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Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
MARCH 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 and Invocation

Public Comment: None

County Business:

Calendar Discussion

Set Department Head Meeting. The meeting was set for April 10th at noon with Department Heads.

Contracts/Documents

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Arco Electric Change Order. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District donation document. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Medical Indigent Debt Agreement. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Weed State Contract with ITD. 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 Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Canvass of votes for the March 14, 2017 election. The special Commission Meeting to approve the canvass was held March 21, 2017. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Corrine Kelley, Alivya Dayley, Paxton Ingram, Claire Redd, and Hunter Strobel. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

Agenda Items:

Paul Sorensen, Department Update and Security

Paul explained the results of the Bingham County computer hacking incident. He reported that Madison County data is backed up daily, in addition, the County has set up firewalls. Over time and because other projects come up, we create ways that Title Companies, etc., can gain direct access into our servers. Bingham County had to pay a ransom because there was a prosecutor's office server that was not set to back up properly. The ransom was paid in bit coins which in turn was used for online transactions and cannot be traced. Paul discussed changes that need to be made to entities such as Title Companies and the Supreme Court who have access to our servers which in turn make the County more vulnerable. The responsibility will shift to those entities to find other ways of making the system work for them. In Bingham County, the hackers gained access through a Title Company, and we need to ensure this doesn't happen in this County. Paul would like to set up training for County employees on cyber security and outline which emails and attachments are safe to open. This will be discussed at the next department head meeting.

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

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Ricks 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 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Lien's on Case No's. 2017020 and 2017021, sign a Denial on Case No. 2017005. Indigent Non-Medical: Sign Approval on Case No's. N2017012 and N2017013. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice

Kelly Baker has the Wholesale Nursery on Hwy 33 that includes one acre with trees in burlap, the rest is warehouse. This should be a partial exemption; the rest is a commercial venture.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve a partial Ag exemption for Kelly Baker. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the Ag exemption for Josh Norman. The property is devoted to Ag and is planted in hay. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to grant Ag exemptions to Gary Summers. He has four contiguous properties that Lee Munns farms. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to deny the Ag exemption to Valerie Edelmeyer. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Mark Rammell on Pioneer Road. This is an Ag shop where they store equipment and hay and it is irrigated. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the Ag exemption for Shawn Boice. This was presented by Amanda Larese of the Assessor's office due to a conflict with the Assessor. This is roughly twelve acres; six that is planted hay and six used for grazing. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Cornell Davidson has three acres where he grazes cattle a few times a year and gets approximately \$750 income; the requirement is \$1,000 of income per year. Commissioner Weber made a motion to reject the Ag exemption for Cornell Davidson. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to grant a tax cancellation to Gerald and Aspen Tanner. The mobile home has been through multiple ownerships. Beehive Credit Union inspected and deemed it unlivable. Tanner's purchased and partially remodeled, it is livable and was purchased in October. He is asking for cancellation of the previous owners taxes of \$271.95 which includes just the mobile home. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to grant Property Tax exemptions to: Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Grace Baptist Church, Development Workshop, Four Paws Pet Adoptions, Inc. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Lisa Smith with the Standard Journal joined the meeting.

Brent McFadden, Emergency declaration discussion

Gary Wilcox was also present. The Commissioners explained that to declare an emergency situation, the County has to have a flooding situation that is in fact an emergency, in order to receive State funding. The Commissioners didn't feel that the County is at an emergency situation yet, however it will probably be so in the near future. Gary would like to begin preparations to avoid a worse situation in the near

future. He has been in touch with the officials and they are saying they could fill Palisades Reservoir three times with the amount of snow melt in the next few months. Gary has been told to expect the same amount of water as in 2011, however not as bad as in 2009. Homeland Security specialists Mike Clements, Gary Wilcox and Trevin Ricks will be invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss this further. If an emergency does present itself, the Commissioners can call and emergency meeting and pass the resolution that has been prepared.

Fish and Game, Proposed boat ramp by the Teton Dam: Dan Garren and Idaho Fish and Game Regional Access Manager, Mike Tomchak.

Dan and Mike reported on a grant and project Fish and Game are applying for. The project is to rebuild a 2 ½ mile stretch of roadway from the Teton Dam overlook down to the river bottom, including redoing the boat ramp. Currently, vehicle access is restricted on the roadway because the road is a trail and is too steep. The road would be rebuilt and cleaned up in order to allow boats on and off the river. It is now public access and owned by the BLM. Fish and Game would like everyone to have access to the river.

Once the road is completed, Fish and Game would like to do more with that area. With the surrounding land, this area would make an outstanding park for RV camping, general camping, and provide rainbow trout in the river. This was proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation and they thought it was a great idea with good historical value because of the Teton Dam site. The Bureau of Reclamation would like to do something to continue to smooth over relationships after the flood. The park would need to be managed by the County; neither the Bureau of Reclamation or Fish and Game can manage that type of park. If the County is interested in the concept, they would get a drawing of a conceptual idea. Fish and Game will facilitate meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation and the County.

The Commissioners commented that more camp ground and green spaces are always good for the County. The grant requires some partnering in maintaining the road and facilities and the County will be asked to make a commitment. Reo Jensen with Road and Bridge was also present and stated that his department would help haul gravel for construction and maintain when the project is complete. There would be a 15% grade; however Reo stated that the road graders and his equipment would have no problem accessing to help with the roads. The grant deadline is the end of March and Fish and Game would know in approximately one year if grant funding will be received. Commissioners are interested and willing to assist, and asked to be kept in the loop.

Reo Jensen with Road and Bridge and Kelly Hoopes with Horrocks Engineering

Westside frontage road and 5000 South project were updated. Reo reported that he piggybacked on a bid with Fremont County for road oil. The County will be awarded a grant of \$100,000 to repave the Gold road in Burton. The County came in 7th on the Moody Bridge and 5th on the Westside frontage road on the grant applications submitted for those projects. Kelly Hoopes stated these are good rankings. The next step is that it will go on the ITIP list where funding is appropriated. The projects will go on as recommendations and funding will be evaluated with the Idaho Transportation Improvement Plan.

Frontage Road South

Kelly talked with Mike Gideon who owns property that would need to be acquired for the frontage road. He is agreeable and excited about the project. His concerns were with the irrigation he has worked on; this will need to be worked out. Horrocks Engineering has been out to survey. Kelly also met with Mike Ferguson. Kelly gave him a copy of the permission sheet to sign to go across his property and get

measurements. Mike signed the agreement and the topo has been completed. Mike has no objection to the plans, however has concerns if the roadway is going straight to 4300 South. He would like the County to talk to the irrigation company about rerouting the canal. Also, he would like to go back to alignment for the original off ramp to avoid the slough. He would be amenable as to whether the bridge should go along Hwy 20 or further to the west. We are trying to get a topo completed to develop costs and a design. There will be excavating for wetlands this week, Reo will be doing this and Kelly is anxious to see where we stand. Commissioners are relying on Reo and Kelly for the layout of the frontage road.

Commissioner Ricks attended the 5000 S meeting. Some concerns were the potatoes in cellar which will be removed, also Rocky Mountain Power moving power poles. Tim Solomon, with Rocky Mountain Power brought up the issue on frontage roads once the design is in place. They would like to see it so they know which power poles will need to be moved. Kelly was asked to keep Rocky Mountain in the loop. Power pole alignments take months for them to decide what to do with new easements, etc. Western hasn't kept Rocky Mountain Power and Tim in the loop. Kelly commented that the frontage road includes a major transmission line. They are trying to avoid this at all costs; they want to keep it where it is and are not anticipating any relocation. Trevor Howard has been talking with Rocky Mountain Power, Trevor is the head of the Horrocks' Construction Management Team and believes it is worked out. There is question if Rocky Mountain Power has a dedicated easement for transmission lines. Commissioners would like to have updates as they come up. LHTAC is the administrator.

Jerome Bowen, Frontage road

David Beck, Justin Bowen, and Joel Jenkins were also present. They would like to be able to access the 5000 south by constructing a road from 3100 through to 5000 South. The road is approximately 1/2 mile. We would need to inquire if Terry Bagley would be willing to give up portions of that property he owns. In addition, there is wetland through that area. Kelly stated that when he looked at this it was called Muskrat Lane, in planning for the future for the next interchange. The portion to the north is called the Cherry Stem where they would tie into the intersection to make a viable roadway. Commissioner Smith stated that Benchmark purchased some property. This will not happen this year; however, we can get traffic counters in the area. Kelly recommended getting the counters out now to monitor the area. Results will take seven to eight days. In two weeks, we will readdress this issue and have Terry or John Bagley come in to review the proposal to see if it's feasible.

Jerome asked about receiving a design for the frontage road so he can plan ahead. Kelly stated that we won't know if the grant is approved until at least October. The environmental impact work can take up to five years. Kelly will discuss the matter with LHTAC and report back in two weeks.

Shane Wright/Dean Kunz, Report on status of summer events

Rick and Brandi Sutton, Amy Neff, Erin Woodcock, Brandi Sutton and Tami Erickson were also present. Shane reported that the weed sprayer has been out. Dean reported that the Board is working as volunteers and gathering sponsorships; they would like to know what kind of Rodeo and Fair the Commissioners would like to see.

There was discussion regarding keeping sponsor donations in a separate account and when improvements are made, putting the sponsor name on what the funds helped to improve.

Commissioners asked what it is going to take to upgrade everything: dump truck, horse stalls, a shop and restrooms. Dean had a contractor come out to look at putting a restroom in under the grandstands, however he worries that construction could destroy the integrity of the old building. The Board would

like to build a shop for storage and an area to work on equipment. Commissioner Smith said that he would support moving forward and would like to improve the grounds and get more community support. He has no problem committing funds from the County if we have a plan. Everyone realized there would be no University support, it needs to come from the community; however, improvements will need to happen gradually.

The PRCA Rodeo coming in will be huge for the community and the Board is moving forward with the Rodeo, however waiting on the War Bonnet organizers to approve holding the Rodeo in Rexburg, which they hope to have Thursday of this week. It would be a one night Rodeo and the sponsors need to be located in the County. War Bonnet is concerned that we would take some of their sponsors. They are in Idaho Falls.

Commissioner Weber asked what Fair Board members want to see in the future with the Fair Grounds. David Taylor is bringing in a car show and concert in June which will be contributing a lot of money. All proceeds will go to the County; his goal is a few thousand dollars. Woody Smith has also been a good sponsor and he is showing his support to the community. Commissioner Weber asked what it would cost to cover the fair expense, the PRCA announcer and funny man; this is what makes the fair a success. Shane said the amount would be close to \$70,000, however to also put equipment on a rotating maintenance/replacement schedule.

Rick Sutton would like to know that he has Commissioners support. As a Board, they feel that no matter what the costs are, the Rodeo is the right thing to do. Commissioners asked that they be included in talks for contracted entertainers or venues before commitments are made. When you put the County on the hook for that much money, the Commissioners have to sign for it. If they lose money, it is the Commissioners neck on the line. Commissioner Smith offered support, however we do need to know up front, before monetary commitments are made.

Luncheon Review Foundation policy at Madison Memorial Hospital

Stephen Zollinger, Neil Erickson, Rachel Gonzalez, Commissioners, Richard Larsen, Sharon Pirente met. The Foundation and the Board will review policies and contributions and a decision will be made.

Orton Insurance, Quarterly update. Gary and Roscoe were asked to come back at 2:45.

Roscoe asked about the hiring process and how new employees learn about the benefits offered. Life Insurance is given to all full time employees which guarantees up to \$10,000, however no one is using it. On the anniversary of open enrollment employees can sign up for up to \$100,000 in life insurance for no additional cost. Roscoe and Gary would like to educate employees further so employees know of this benefit. They will come to the April 10th Department Head meeting with a handout to educate employees.

Rick Henry, Set Public Hearing date for finger print card price increase Korie Hansen, Sheriff Assistant, prepared cost sheets for fingerprinting costs.

Commissioners commented that they want to offer a service to the public, however also cover costs to produce the card. Commissioners recommended charging \$10.00 per fingerprinting card; we will post it as such. Commissioner Weber made a motion to take the matter to public hearing. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Jeremiah Cochran, Wage study presentation – Jeremiah was not able to attend - This item was moved to the next meeting.

Brent McFadden, Chief Child, Building permits. Ralph Robison with P & Z and Dale Pickering with the Fire Department were also present.

Chief Child reported that historically speaking there has not been a lot of cooperation between the Building Department and the Fire Department. He talked about responsibility of building codes being upheld. When someone applies for a building permit in the County, the Fire Department has not been notified, or allowed to review and approve the plans. The Fire Department needs to know so they can assure their laws are also being upheld. Chief Child wants to make sure the best plan is in place to protect the community. Some buildings need sprinklers or dividing walls. Chief Child made a plea for two government entities to work together to protect our community. Ralph stated that he is all for communication and feels blind sighted. Brent stated he has never been asked to see building plans. Shauna Ringel used to take care of coordinating with the Fire Department; however that has not been done since she left. Chief Child would like to see the plans for commercial buildings or single homes not in a subdivision. If there is a new site plan for a development, they need to review that also. There will be communication and cooperation on both sides going forward.

Matt Nielsen/Chief Child, EMS contract discussion

There was a discussion about reworking the EMS contract to make it fair to all parties. Chief Child would like to bring on two additional full time employees to help with the work load. The department lost four interns that were provided by the University. Ambulance expenses and revenues will be tracked by Matt to show what the percentages should be for the City, Fire, and County entities.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 3:55 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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