a little more water than before, but when the water comes, it will be too late. Palisades is at 40% capacity right now, American Falls is at 81%. Troy checked into declaring a disaster to get State Funding with Cameron Stanford and Cameron called in by phone. Until there is an actual disaster, you can't apply for anything, although there are mitigation grants but Cameron said these usually take a few years to obtain. Once a disaster is declared, then it depends on what it is to get reimbursement. Gary asked if while working on the southeast corner, we could make it wide enough that cars can park on the end of the bridge instead of on the bridge. Commissioners approved placing the rip rap this week.

Brent McFadden

Brent discussed changing the lighting in the Courthouse and Jail to LED. This would payback energy costs in a year and a half.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 3:13 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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