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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
FEBRUARY 23, 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

County Business:

Discussions, Contracts and Documents

- Discussion, review and sign Madison County Personnel Policy dated February 23, 2015. Troy commented the county has been working on this policy since August 2014 and has had many suggestions and comments from department heads, employees, and elected officials through department head meetings, phone calls and emails. How this policy will clarify the old October 1, 2006 personnel policy as to employees' at-will status with Madison County was discussed. Numerous other clarifications were made. Based upon this, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the new Personnel Policy dated February 23, 2015. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. The timeframe for all Madison County employees to sign Appendix "A" of the February 23, 2015 Personnel Policy, acknowledging receipt of the new policy was discussed. Resolution No. 385 was discussed. This Resolution is to adopt the February 23, 2015 Personnel Policy as Madison County's official at-will personnel policy. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve Resolution No. 385. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Discussion, review and sign Eastern Idaho Public Health District Board of Health Appointment (2). Commissioner Ricks made a motion to support the nomination of Bill Leake (Teton County) and Ken Minor (Latah County). Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Discussion of RC&D and cloud seeding allocation. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to increase the annual contribution for RC&D administration from \$350 to \$500. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Discussion of Teton Gravel Pit regarding conversation with Lee Miller, Fremont County. This will be researched further and taken care of internally.
- Eagle Scout sign project in Hibbard - Sage Lewis is seeking approval to install a welcome to Hibbard sign. They will clean the area up and prepare the corner for the sign. Reo from Road and Bridge was also present and would like to remove a tree that is blocking the corner. Commissioners feel it is a good project.

- An urban renewal meeting at noon today was discussed. Commissioner Ricks will attend.

Routine Matters

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for the following:

Ball, Kelli	Barker, Milena	Barnhill, Brigham
Barr, Ryan	Bean, Amree	Belnap, Zach
Brown, Mckenzie	Byrd, Arian	Cardon, Clarissa
Castagno, Hayden	Casper, Makenzie	Collins, Dawson
Fuller, Joshua	Gannaway, Robertson	Geddes, Carter
Gerdes, Nathan	Glider, Krista	Godek, Aryel
Hamblin, Kaden	Hancock, Lindsey	Hansen, Kelsie
Harris, Jessie	Hatch, Mckell	Huntsman, Lauren
Jacobson, Darby	Larson, Hanna	Luthy, Sabrina
Marcum, A Tanner	McBride, Brandon	McFarland, Tanner
Michaelson, Maren	Nelson, Keller	Nixon, Dakota
Olsen, David	Ostermiller, Derk	Perkins, Jason
Roberts, Stacy	Schlegelmilch, Jaclyn	Schwendiman, Brooke
Summer, Carson	Smith, Redge	Thompson, Devin
Thurgood, Sara	Ward, Joseph	Wasden, Micah
Webb, Cody	Weimer, Kenzi	White, Cameron
Wilcox, Kaesi		

Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

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

Cameron Stanford - Emergency Service Matters and Spring Run-Off:

The weather service will be attending the next LEPC meeting. They are currently not worried about flooding and are releasing normal amounts of water. There was discussion on transportation of mental health holds and the level of service they are receiving at BHC and a facility in Salt Lake. The new facility is open in Idaho Falls and they provide a good service.

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) and (d) exempt records and personnel matters. (Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign Liens on Case Nos. 2015012, 2015013 and 2015011, sign a Lien Release on Case No. 2015011, (a lien was signed at the last meeting on property, but claimant does not own the home and the current personal property lien replaces the old one), sign Approvals on Case No. 2015011 and sign an Amended Approval on Case No. 2015005. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Sherry Arnold/Shawn Boice -Tax Issues/Scott Galbraith/D & C Properties – Employee Matter:

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the two tax cancellations for D & C Properties. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- More information was asked for on the Scott Galbraith case prior to a decision being made.
- Shawn Boice reported that Sandy Briggs has announced her retirement for May 28, 2015. GIS options were discussed and her replacement. It was discussed to have an employee from the City GIS work at the county office. The job will be advertised, and Shawn hopes to find someone who will be long term and could easily step into this position without a lot of training.

Brent McFadden- General Services Park Updates:

Brent presented paperwork showing goals for the parks for next season which include replacement of roofs on the shelters and fascia at Beaver Dick Park, water testing to see if it is potable and then replace the well. Next year Brent would also like to replace table pads, install additional fencing and replace the two old lawn mowers. He would like to roll unused funds over to replace more restrooms at both parks. He is working on grants to replace a few, but all need upgraded.

Kelly Hoopes/Horrocks Engineering - Transportation Refresh Update:

Kelly reported on meetings and discussions which point to the alternative of mini couplets (changing streets to one-way) and signal timing to relieve the congestion on Second East from Main Street to the river and also extending past the Highway 20 interchange. Kelly doesn't see a need to revise until development occurs on University Parkway west to 12th West and 5th West as it goes northward. The 1000 East Bridge and 5000 South are both funded and in design and construction. A roundabout at 2000 and 3000 West on the Moody Highway and one in Archer were discussed. The severity of a head on collision and bad accidents are diminished greatly in a roundabout.

Reo/Cindy/Maxine - Public Works Project Updates:

- The three were thanked for keeping things running smoothly. In recognition of the extra work they will receive a bonus of \$500 after taxes in their next

paycheck to thank them. Commissioner Weber made a motion to this effect. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioners are still considering alternatives to replacing the Public Works Director.

- There was discussion on repairs for some machines which will be needed by next fall and on dirt that needs to be moved or pushed with scrapers to the other side of the berm. Commissioners recommended pushing it off for now rather than paying \$32,000 to have it moved permanently.
- There were questions asked about employees and some raises. Any more than a 2% raise will be discussed at a later time and likely made a part of the upcoming year's budget.

Will Jenson - E Center and Research Project Agreement:

In case signatures were needed, Ted Hendricks asked Corey and Wyatt McGregor to come in. They have decided to apply for the grant themselves and will just need a letter for grant matches. The project is going well, and they are identifying data to help with interchange research. They should have everything compiled by April 3rd and at that time will plan to report. They are asking for a copy of Bear World's letter of commitment.

Sherry Arnold -Tax Deed Hearing:

A Tax Deed Hearing was opened at 2:06 p.m. Sherry Arnold, Anita Clark, Troy Evans, Brenda Stoor, Commissioners Smith and Ricks and Marilyn Thomason were present.

- Sherry stated that parcels have been presented prior to sale, and proper notices have been issued. There have been no replies from David Bell, Paul Arrellano, Rentmaster or Michael Nelson. They have received delinquent notices for the past three years. She sent notices letting them know it would be published in the paper, and the certified letters were not returned.
There is no tax due for 2013 and 2014 for Rentmaster as it is a parking lot at Green Gables. There are 16 four-plexus off Pioneer Road. Commissioner Smith thinks they still owe taxes for 2011 and 2012. This tax deed hearing can be brought again by Ms. Arnold after she has talked with Rentmaster.
- Marilyn Thomason is objecting to the address of 2616 South 3000 West. She stated the tax assessments were done fraudulently. She claimed she paid the taxes, and they have been miss-applied. No house was ever assessed on this property. They collected \$44,000 and did not apply it to any of the taxes. She stated the reason for being here today is only a formality so the county does not get dragged into a lawsuit. She claimed this is going to Federal Court next month. The county has never been served any paperwork of this suit and is unaware of one existing. Regardless, the property described herein was behind at least three years in taxes. Washington Federal Bank, a lienholder on this property, paid the real estate taxes in full over a week ago. As such, this hearing was actually cancelled, but Ms. Thomason wanted to come today anyway and make this a part of the record, but she did not object to what occurred or ask for any relief.

Commissioner Ricks declared the tax deed hearing closed at 2:29 p.m.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to issue a Tax Deed on the David Bell and Michael Nelson properties but wait on Rentmaster and Paul Arellano until further information could be obtained. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Ryan Kaufman - Discuss Plan One Proposal:

Ryan explained the proposal received from Plan One is basically at the max cost. He feels we need to have Plan One as the general contractor, reviewing and making sure it all integrates with our current system. It is more of a complicated project than any of us can take on and make sure it all works.

We have to decide what we want to have done before they can give us a bid, and they will come in and do an in depth evaluation, at our cost, before they can give firm numbers. Plan One will make all of the cameras, security, etc. interactive. The Sheriff's Office feels we would save money to have the cameras and control panel done together with the courthouse security, rather than separately as we had originally planned. The Commissioners expressed concern that the money is to go toward the jail and the courthouse, it would be better to get an evaluation of the entire project which would include the courthouse and then evaluate which project would be done first and how to divide out the work. That Plan One needs to make their evaluation off the walk through that occurred with the Commissioners', Sheriff's Office staff, District Judge, Clerk, and Prosecutor's Office. A written summary of this walk through needs to be forwarded to the company. The Sheriff's Office and Troy will get back to Plan One and ask for the detailed evaluation of not only the jail, but the courthouse as well, based upon this discussion.

Robbie Taylor - RC&D Request for 2015/2016 Funding:

Greg Blaser and Joe Jeppesen were also present. They felt good about what they have accomplished and where they are headed. Robbie gave a report showing what they have done since February of 2014. They are taking soil health very seriously and are happy to say they are going on their 6th year of researching this topic including cover crop, water preservation and power conservation. They have been helping with the Rexburg healthy soils initiative and are partnered with RC&D, Simplot and NRCS. RC&D have applied for grants to help.

Robbie is asking for an increase in funds received from the county for next year. They appreciate the funding the county provides, and noted that it is matched by the State and Federal Government. On March 11th, the RC&D is having a luncheon for some of the energy saving people. They are hoping to receive funds from some of the farmers they have helped with their research.

Matt Nielsen/City of Rexburg - Madison County Partnership Financial Review:

Matt presented financial information on the entities that Madison County and the City of Rexburg share, including the golf courses, airport, Legacy Flight Museum, fire department, ambulance and GIS. There was discussion on fees at the airport. The Board would like to install a sign on the corner of the Municipal Golf Course which would require an additional \$18,000 from the County for next year. Commissioner Ricks would like to include wording on the bottom of the sign stating it is a joint venture of the City and County. Matt pointed out that there have not been payments received on the debt on the golf course expansion. They are hoping to get \$10,000 from both the City and County each year to get it paid off.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to amend the agenda to consider a Resolution which requires consideration before March 3rd. This resolution adopts "Idaho Day" on March 4th each year and as a day that we celebrate Idaho. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #386 regarding Idaho Day. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Kimber Ricks, Chairman
Jon Weber, Commissioner
Todd Smith, Commissioner