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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
MARCH 9, 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:

Dan Roberts discussed the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. He hopes the county is careful about entering into these agreements with regional governments and that the county should approach this with great trepidation.

County Business:

Kimber Ricks

- Hospital Board -The inspection is complete on Carriage Cove, and they will be operational in 30 days. The new physical therapy operation is going well.
- Kimber reported on a meeting regarding public lands and shifting the federal lands back to the state or county.
- SAUSA (Special assistant to the US Attorney) meeting was well represented with various other cities and counties in southeastern Idaho. This matter is on the floor of the senate this week. The office, if created, would take all federal cases for the State, including incarceration. If Madison County wants to be part of it, our share would be approximately \$3,000 a year.

Jon Weber

- The Fair Board had a board meeting and reported that everything is going well and they are gearing up for a busy season. The Livestock Committee finances were discussed.
- Cindy and Reo, with Road and Bridge, were present at the RPO meeting to discuss the guard rail project. Horrocks talked about the transportation study and how to relieve congestion on Second East. Rexburg is about the only City of our size that does not have one way streets. The public information meeting is April 1st in the Commissioners' Room. The April 2nd information meeting will be in the Rexburg City Council Chambers. This is a transportation refresh for the entire area, not just a Second East issue.
- Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Thursday, March 12th.

Todd Smith

- The golf course revenue is up due to the warmer weather. Fees will change slightly at the municipal course only; possibly pass only at a reduced price. The new golf board member is Mike Farnsworth.
- There is nothing to report on the Airport Board. They did bring up Life Flight and needing to move a pad that was poured.

Discussion Items

- Staff Vacancies - Veteran Service Officer and Public Works Director. The Veteran Service Officer position will be posted, and interviews will be scheduled. The Public Works vacancy was discussed.
- The new personnel policy will need employees' signatures. There was further discussion on sick leave and vacation time. Troy explained there have been concerns regarding the new policy with vacation and sick leave. Troy and Kim discussed grandfathering current employees into the old policy as it applies to vacation leave, where there was an issue on the interpretation of vacation between one and two years and six and seven years. The sick pay was also discussed. Kimber asked about changing sick time to personal time off as sick leave implies that the employee is sick. The commissioners agreed to make amendments to the personnel policy and send it out again. This will be scheduled for March 23, 2015 for final review and re-signing the resolution to make it effective that day.
- There will be a meeting on Friday, March 13th in the Commissioners' Room to canvass the votes for the March 10th election.
- Clerk Kim Muir asked commissioners to start thinking about 2016 budgets and what we want to look at for the coming year as far as meeting with department heads.
- Randy Johnson, from Forsgren Associates, was present to share some insight and thoughts on the Public Works issues. Randy would like to get involved on some level at Road and Bridge.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve settling outstanding bills on the Search and Rescue building. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- The new Extension Ag agent position has been approved. Luke wanted to know if the Commissioners want to be involved in the interview process, and Commissioner Smith stated he would.
- Update on the Thornton Neighborhood. Trevor Einerson, with Shovelback Holdings has offered to pay the outstanding amounts owed for the property owners who haven't paid yet. After review with legal counsel, this is agreed upon as long as he has written permission from the property owners. Commissioner Smith has visited with Val Moss concerning the property that Shovelback Holdings acquired to the north of his other property.

Contracts and Documents

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the contract with Election Systems and Software for new precinct counters at polling places. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve Resolution #387 authorizing the Indigent Clerk to destroy records that meet the definition of obsolete. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Idaho Military Division & Eastern Idaho Interagency Data Network Agreement. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Ashley Rigby and Braden Price. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

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

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:04 a.m. Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b) and (d) exempt records and personnel matters. (Commissioner Ricks, Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 9:17 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Liens on Case Nos. 2015016 and 2015015, sign a Lien Release on Case No. 2009021, sign Denial on Case No. 2015014 and sign Approvals on Case Nos. 2015017 and 2014036-A and B (both cases). Non-Medical: Sign an Approval on Case No. 2015010. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice - Employee Certification and Telephones:

Shawn would like to change the way they are doing assessments in the field. He would like to update to use iPads in the field and go through Verizon. During the transition, Verizon is offering rebates. For now two iPads will be purchased to try them out and see how they work for assessments. Cell phone plans were discussed and those employees requiring a county cell phone. Personal use and liability of iPads were discussed. These requests are under consideration by the Commissioners. Shawn presented two additional personnel actions for employees who have earned additional certifications.

Jim Mullen/Keller and Associates – 5000 South/Transportation Issues:

Jim Mullen and Don Carnahan with Keller and Associates, Scott Ellsworth from LHTAC and Drew Meppen and David Alvarez with ITD were present. Keller presented an agenda, project list and maps (available in the Clerk's Office). The environmental document is approved, and the county can now begin right of way acquisition. The county will need to select a negotiator, appraiser and reviewer to begin the process. Actual appraisal and negotiation has to be done by a separate entity. There are nine parcels plus one which will need a prescriptive right of way. They can go ahead and proceed with the Thornton Interchange with the condition that an additional parcel might be added. Rocky Mountain Power has to relocate three transmission lines and will be finished in the fall. Temperatures have to be high to complete the process - hence a July 2016 completion date.

The county will need a representative from the Commissioners to be available for meetings and teleconferences and Commissioner Weber volunteered. Railroad crossings were discussed. An agreement will be made between Eastern Railroad and Madison County. There was a discussion on the transition from 5000 South as part of the interchange construction and another small parcel that will be required.

Reo/Cindy/Maxine – Bid for C&D Loaders/Sign Federal Surplus Properties Renewal:

Maxine discussed a bid for a new C&D loader. She would like to trade in the two old loaders as the first payment for a new loader. The new machine would be put on a five year lease. They still have the D7 dozer.

Paul Meigio – Sign and Approve District Wide Mental Health Manager Contract:

Paul presented a contract and stated that state funds pay for this position. Historically Bonneville County is the fiscal agent for Eric Olsen(probation). Commissioners asked about the new Administrative Court Judge, and Paul stated it is going well. They are having to share resources and work together closely, but feel that it is a good thing. They are working well with Judge Simpson. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve the District Wide Mental Health Manager Contract. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent McFadden/Tom Cluff – Proposal from Curtis Electric for Courthouse/Greater Yellowstone Consortium Update on the HUD Grant:

Madison County is one of the members of the Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium which received a grant of \$1.5 million in 2012 to support regional planning. The final product of this joint effort is the Teton View Regional Plan for Sustainable Development, which will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in May, 2015. The draft Teton View Plan will be out for public review from February 23 through March 22, 2015.

This is not a binding document, and after it is complete no one is obligated to do anything. There are 60 projects identified and can be tackled a piece at a time or

combined with several others. There will be public meetings in each of the counties. The open house for Madison County is March 18th at the Madison County Library. Commissioners stated that they don't see the value in this study. Most of the information is what they already know. How this study will help the county was discussed.

Public Hearing – Solid Waste Change of Fees/Ordinance #394 to Change Solid Waste Fees:

The public hearing was opened at 11:35 a.m. on March 9th, at the Madison County Courthouse for a hearing regarding Solid Waste fee increases for disposal of tires and other waste. Commissioners Ricks, Weber and Smith, Troy Evans, Kim Muir, Maxine Berger, Dan Roberts and Amanda from the newspaper were present. The hearing was properly posted in the newspaper, and no conflicts were declared. Maxine presented opening statements. She commented that they propose a fee change at the construction demolition site for out of county costs, tire costs and animal drop off. Tire disposal prices will change to a per tire basis rather than a tonnage price. Fees are being changed to cover costs. Solid Waste is receiving more demolition and compost material from other counties, because it's currently less expensive to dump in Madison County.

To Speak For:

None

Against:

None

Neutral:

Dan Roberts had a few questions. Madison County has been characterized in national media as being the most indigent County in Idaho. One of the rate increases reflects a 400% increase. He feels the tire increase will be passed on to the consumer in new tire price. With a boom of college students in the area, he would hope that we take into consideration this increase, if in a few years if we lose population. This increase will affect families and most are living on the edge of their incomes. He wondered if this increase will bring on more illegal dumping.

Commissioner Ricks declared the hearing closed at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Smith asked the last time fees were raised and Maxine stated in 2006 on a few items. Some have been at the same rate for at least 10 years, and public compost was raised 400%.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign and approve Ordinance #394 to increase fees at the Solid Waste site. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Rudey Ballard – Medical Health Insurance Discussion:

Rudey stated we are in a good spot with our grandfathering status with Blue Cross. Our rates will probably go up because our loss ratio is currently over 100%. We should have definite numbers for budgeting purposes by June 1st.

Keith Davidson – Review and Sign Application for a Grant to Reconstruct the Airport Apron:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the application for a grant to reconstruct the airport apron. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. This will close the airport for two weeks in June for the shoulder grading, but life flight will still be able to operate. Pilots needing to fly can still go in and out of Idaho Falls.

Bob Henage/Plan One Architect – Phone Conference Regarding Security Assessment for Courthouse and Jail/Discussion and Approval of Fees and Costs for Security Assessment:

Troy Evans has been discussing the project with Plan One, and the emphasis from the Commissioners is to get a total project cost on courthouse and jailhouse security upgrades. When this bond was approved by the voters a number of years ago, it included both complexes. In discussing this with Plan One, they would like to go forward with the “security assessment” for the jail and courthouse. This will get the Commissioners a reliable number as to what the total project could cost, then the Commissioners could form a priority list and determine what part of the project to undertake. Plan One will be in Rexburg this Thursday for a walk through of both facilities to look at the needs and what was previously given to them with the last walk through with the court, Commissioners, Judge, legal, clerks, etc. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the funds for the security assessment. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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