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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
APRIL 13, 2015	8:00 A.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks, Jon Weber and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir	

AGENDA TOPICS

Public Comment:

Shane Ruebush expressed concerns with county board members, specifically Planning and Zoning who don't have county email addresses. There was discussion of having a general email address which one person on the committee answers and forwards to the appropriate person. Commissioners will follow up with Paul Sorensen from IT.

Dan Roberts read from a pamphlet that Commissioner Ricks had passed on to him regarding the importance of liberty and freeing our society from socialism.

County Business:

Committee & Board Reports

Commissioner Weber reported on 5000 South changes and the changes to the Negotiation Services contract with Larry Rincover. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Addendum to the contract with Negotiation Services to agree to the additional work required. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber and Kelly Hoopes, from Horrocks Engineers, also reported on the RPO Transportation meeting. Kelly presented two maps from the City planning meeting showing the one way road going north on Second East and south on 1st East, but there would be additional railroad crossings and bridges required. The matter will need to go to public hearing before the plan can be finalized. Kelly stated he has enjoyed working with Madison County and invites anyone with questions or concerns to call him. DeeDee Tucker, with the City of Rexburg, will have the maps for those wishing to view them.

Discussion Items

- Reviewed Veteran Service Officer applicants. Interviews will be set up on April 27th.
- Odd lot discussion on approximately .8 acres of county ground at Section 36 Township 7, Range 40, by Madison County gravel pit in Teton. The adjacent landowner is Dee Eldridge. Troy will work with Assessor, Shawn Boice, to get a

price and Brent McFadden to check the legal description. Once completed, Troy will prepare a resolution declaring it as odd lot and will have a public hearing. Commissioner Smith made a motion to begin the process of declaring this property as odd-lot. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Department Head Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Morgan Roderick and Vanessa Whaley. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the personnel actions for Mosquito and Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the personnel actions for the Assessor/Revaluation for Scott Banta and Julia Solomon. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to hold Solid Waste employees at the current rate until budget time. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Darin Burrell – Update on Legalization of Marijuana:

The vote to approve cannabis oil was closer in the House, but overwhelming in the Senate. The Bill is currently on the governor's desk and speculation is that he will probably sign it. According to Federal law, it is still illegal. Proponents brought sick kids in when the bill was presented and explained that the oil will aid those young children with epileptic seizures. Cannabidiol does not get a user high, but the issue focuses more on emotion than science and medical research. There is currently no FDA oversight or regulation to protect consumers. There are many different forms the oil is found in such as CBD hemp skittles, vape juice and CBD vape. Darin pointed out that the movement is making us feel more comfortable about legalizing marijuana. Commissioners asked if in Darrin's work this is leading to a situation where this will no longer be a probation situation. Darrin answered not in Idaho yet, but in Washington and Oregon it is. CBD is being advertised as a medical miracle for our pets. This year the legislature sent another message accepting marijuana in some form. The movement has begun in Idaho.

Health and Welfare – Indigent Clerk (Ann Marie Sorenson):

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) and(d) employee matters and exempt records (Commissioner Ricks - yes, Commissioner Weber - yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case Nos. 2015006, 2015001, and 2014037, sign Denial on Case Nos. 2015015 and 2015016. **Non-Medical Cases:** Sign approval on Case No. N2015011. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice – Employee and Cell Phone Matters:

- There were five applicants for the GIS mapping position who were interviewed by a five person board made up of a Commissioner, two employees, Shawn and Craig Rindlisbacher. Amanda Larese was hired, and she will start work the end of April. There will be a retirement luncheon for Sandy Briggs on May 14th.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to grant exemptions presented by the Assessor for Lyle Thompson, Bill Squires, Apostolic Assembly Faith in Jesus Christ, Edward Evans, Quinn Galbraith and Rustlers Hideout. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Employee matters: Shawn wants to pay employees what they are worth and provide a good work environment for them so they won't leave the county if they are offered another position. Commissioner Weber stated since the raises aren't included in the budget he would have to say no to the increase. Shawn worries there will be another battle in the new budget cycle to get these employees to the level they should be. Commissioner Smith feels that we need to grant the raises to be competitive. It would cost the county more if we had to hire and re-train a new employee.
- Shawn would like an answer regarding cell phones in his office while upgrading to iPads. They will be changing from Sprint to Verizon and will need data plans for the iPads and a few phones. Shawn would like Commissioners to set up a per diem monthly rate for employees who use personal phones for business use.

Brent McFadden – Findings of Fact:

- *Bret Stoddard Zone Change* – Bret wants to be able to change from Tran Ag to Commercial. Land use is already commercial. The original one they are looking at is storage units for usage. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the zone change based on the Planning and Zoning's Findings of Fact. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- *Eric Erickson Zone Change* – He came in and applied for map and land use change for 1,100 acres except for large chunk in the middle. This was unanimously turned down by the Planning & Zoning Commission as they didn't think that big of a zone change was needed. Commissioner Ricks moved to accept the action of the Planning & Zoning Commission to decline the zone change. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Stream Buffers - Changing of sensitive lands to allow all waters in the county. The requirement is to be 200 feet away from water ways including canals, (leave as natural as possible) but can farm right up to them. The waters are: North and South Fork of the Teton, Moody Creek, upstream from the mouth of Moody Canyon, North Henry's Fork and South Fork of the Snake River.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to accept Planning & Zoning Commission's Findings of Fact discussed. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

- *Sugar City Impact Zone and Area Zone Changes* - Changing the designations within that area. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the Planning & Zoning Commission's Findings of Fact on the Sugar Impact Area. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Reo/Cindy/Maxine – Solid Waste Employee Matters/Update on Current Projects:

- Commissioner Ricks asked Maxine if in terms of job description and head count, Solid Waste is staffed at the level it should be for the next three to five years. She stated they are short one or two employees when people take vacation or use PTO. Mr. Sharp will be retiring the end of June and will need to be replaced. She would be comfortable with having 11 employees, and right now they have 10. They are on a rotating schedule, i.e. work six days a week on ten hour days.
- Reo presented a list of roadways needing crack sealed and stated they probably won't get all of them done this season. Commissioner Ricks stated the Harvest Heights roads are breaking up badly. Reo will take a look to see if they need to plan for extra work in that area. They will be dust oiling (applying mag chloride) a few roads, and Reo presented a list of those roadways. Crack sealing on a partial city/county roadway on the Hibbard Highway was discussed. Reo pointed out that we remove snow on this section of road, and he would like to crack seal and chip seal a few areas as far out as Plano, but it would be expensive with man hours, materials and machine use.
- Road and Bridge is currently helping many county taxing districts with the materials coming out of their budget, then end up short on maintaining the roads around the county. They love to help and want to, but it hits Road and Bridge's budget pretty hard. Cindy will figure what has been spent in the past two years helping our taxing districts.
- Guard rails have been installed and the 8,000 gallon Dura patch tank is up and they are patching roadways.
- Cindy gave commissioners the Road and Bridge phone bill for review. She also discussed tracking the tools that commissioners talked to her about. Commissioners would just like them to be aware of inventory and checking tools out if an employee borrows them.

Val & Cathy Moss – Thornton Properties:

The Clerk mentioned that the remaining money for the lots was paid by Trevor Einerson. The deeds will have to be executed in an open meeting on April 27th. Val would like to

propose that since the traffic study was completed and it exceeded the maximum count, the county help pay to oil the road. Trevor and Val would pay 40% to have the road oiled. Thompson Paving gave them a bid of \$29,450, which included the hammerhead. The county has taken in \$7,000 off this project. This will be taken into consideration by the Commissioners and will have an answer back to them in two weeks when the deeds are signed. Troy will prepare drafts of the deeds to all property owners and have them ready by the next meeting.

Tim Solomon – Rocky Mountain Power Update:

Tim wanted to discuss the company's energy cost mechanism. They should have approval retroactive to April 1st for an 1.8% increase due to the cost of fuel. Last year there was a 2% decrease, but they have also had to purchase more power. If expenses are off, the energy cost mechanism is the adjustment tool. There are currently no new projects filed for next year. They are working with the State to make sure they get transmission lines out of the way of the Thornton Interchange. The transportation refresh completion date should be sometime next month. Economic Development requests usually come in at a time when there isn't current data in place and a definitive answer takes time. It takes them 120 days for a system impact study, but businesses coming in want an immediate answer. Substations would need to be divided up to avoid network upgrades.

Lunch Break with Eric Conrad and Brett Sampson for BYU-I Issues:

Eric met with President Gilbert, the new President of BYU-I, this morning and feels that bad relations are old school and the school's relationship with the city and county were important. The staff is looking at options on what will go in at College and Center Streets. They are discussing possibilities from a counseling center to a small hotel, but can honestly say no one knows what the plan for the area is. The tax base was discussed. They are researching growth projections for the next ten years.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Kimber Ricks, Commission Chairman

Jon Weber, Commissioner

Todd Smith, Commissioner