

Mayor Woodland closed the public hearing for deliberations.

Madison County Commissioner Ricks closed the public hearing.

Mayor Woodland asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2015 – 12 for the City of Rexburg and Madison County to amend the Airport fees; also, adopt other fees as presented for the City of Rexburg on the City’s Master Fee List.

Council Member Busby moved to approve Resolution 2015 – 12 for the City of Rexburg and Madison County to amend the Airport fees; also, adopt other fees as presented for the City of Rexburg on the City’s Master Fee List. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye:

Council President Smith
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Mann
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby
Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay:

None

The motion carried

Madison County Commissioner Ricks asked for a motion on behalf of Madison County to approve Ordinance # 402. Madison County Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance # 402. County Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Discussion: County Commissioner Smith asked about the fees listed that do not pertain to Madison County. Do the fees need to be removed from Madison County’s Ordinance #402? City Attorney Zollinger clarified that there is no harm in including the fees because; Madison County can’t collect on the City’s fees. He said it would be best to redact the City fees from the Madison County’s Ordinance # 402. Madison County Commissioners will consider this.

At 8:00 p.m. all three Commissioners traveled to welcome the new Fair Board Member, Amy Nef. There will also be a discussion on an organizational chart letting everyone know who they report to, and a brief discussion on the future of the fairgrounds.

Amy was welcomed and thanked for volunteering to be on the Fair Board. The County does have paid employees, but volunteers play a large part in helping the county run as well.

Commissioner Weber discussed the organizational chart. The Commissioners report to the Public. The Fair Board reports to the Commissioners. Everyone else: Rodney, Livestock Committee, and Fair Committee report to the Fair Board. 4-H reports to University of Idaho. When it comes to the Fair, Luke answers to the Commissioners and Kandee answers to Luke.

Commissioner Weber made it clear that the Commissioners are committed to the Fairgrounds. They don't have unlimited funds but they can help with some expenses. They have not kept up with the 4-H budget and realize that the program is growing fast and they need to make a change. They would like Kandee to bring in a budget for the 4-H.

Cory Foster asked the question as to why there wasn't a small gate fee charged at the Fair. He feels that people would pay to come to the fair.

The Commissioners feel that 4-H and the County Fair is a reinvestment in the youth and the deep tradition of Ag in the community. These traditions are a concern to the Commissioners. It seems that we are getting away from the deep rooted traditions that have made our county and this area great.

The Commissioners support the Fair Board members. They can always come to the Board with any questions or concerns raised by the public. If there are grounds for employment actions with Madison County employee(s) the Commissioners will take care of that. They would like everything else that can be handled by the Board to be handled at that level.

Cory Foster was present to give the Board information on the Rocky Mountain Fair Conference that will be held in Layton Utah November 11-14. Idaho, Utah, Montana, and Canada all come together for this conference. A scholarship of \$600 was given to Madison County by the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, to be used by Board members to attend this conference and get ideas on how to make their county fair better. He said the State Fair is owned by all of the counties in South Eastern Idaho. What they make at the State level is how they operate year to year. The state fair has the same type of flow chart as this county does.

The fair conference will feature carnival companies, entertainment companies, fund raising ideas, rodeo committee ideas, theme and branding classes. The Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot has a theme each year. It would be good for Madison County to have a theme too.

The Commissioners also discussed with Board members their concerns about making everyone feel they can use the fairground facility.

The Posse was discussed. The Board members definitely want the Posse to feel they can use the facility, but it will be on the same terms as the rest of the public. They will pay the same scheduled fees and have to schedule their events just like everyone else.

It may be a liability for the county if one of the Posse members gets hurt while helping with maintenance and repairs. A Board representative needs to be with them at all times. All events are welcomed in their season.

Commissioner Weber would like everything written down on paper. Rates, scholarships, etc. so everyone can see the Board is trying to stay fair and even for everyone. Commissioner Smith will reply to the Posse. He feels he needs to get back with them where they came to him with their frustrations. He will also advise them to move past their frustrations and anger and work together.

Future Fairgrounds: Dean feels that moving the fairgrounds at this point is not feasible. The sand sheds are not in good shape. He proposed partnering with the City to make better and more parking. He and other board members feel that changing fence lines would make things flow better. He has been talking to the College and they have very sharp students who could draw up auto-cad plans at a minimal fee. There are approximately 23-26 acres and this facility needs updated so it can be used to its maximum potential. There are drainage problems, and a lack of stalls for bigger shows. He would like to see a conference room built with bathrooms and kitchenette. A new warm up arena is greatly needed. Everything built could be used for multi purposes. The Farmers Market is looking for a place to use next year. It would be nice to have them at the fairgrounds. There is a lot of nice grassy area for them to use. The Chamber of Commerce has interns that could help with branding and marketing.

Commissioner Ricks would like to see a long term plan with costs and numbers presented to them. If a plan is good, there are big businesses that will get on board. Someone will need to sell advertising door to door. Commissioner Weber would like to see different sponsors for different events.

New Hire for fairgrounds: Dean and Shane will look at the applications that were received and set up interviews. They will have Commissioner Weber sit in on the interviews.

Approved:

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