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Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
		
MAY 8, 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 by Commissioner Ricks.

Public Comment: None

County Business

Committee & Board Reports

Commissioner Weber

Fair Board construction projects are moving along. Zollinger Construction will have the sewer line in this week, and then construction on the restrooms can proceed. The Quonset hut (east side) has been taken down. It has improved the look and opened up the entry to the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Smith

Golf Board

Commissioner Smith pointed out an article indicating that the golf industry is losing millennials because this generation is not golfing. He shared statistics that show a large decrease in the number of people golfing due to an increase in people working more and playing less. Our local courses are holding their own; however they are not doing great. City Officials are saying we may need to supplant \$14,000 in budget year 2018 to help with revenues.

Airport Board

GDA was present and said everything is moving forward with the new airport site and gaining approval. They will need approximately one thousand acres of BLM land; the preliminary studies are underway. Winter closure for the elk on this property was discussed. The County will need to continue to save funds. Additional funds from the City and County will be needed again this year for the current airport maintenance. Last years' County contribution was \$15,500 and they are looking at \$12,000 from the County this year.

Commissioner Smith announced that he will be replacing Roger Christensen on the LHTAC Board.

Commissioner Ricks

Health Board

The budget was approved and will include a \$7,000 increase for Madison County based on population and property values. The budget hearing will be held June 9th at 8:00 a.m. A vote from the Commission is needed; a written proxy will be sent in Commissioner Weber's behalf. There is a possibility that Counties could lose the tobacco cessation funds.

MEPI

New restaurants and call centers have contributed to the growth of Madison County.

Discussion Items

Insurance agents requesting information

It has been the past practice of Madison County to provide any insurance agent who asks for access to the County's health insurance information (i.e., pricing, number of employees, etc.) to provide it to them. Much of this information is public record, and is used for the agent to bid for the County's medical insurance contract. The clerk's office has given this okay in the past. The Commissioners have learned that the only negotiable point is the insurance agent's fee. The Commissioners believe it would be best to notify the insurance agents of when or when not the County will be opening up its health insurance contract for bidding. If the Commissioners are satisfied with the county's current insurance agent, no change would be needed, and this information could be told to other agents so they not spend their efforts hoping for a change when the County is satisfied with its current insurance agent. At this point, the Commissioners are happy with their current agents and are not looking to replace them for this upcoming budget cycle. The Commissioners may open it to all agents next year, and if so, will notify the interested agents of this process to allow them to bid if they are interested.

Planning & Zoning Board Member

Commissioners try to ensure that Planning and Zoning Board members are located throughout the entire County. A new member is needed on the Board from the Hibbard area to replace Christy Swenson. Bron Leatham was asked, however he is too busy to serve on this Board now. The Commissioners will continue asking around for people wanting to serve.

Contracts/Documents

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Public Defender contract with Jim Archibald. Mr. Archibald will serve as Madison County's primary public defender. Conflict public defender contracts are out to be signed with other attorneys from the area. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the addition of Randi Beeton's speaking notes as an exhibit and supplementation to the April 10, 2017 minutes. This involved her discussion regarding the eclipse and the property around the Butte. She asked that her speaking notes be included in the meeting minutes. The Commissioners have approved these minutes previously, but upon request of the presenter, Ms. Beeton, they are fine with including her notes that she read to the Commissioners as an exhibit to those minutes. Nothing else was modified. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The April 10, 2017 minutes will be accordingly supplemented with Ms. Beeton's reading notes as an exhibit.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Madison Memorial Hospital Board appointment letter. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the Operation Plan for Solid Waste. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Family Group Decision Making grant application. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Rocky Mountain Power Wattsmart customer installation agreements. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to ratify signing the Snowmobile Grant Application. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Contracts/Documents

Routine Matters

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

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner meeting minutes of April 24, 2017. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Certificates of Residency for Kyler Clark, Joseph Dougherty, Amy Mortimer, Nathan Moseley, Kenalee Orme, Cora LaRue, Lottie Pickering, Matilyn Sellers, Autumn Williams, Eden Whoolery, Hannah Backstein, Brynn Leatham, Devin Baxter, Jacob Cockran, Dallin Haeberle, Rye Mortensen, Haley Robinson, Lorien Smith, Aaron Toone, Matisse Flora, Cayson Loveland, Autumn Ziegler and Marisol Olvera. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (b) employee matters (c) real property and (d) exempt records, (d) and exempt records. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber–yes

Commissioner Smith–yes

Commissioner Ricks–yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign a Lien Releases on Case No. 2009013, sign Approvals on Case No's 2017024 and 2017027. Indigent Non-Medical: Sign Approval on Case No. N2017018. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice, Site development exemption, Bagley Enterprises

Shawn discussed using Lidar mapping to update the County GIS records since it was last done in 2015. He is concerned about sharing the cost with the City of Rexburg. The County would pay 80% of the total cost and in Shawn's opinion that is not fair because the majority of the users would be located in the City of Rexburg. Forsgren and Associates will do the work as Shawn and Brent prefer to stay local. The cost would be approximately \$55,000, with the County portion being about \$44,000. The County needs to move forward, however Keith Davidson and the City of Rexburg would like to hear the Commissioners opinion on this matter. Commissioners, Brent McFadden and Shawn Boice feel that this this needs to be adjusted to a 50/50 split and included in the GIS budget. The Commissioners will follow up with the Mayor on this, and moving forward, will request a 50/50 split in costs with the City of Rexburg.

Terry Bagley owns property behind the Melaleuca Building. He is the original developer and Shawn would like to get him on the Developers Exemption. He does qualify with the State's list for developers. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Developers Exemption. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Ralph Robison and Judy Coy with Planning & Zoning

Condolences were given to Ralph on the passing of his mother. Brent McFadden has announced his retirement effective June 1, 2017. The Commissioners desired to hear Judy and Ralph's opinion on the future of the Planning and Zoning Department. Commissioners asked Judy what was needed in the Department. She said she feels very strongly that the County needs to fill the position immediately. Ralph said he feels the salary for the position should be based on fair market value and in line with surrounding Counties. He stated that interest on new subdivisions has increased and we should hire someone who is up to date on subdivision laws. This will enable developers get the maximum value out of their property. He also said that a planner would have enough work to be busy full-time.

Commissioner Smith likes the idea of having someone that will meet with other County and City departments to establish good working relationships. Also, to be proactive with planning not only within the County but our cities as well. The comprehensive plan and the codes need to be upgraded and we would need someone qualified to do this. Building inspection needs were also discussed. Ralph said that he would like to continue to work with the County for a few more years. The new P&Z Director would need to be able to perform inspections as well.

This position will be posted and the Commissioners will wait to see who applies for it.

Trevin Ricks, spring flooding Update

Trevin showed a 45-120 day forecast for flooding. Levels on the Teton should not be higher than in 2011. The Snake will spill out into farmland and Beaver Dick Park however should not get higher than in 2011. Trevin said forecasts are based on patterns from the past. They figure in future precipitation and farmers watering patterns. Farmers are starting to irrigate which will help. He said high temperatures are a concern. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent people to observe the levees. Flood District #1 has identified some concerns on the levee. Areas of mild to moderate concerns will be recommended for improvements, Flood District #1 is concerned that they have already spent more than their budget allowed to prevent problems with flooding. The Flood District boundaries go as far south as Bingham County. Palisades is at 8% fill currently, however projections show when the snow melts, it will be filled to capacity, and could probably be filled and emptied three times.

Jared Arnold, Field trip to preview County grounds requiring maintenance, discuss quotes for a lawnmower

Jared reported that the new lawnmowers will be budgeted for next year.

The Parks department doesn't have petty cash to make change when people come into reserve a shelter. Jared would like to hold out \$50 for a cash box for just the summer months. Sue Bagley from the Clerk's Office will periodically audit this. Discussions were had as to security and dual witness on cash.

Jared said he would like to discuss an additional employee at Solid Waste.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner