

**Madison County**

**Madison County Commissioner Meeting  
Minutes**



JANUARY 30, 2017  
COMMISSIONERS' ROOM

9:00 A.M.

**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 Kim Muir**

**Invocation: Jon Weber**

**Public Comment:** None

**County Business:**

Committee & Board Reports

**Jon Weber**

**Fair Board**

The Board is currently planning for summer activities. David Taylor is going to host and fund the car show and concert at the Fair Grounds on June 17th. In addition, there will be vendors and a stage show. The Fair has been moved to August 9th - 12th to accommodate the Solar Eclipse. Commissioner Weber has asked the Board to put together a budget for the Fair that includes Capital improvements. The Commissioners would like to know where the fair is going and make sure the budget is upheld.

**Kimber Ricks**

**Legislative update**

Commissioner Ricks reported on bills the IAC is planning to present the legislature.

**Blackfoot Fair Board update**

There will be future planning to upgrade the Fair facilities and increased fund raising will begin over the next few months. Scott Hancock, Commissioner in Jefferson County, was elected Chairman.

**Hospital By-laws**

The changes to the by-laws were approved by the Hospital Board. This will be included on the next agenda for Commissioner review and approval.

**Todd Smith**

**Planning & Zoning Commission member assignments**

Six members have or will expire in the next few months.

- Arlene Anderson is completing her first term and would like to stay on.
- Mark Hansen's term expired last May completing his first term and would like to stay.
- Matt Hartline's term expired in October completing his second term and would like to stay.
- Aaron Swenson and Rick Robertson's terms have expired. Todd has left messages for both and has not yet heard back from them.
- Mike Munns will stay on.
- Christie Swenson needs to be replaced because she has a new job. She feels that Bronn Leatham would be a good replacement.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve Arlene Anderson, Matt Hartline, Mark Hansen and Mike Munns each for additional 3 year terms. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **5C updates**

The inmate numbers are up by seven which is three above the projected for budget. Fremont County would like to add two more line items in the budget for staff to help with the overload. There is a possibility of getting more male inmates from Montana.

Commissioner Weber reiterated that it is not Madison County's (taxpayers) responsibility to fund juveniles from out of the state. The Commissioners all agree however, we need to move forward cautiously. There was a suggestion that Kirk Mace call other facilities to see where the current juveniles could go if the facility should close down or transition to a mental health facility.

### **Calendar Discussion**

#### **IAC meetings February 7-9, 2017**

Arrangements for cars and hotel rooms were discussed.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **County Goals for 2017**

#### **Salary Discussion**

These items were not discussed and will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

### **Contracts/Documents**

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and resign Ordinance #347 (this is an amendment to the start date). Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the designation of polling places for the March election. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the two Change Orders; Alan Clark Construction and Arco Security. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: South Frontage Road task order – Horrocks  
This will be signed at the next meeting.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to ratify and approve signing the Madison School District letter of support. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #414 to destroy old Indigent files. Commissioner Smith 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 Commission Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2017. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Department Head Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residencies for: Brianna Barney, Devan Berry, Clair Bird, Allison Brumbaugh, Emma Brumbaugh, Haylie Cardon, Stephen Crawford, Brittney Dickson, Mykilee Duffin, Cicely Eldredge, Elise Fox, Caleb Haacke, Luke Hammer, Brenden Hargrave, Breanna Jenkins, Ellen Jenkins, Sophie Jeppesen, Kaylee Kauer, Meghan Kelley, Anna Klingonsmith, Justin Lanaro, Brynna Layton, Anna Lofgran, Halle Newhouse, Rebecca Neal, Jacob Nessen, Lauren Ollerton, Makayla Park, Kimberly Parker, James Turcotte, Alicia Walburger, Brecquelyn Young, Annika Ziegler, Ashlyn Zollinger. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Briden Tucker was not approved as his application was not complete.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions with the exception of Ralph and Brent. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Agenda Items:**

**Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b), (c) and (d)** employee matters discussion regarding a potential acquisition of real property and exempt records. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:20 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 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign a lien on Case No's. 2017009, 2017010, 2017011 and 2017012, sign lien releases on Case No's. 2017001 2017003, 2011015, 2011017, 2011016, 2011021, 2011018, 2011057, 2011011, 2011006, and 2011010. Sign amended approval on Case No. 2016040. Sign Approval on Case No. 2017008. Indigent Non-Medical: Sign approvals on Case No's. N2017006 and N2017007. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Luke Erickson, Extension Office updates**

Luke is focusing on youth programs and publications for the Extension Journal. He also stated that since 2010 they have had approximately a 150% increase in 4H participants since Kandee started working for the County.

John Hogge has been involved with agricultural programming and is more focused. He works with producers and a farm/ranch management program in Blackfoot, Preston and in Rexburg that focus on bookkeeping, estate planning, farmer transition programming and retirement. Commissioner Weber asked about GMO modified products. Luke stated that they try to avoid involvement with current fads and political trends because they are market driven.

Kandee reported that 4H is great. She has been busy as District Director for KYG (Know your Government) consisting of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. They have three kids going to Boise in two weeks from Madison County. They will meet with Judges and Legislators and will debate in the committee rooms to get hands on experience with how the legislature works. One topic they will be debating is mandatory drug testing for schools. She is also working on a teen retreat to qualify teens as ambassadors for 4H focusing on leadership in Bear Lake this weekend. There is a hiking camp planned for the summer. Kandee stated that the indoor arena at the Fair Grounds is tight with all the kids that want to participate in the County Fair. Home Economics is doing fine in the Veterans Building.

### **Shawn Boice/Sherry Arnold Ag Exemption for Roy Marlowe**

Definition of the Ag exemption was discussed as in: is it actively devoted to Ag? In this case, more than two thirds is tilled and has hay on it. The property includes irrigation and is run by Mr. Munns. The other one third has work horses pastured on the property. The property is less than five acres and has an income of \$1,100 annually.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Roy Marlowe. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Ag exemption for Lavere Ricks Farm LLC**

This parcel adjoins a 200 acre parcel and has a grain bin located on it. It would sell as one parcel and is all part of the farming operation. It is a subdivided lot off of Poleline and provides an access to other farm operations.

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

### **Commercial Appraiser Contract**

An appraiser contract needs to be included in the State Tax Commissions five year plan that is due next Monday. Troy has reviewed and changed it to an annual contract. The contract is with Gary Shewey for an amount of \$165 per parcel completed. Commissioners agree that Gary is competent and can defend his numbers. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve Gary's contract. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

The meeting was recessed for a moment for Tim Solomon to introduce Brian Anderson, Regional Manager of Regional Business Managers with Rocky Mountain Power. Brian reported that they want to focus on growth and how that is being dealt with. He said he will return in the future.

### **Brent McFadden, Employee increases**

Brent will continue to the next meeting.

### **Cindy/Reo, Snow removal budget and spring run-off**

Cindy reported that the department is either hauling gravel or plowing snow, as a result, not having a big impact on their budget unless they accrue comp time which is paid at time and a half. Cindy said she watches overtime closely and subsequently makes sure those employees accruing too much time schedule time-off.

The snow plow blades may need to be replaced more often.

Cindy and Reo reported that they are watching the flooding; however don't have anything substantial to report at this time.

### **Jared Arnold, Incident at the C & D site, new employee request**

Jared reported on the incident at the C & D site. There were two college students shooting on BLM land and a stray bullet hit the window just above where a County employee was working. The bullet missed the employee's head by about a foot. Jared talked to the BLM and found that the County could sign property any way we would like. BLM is going to put more signs out and increase their procedures and enforcement.

Jared asked how much we should spend on signage to make sure the area is well marked. It was discussed that no matter how many signs we put up it will not stop them. Jared would like to place signs every 200 feet.

Prosecuting them is one way to try and curb this and increase education to the public. Mrs. Wheeler with BLM and will work with BYU-I to include where you can and cannot shoot in the welcome packet.

The City of Rexburg is adding another garbage truck which will be additional 2 - 4 loads per day. Jared thinks this will require another full-time employee to haul the additional garbage to Jefferson County.

### **Rick Henry, Chief Child, spring flooding**

### **Discussion of Homeland Security, Current and**

Corey Foster, Randy Lewis, Dale Pickering, Troyse Miskin and Bart Davis were also in attendance.

They talked about the position relocating to Chief Child at the Fire Department. Corey will take one of his full time staff and move them into that position. Finances were discussed regarding the move. Any funds being shared will still be shared the way they are currently are. Rick will attend the Homeland Security meetings in Boise next week.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to return to executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) (d) employee matters. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioner Weber returned to open session at 11:32 a.m.

#### **Kirk Mace/Shane Boyle, Annual Juvenile Justice report**

Kirk and Shane reviewed their annual numbers. Juvenile cases are on a steady incline however Madison County continues to stay busy.

#### **Rudey Ballard, Annual 2016 Blue Cross Reports**

Rudey presented reports regarding the County's Blue Cross plan. Our numbers are looking favorable for next year.

#### **Stephen Zollinger, SAUSA Update**

Steve handed the Commissioners the year end summary showing the cases that have been handled by the SAUSA Board. In theory, just one case would have cost the state more money in prison costs than what is paid for this program. After conviction, these prisoners are sent to federal facilities instead of state. There have been four cases handled by the SAUSA Board for Madison County. The Feds take care of cases that involve several counties.

#### **Margie Harris, Family Crisis Center report**

Margie would like to hold a domestic violence public awareness event in April. A discussion was had on the timing of the event. The Crisis Center needs a window replaced at the shelter to replace a window with a larger egress window. The Crisis center has grown and is focusing on public awareness. They serve more Madison County people than any of the four Counties served (Madison, Jefferson, Fremont and Clark). Madison County is the only County served by the food bank. They have implemented a security plan and have installed cameras around the building. Margie was complimented by the Commissioners on the great service the Crisis Center provides for the community.

In 2016 the Crisis Center served 460 clients which is up considerably from previous years. It costs them on an average of \$1,500 per client with the majority being between ages 18-24.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 2:33 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

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