# DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ELECTED OFFICIAL QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA July 10, 2017, 12:00 noon



Kimber Ricks Jon O. Weber, Chairman Todd Smith

## Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of new employees Evan Wise and Bradley Petersen were made.

## Commissioner's discussion items

A welcome was given by the Commissioners, Budget and Salary Discussion. Clerk Kim Muir reported that property tax numbers will be forthcoming within the next few weeks. The Clerk's office is currently working on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter revenue numbers and final projection numbers will be available soon.

Discussion on Solar Eclipse, August 21, 2017, 11:33 a.m. and possible closing of some County buildings After discussion, the Commissioners decided that Department Heads and Chief Deputy's will be on call that day and all County employees could be called in if needed. It will be an administrative day off with pay for full -time staff only. Seasonal part time employees will not be included. All essential offices will be exempted and will need to be at work during the Eclipse.

# Rudey Ballard, Information regarding insurance

Rudey explained there are some employees carrying insurance for their families while their spouse has coverage at their employment and possibly Medicare or Medicaid also. An actuary suggests giving employees an annual payout if they will move off the County plan. Commissioner Weber asked if this would save the County money. A discussion was had about HIPPA and what questions we can ask. If an incentive were offered, around \$1,000/year, would any employees come forward and make the change? Everyone is insured differently; however after discussion it appears most would choose the County plan if a choice had to be made because the Madison County plan offers the best insurance at the lowest cost.

# **Departmental Reports**

Evan, Fairgrounds - reported on improvements and upcoming events. There have been great improvements made. The Sheriff's office will be patrolling the upcoming Fair.

Jared, General Services - reported on an Eclipse committee meeting Thursday at 1:00 and a possible West Nile virus finding in the County today. There are many mosquitoes because of high flood waters.

D7 (Brandi was present for Jared) - Her office is concerned about the Eclipse closure. She is not sure what the judges want to do with her office, however they will be looking into it further. She also reported that D7 has two individuals who are double covered by insurance and she is sure they would switch over to Madison County's insurance if they were pressed.

Cindy, Road and Bridge reported that the new roadway at 5000 South held its grand opening.

Kirk, Juvenile Probation reported that Mike Mitchell is retiring and he has an open spot in his office.

Shay, Tri-County Probation, reported that parking at the courthouse parking lot is being taken by business owners down the street. Possible signage was discussed to alleviate the problem.

Rick Henry, Sheriff, appreciates everyone's help. Tonight they are going to participate in the Angel League baseball for special needs kids at the St. Anthony ball diamonds. In addition they will be involved with fundraiser for Special Olympics on September 9th at the new Maverick gas station. Communication plans with the City are being reviewed for the Eclipse. They are looking at their communication towers to secure them and many changes are being implemented. He commented that all departments in the County work together on everything not blaming other departments for problems. This relationship is important and he feels this is a great place to be. The traffic plan for the Eclipse required a lot of work with ISP and ITD. All resources will be used; however Highway 20 is a concern.

Ryan Brown, Drug Court, reported that the Governing Board meeting is tomorrow. Ryan stated that Madison County is a great place to be and we are blessed to work here and work so well together.

Bradley Petersen, Planning and Zoning, reported on a hearing this Thursday for the P & Z Commission.

Paul Sorensen, IT has been working on the County website and issues within the Clerk's office. He anticipates that during the Eclipse nothing having to do with the internet including cell phones will be operational. Paul also mentioned the 10 digit phone numbers required as of August 1, 2017.

Shawn Boice, Assessor, had a successful tax collecting season and thinks his staff is the greatest.

Kim Muir, Clerk, also thanked her staff and departments for their help in day-to-day happenings and the budget process.

Commissioner Smith thanked Sherry Arnold, Treasurer, for her work. He reported 98% of 2016 property taxes have been collected.

## **Kirk Mace & the Employee Committee**

Kirk gave an update on the upcoming County activities. Rexburg Rapids event will be on July 20th, 6:00 p.m. and a County picnic at Smith Park, is scheduled for September 6th, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## **Second Quarter employee recognition**

Kelly Richardson - 27 years Cindy Roberson - 25 years Reo Jensen - 27 years Monte Cooper - 26 years

## **Upcoming Events:**

July 19th Elected Officials Sixth District meeting, Beaver Dick Park, 11:30 a.m.

ADA Training 2:30 – Commission Room

July 20th County Party, Rexburg Rapids, 6:00 p.m.
August 3rd City /County Lunch, 12:00 noon at City Hall

August 9th–12th County Fair

September 6th Smith Park, Employee Appreciation 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.