

Rexburg Chamber of Commerce Membership Dues:

This fee was discussed and decided that it needed to be paid.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Membership Dues for the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Archer Gravel Pit House:

Commissioner Smith said there have been questions and concerns from potential renters regarding the dust created especially when they are crushing gravel. Commissioner Smith wonders if it is too much of a liability to rent this property. Troy thinks that it is still worth finding a renter for the house. We do live in Idaho and dust and dirt are always blowing around the farms.

Contracts and Documents:

Review and sign: Hospital Bylaw Changes and Board Appointment:

The Commissioners discussed 2 changes to the hospital bylaws: They have changed the Hospital Board year from fiscal to calendar, and also made changes to statutory citation regarding executive sessions that changed in Idaho Statute. Commissioners discussed Board appointments terms. The term of service is 3 years. Appointments are made if there is a death while sitting on the board. The Commissioners may request a list of 3 recommended persons per position from the board. Recommendations shall be considered but are not binding. If December comes and the Commissioners do not ask for a list, then the board members will be re-instated as per the current wording. Commissioners need to be on their toes for this. If incoming commissioners are not on top this it may not be good, so the Commissioners would like to change the wording from may give a list, to shall give a list of names for board members on that bylaw. Troy made the necessary changes per the statute and the Commissioner's comments, and Commissioner Ricks forwarded the changes to the hospital board. This will be placed on the November Agenda.

Terms on the Hospital Board are expiring. The Commissioners discussed the re-appointment of Linda Porter, Ken Burt and Kent Vernon.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to re-appoint Ken Burt, Kent Vernon and Linda Porter as Hospital Board Members. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Ordinance #402 adopting a New Rate Schedule for City of Rexburg/Madison County:

The public hearing will be held November 4, in conjunction with the City Council meeting at City Hall. The commissioners were asked to review it for any changes now, but they will not act upon it until after the public hearing scheduled for November 4, 2015.

Review and sign: Land Acquisition Purchase Agreement with Von and Carla Clark:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Purchase Sale Agreement between Madison County and Von and Carla Clark on the 5000 S. Project. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Engagement letter for Searle Hart:

Putting this out for bid was discussed. Searle Hart does excellent work, but it was discussed whether or not to have someone new do this or bid it out again. If a change would be made, the Commissioners agreed to give Searle Hart plenty of notice. At this point, the Commissioners want to remain with Searle Hart. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter for the Searle Hart Audit. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2015. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Certificates of Residency for: Dacion Moore. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Health and Welfare-Indigent Clerk (Ann Marie Sorensen):

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:34 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) exempt matters. (Commissioner Ricks –not present, Commissioner Weber-yes, Commissioner Smith – yes). Commissioner's returned to open session at 8:47 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign a Lien on Case No. 2016003, sign Lien Release on Case Nos. 2015018, 2015019 and 2015022, sign a Denial on Case No. 2016001, and sign an Approval on Case No. 2015032. Non-Medical: Sign Approval on Case No. N2016001. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber motioned to accept the Proposal from Petersen, Parkinson, and Arnold on Indigent Case No.2013044. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Tom Bassita/Louis Wasniewski Idaho Fish and Game Forest Hydrologists, North Twin Bridge:

Louis Wasniewski, Dan Kotansky, Matt Woodard, Tom Bassita, Ray Peterson (Home and Land Owner), and Gary Wilcox were present.

Matt Woodard works for Trout Unlimited and works a lot with fish. He is currently working on a stabilization project upstream. They are here to have a frank discussion with the Commissioners on the North Twin Bridge. They would like to know where the County is headed on this situation.

Commissioner Weber discussed how the County has put rip-rap and sheet pile in and the river just keeps moving. They are interested in hearing more about the stabilization project. These

men have come together and are trying to react to the river's migration. Based on the south and north bridge capacity, the south bridge was made to handle most of the flow. A 2014 map was handed to the commissioners. There is a 90 degree turn at the North Bridge. They are reacting to the natural flow of the river. The channel is so narrow, it cannot handle all of the sediment, and therefore the channel is starting to meander.

This stabilizing is a temporary fix for a larger problem. The capacity of the bridge is the bigger issue, it does restrict the flow. They brought several different designs for Commissioners to view. These will have rock, barbs, and re-vegetation components. They are taking a holistic approach to this problem and would like to have this implemented in the next year or so. They think that if the county could increase the bridge capacity it would really be helpful. All agencies are in agreement on this decision.

The deck on the bridge is washing out and the county would need 3-4 million dollars to fix this bridge correctly. Commissioners have applied for grants and cannot seem to get the necessary funding. The ratings on the bridge are still too good. Commissioner Weber said that there will always be consultants and studies which are very expensive. The money spent on the studies should go towards fixing the problem. This project is going to take some serious money.

A small bank near the Ray Peterson property is what they are trying to stabilize but there are a lot more banks that will continue to erode and sediment that will continue to come down. A bare bones study should be done and then the opportunities for grants would look better. They are trying to look at each option and do the best thing for everyone. Adding another pier to the South has already been looked at by another engineer. There are some problems with that though. The County is still on the list for Federal Funding but know that this could take anywhere from one day to 5 years before any funding may be obtained.

Commissioners want Cindy and Reo from Road and Bridge to be the contact for the County and Cindy has the number to Maryland. There is no design yet for a new bridge. The Army Corps of Engineers has done an assessment, but that is about it. The Army Corps would not design the bridge but would do the capacity analysis, and Forsgren could do the design. Randy Johnson is the County contact person.

Collectively all of these entities want to help and work with the County as much as possible. Within 6 months they feel the County should know what they would need for the bridge design. Trout Unlimited and Fish and Game would also like to compile a letter to send back to Maryland to let them know they are interested in working with the County in fixing this serious problem. Commissioners thanked them for coming and for their willingness to help in this matter.

Sherry Arnold Madison County odd lot property, tax issue:

Sherry has talked with the Bank of Commerce about this sliver of property located near the bank that is in the County's name. The County placed a value of less than \$100.00 on it. It should all be taken care of, and the Commissioners approved moving forward with an odd lot declaration to sell it to the adjacent bank. Troy will begin the formal resolution and process to

start this. Sherry understands that she has the authority to cancel some tax, but doesn't like to do it without the Commissioners knowing about it.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to cancel the Tax on the Dry Fly Properties. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Employee reviews were held for: Kirk Mace, Cindy Roberson, Reo Jensen and Maxine Berger

Reo/Cindy/Maxine Update on Waste Works program:

City of Rexburg/ Review and sign Intergovernmental Agreements City of Rexburg/County for Urban Renewal at the North Interchange:

Richard Horner, Jerry Merrill, Keith Davidson, and Lamont Merrill were present for this discussion. Caleb with the Standard journal was also present.

They are here to facilitate the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreements between the City and the County for Urban Renewal at The North Interchange. The City has this on their public hearing for Nov. 4th. Sugar City passed and signed the agreement between Sugar City and the City of Rexburg. They had a special Sugar City Council meeting set up for this purpose on Saturday Oct. 24th. There was verbiage clarification and the document was re-written and signed. The original document did not include Sugar City property. Sugar City asked to be included in this.

Madison County property should be included in a separate document. The County signed a resolution in June. This was the eligibility report. The parcels that border 2nd E and Moody were viewed by the commissioners. Jerry Merrill told Commissioners that after everything was explained to the Sakota brothers they were on board with the agreement. There may be an amendment for the S curve property at the railroad tracks, but before the amendment at the tracks can be done, the Jeppesens, the County, and several others will have to be on board.

Commissioner Ricks asked about the exit strategy. He feels that using property in this way is an abuse and he wanted to be on the record for this. Mr. Merrill said there are always others ways of doing things that should be looked at. The projects listed are all that the urban renewal can deal with at this time. The city has Urban Renewal money that has been saved from other projects and they now have enough money to do this project. Budgets are very tight for the County as well as for the City. The City is not trying to ignore the concerns of the County.

Troy has reviewed the documents and sent the County's requested changes to Urban Renewal attorneys for their review. They have approved the changes from the County. This was then presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of Rexburg/Madison County for Urban Renewal at the North Interchange. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Ricks abstained for the reasons he discussed prior to the vote.

Honen Equipment Grader Lease discussion:

Todd Robinson with Honen Equipment and Cody Eck with Western States Equipment were attending to present offers to commissioners. Madison County leases 6 Graders. Three of these grader leases are up in March. There are good buy backs right now and they are presenting today for this reason and they are competing.

Todd Honen presented a 772 GP and they do not have a buyback program. The County would turn back these Graders and lease new ones. He brought lease payment amounts for Commissioners to view. There are no conversion kits available. They are allowed 5000 hours on the lease terms and the machines are currently at 4500 right now. There is upfront money that will have to be paid. Commissioners thanked him and said they would discuss this with Road and Bridge and make their decision.

Cody Eck with Western States Equipment presented next. He had numbers on the Grader Lease returns; he also showed utilization in the last few years with the equipment. He said the County crew has been doing an excellent job with utilizing their equipment. He prepared an example of one gallon per hour savings cost sheet on fuel over the life of the machine on the fleets.

He has proposed 2 tandem drives and an all-wheel drive for the Commissioners to view. The county already has the snow gear that fits the graders that Western states are proposing. He also has the buyback numbers. There is equity in this equipment. If the County can make the decision this week we will be ready to plow snow next week. John Deere is about a month out but Western States is immediate.

There is an allowance and a payoff amount. He has two different payment plans to present. One plan makes a payment today and then the lease payments follow. The other is one is to take the equity as a payment. Only one grader has been purchased as long as Cindy has been here. With the buyback and the governmental grants this is a good deal and it includes training. Cindy said they have the money budgeted to make a payment now. If they do this the payments would stay the same. Six graders are needed to make it through the winter. Four of the current machines are from Western States and two are from John Deere. Commissioners thanked them both for coming and would let them know on their decision.

Commissioner Ricks motioned to approve the Western States Grader Lease Agreement with the advanced payment. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Employee reviews were held for: Brent McFadden, Luke Erickson, Ryan Brown and Paul Sorensen

Luke Erickson Quarterly office update and employee review

Luke gave an update on the new hire for the Agricultural agent and reported on classed that he is currently teaching.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Kimber Ricks, Commission Chairman

Jon Weber, Commissioner

Todd Smith, Commissioner