

**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2018**

Attendees:

**Jon Weber, Chairman
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk**

Agenda Topics

Pledge of Allegiance – Brent Mendenhall
Invocation- Todd Smith

Brent Mendenhall was present.

**Public Comment
County Business**

Calendar Discussion

- ❖ IAC meetings will be held in Boise, February 5th – 8th, 2018.
- ❖ State of the County and State of the Cities Breakfast will be held Tuesday, January 31, 2018 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- ❖ The February 12, 2018, Commission meeting will be moved to February 9, 2018.
- ❖ A commission meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Discussion Items

Contracts/Documents

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Amended Resolution No. 396, regarding the Moody Road Bridge increased cost estimate. Even though the cost of this bridge increased, it should not increase the County's match on the project. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Underground Right of Way Easement with Rocky Mountain Power.

This will be reviewed at the next meeting. The County is waiting on Aaron Dalling to approve paving over the easement.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Ordinance No. 418, the Fairground Fee Changes. A public hearing on this matter was held previously. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.



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Rick Davis

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Sid Brown

Sheriff
Rick Henry

Treasurer
Sherry Arnold

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner meeting minutes of January 8, 2018. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. See the attached list.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mary Flannery, Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, Tobacco at 21

Students from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board were present again to discuss raising the legal purchasing age of tobacco from 18 to 21 years of age. The four students that appeared were Mason Cameron, Kelly Pyper, Olivia Clifford, Claire Bird. Advisor Mary Flannery was also present. This proposed change was only to the sale of tobacco to adults under 21 years old, not the use of tobacco. Also discussed was the State of Idaho's effort to change the law state-wide on this topic.

The group reported that the City of Rexburg would like the County to approve the resolution before the City passes it. They would like it to be a county-wide resolution, to reach a broader population. Commissioner Smith reported he has seen conversations on social media and has heard from members of the public and a City police officer on this topic. There are concerns with usage laws. The advisory group felt there aren't many 18 year olds that have friends that are 21, however there are many 18 year olds that have contact with 15-17 year olds through school, that could no longer purchase tobacco for their younger friends. Commissioner Weber discussed how far we have come with the smoking issues in the past 20 or so years. You don't see ads or TV shows any longer showing people smoking, and you can no longer smoke on airplanes, restaurants and public buildings. The Federal and State government has put a lot of money into educating and placing ads to deter smoking. He stated government represents all people whether or not all agree with the decisions. He emphasized teaching correct principles and letting people govern themselves. The Commissioners would like to visit with the Idaho Association of County members in meetings in Boise in two weeks and would prefer to see this passed on a State level rather than only in Madison County, likely because it would resolve the purchase and use of tobacco under 21 years of age instead of just the purchase as it is proposed now. The concern is if you can't purchase tobacco products in Madison County, adults could drive to St. Anthony or Rigby to purchase.

Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) employee matters Evan Wise, Jared Arnold and (d) exempt records. Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber- yes

Commissioner Smith- yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case No.'s 2003010, 2008034 and 2017040, sign Liens on Case No. 2018008 and 2018099, and sign a Denial on Case No.2018004. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the hiring of Shannon Lewis as the Fairgrounds, and General Services secretary/bookkeeper. This comes from the recommendation of a County hiring committee who interviewed all the candidates and made a recommendation to the Commissioners to hire Ms. Lewis. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Sharon Pirente, Grant projects current and completed

Previously, Commissioner Ricks gave Sharon a list of four projects to start with and she has spent the past few months focused on the Fairgrounds, EMS and Parks grants.

She has written two grants: Hazard Mitigation Plan and Tablets for First Responders. We have not heard back from the Hazard Mitigation Plan yet and the Tablets for First Responders was not funded, however she will submit to another funder.

Sharon will be now be focused on a grant for the indoor arena at the Fairgrounds and will be working with Evan and Jared on this grant. They would like the seating be changed from wood to metal. Sharon has been working with the County for six months on grants. Matches were discussed and the chances for community support.

Sharon will reach out to Ted Hendricks to see if they can collaborate on some projects.

Bradley Petersen, Proposed Sugar City bike and walking trails alternate route plan

Dave Thompson, Chairperson for the City of Sugar City Planning and Zoning was present with Sugar City.

Bradley presented a map showing the Sugar City bike and walking trails that can be added to the Master Transportation Plan. Bradley has discussed this with the City of Rexburg also and will be working with them to connect to other bike and walking trails.

Comprehensive Plan update

Bradley reported they are moving forward slowly on the Comprehensive Plan. He has hired two interns who are willing to work with him to gather raw data on population numbers, history and more.

Maintenance software update

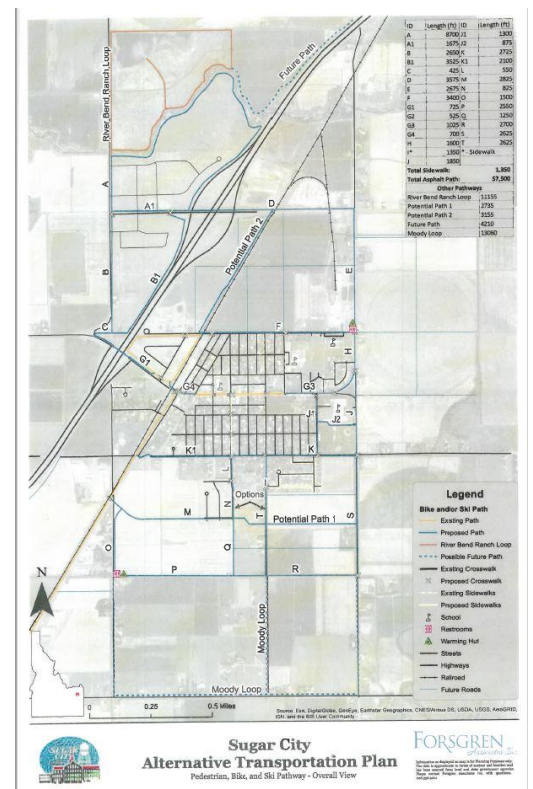
John Rowland and Bradley are meeting with the Sheriff's Office regarding the maintenance software which will allow equipment from the Sheriff's office to be tracked to the Courthouse and Administration building. This will assist Bradley in knowing what maintenance is working on. It would show maintenance issues such as what equipment needs new filters, etc. Bradley questioned the expense and if the County needs this software. This will be discussed later.

Planning and Zoning

P&Z is down a P&Z Board member—Ed Williams—and need to replace a member from the western side of the County. Bradley will recommend some names to the Commissioners.

Cindy/Reo, Grader bids

Denton with Western States Equipment presented numbers for the machine and the piggyback information that has been through the due process. The trade number is the guaranteed price; he added a supplement of what they would give us for the buyback. Payment is made annually, currently at \$26,649 however the County still owes about \$190,000. This is a new machine with many upgrades and is more ergonomic in the cab. Commissioner Smith asked when the current machine needs to be returned, Denton replied in February, 2018.



Todd with John Deere said the wing blade would not work on the John Deere machine, so they have bid a used wing blade. He priced a 2018 that included the snow gear and a buyback would be \$210,000. They added the warranty and the payment is about \$34,000 due to rates going up slightly. The trade would get turned back to Western Equipment.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the lower grader bid from Western States Equipment. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Cindy received an email regarding the bridge on the Fremont/Madison County line by the gravel pit. The road report shows that Fremont has always taken care of the bridge, however, it was a gentlemen's handshake. This area was surveyed to see which County owns what portion of these two bridges. Commissioners want to discuss this with the Fremont County Commissioners in meetings in Boise. We are currently receiving the road funds; however, Fremont has done most of the repairs. We need a cooperative agreement with Fremont County to share in the roads.

Commissioner Smith reported an accident on 5000 South and the Archer highway where someone ran through the stop sign. Also, there is quite a dip in the road at the intersection. Rumble strips may need to be cut into the asphalt.

Sherry Arnold, Tax cancellation

Commissioner Smith made a motion to cancel late fees and interest for James Maupin in the amount of \$521.88, as his account was brought current. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Trevor Ricks was in attendance asking about the compression brake issue. On the center exit to Rexburg, a sign stating "No Compression Brakes" is right near the stop sign. Commissioner Weber asked ITD if the sign could be moved up further on the off ramp, and the answer was yes, they will do this. This issue has been resolved.

Employees Years of Service awards

Awards were presented to:

Rick Davis, for 25 years of service

Patricia Cook, for 30 years of service.

Rudey Ballard, Health Insurance planning update and options

Steve Moore is our representative now with Blue Cross. Rudey explained an option available to employees. The County can have a retiree plan wherein employees can stay with the Blue Cross plan after they retire if certain criteria is met. Currently, depending on income, you can get COBRA for 18 months; however this other plan allows employees to stay on the plan until they turn 65. The employee would be billed and have to pay the premium for this insurance once they left the County's employment. It is expensive, however less than some alternatives. Rudey doesn't know of any other Counties currently offering this but will check. The option would allow an employee to stay on the group plan indefinitely. The Commissioners discussed limiting this to only those over the age of 55, who have at least 5 years of employment. The retired members would be included in our experience rating. Rudey will check to see if our premiums would go up if this plan was chosen. He will bring more information back to the Commissioners.

Lunch with IAC representative

Dan Chadwick, Emeritus Executive Director of Idaho Association of Counties was unable to attend because of inclemental weather. Elected Officials, Kimber Ricks and members of his family went to Applebee's for lunch to celebrate former Commissioner Rick's retirement.

Retirement party for Kimber Ricks

A party honoring former Commissioner Kimber Ricks was held. There were many attendees. Former Commissioner Ricks was presented with an Honorary Key to the County. His service for Madison County has been appreciated.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:
Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman
Todd Smith, Commissioner