

Abbreviated Minutes: Complete Set Of Minutes Are On File In The Clerk
Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2019



Attendees:

Jon Weber, Commissioner (Chairman)
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk

Invocation: given by Commissioner Weber
Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment: none

ACTION ITEMS

County Business:

Board and Committee Reports

Commissioner Smith -- Hospital Board report

The audit was presented at the meeting and Todd presented a copy. The Hospital is in good financial condition. Commissioner Smith commented that there are some numbers within the audit that Commissioner Weber might be interested in for the State of the County address he will be giving on Wednesday. The hospital is servicing their debt, the bond payments will begin this year, and they did show a good profit.

Commissioner Mendenhall – Legislative Committee report

Medicaid Expansion and Public Defense were topics of interest at the meeting. There was conversation about funding public defense and the use of revenue sharing that comes to counties/cities to help fund Medicaid expansion. The committee discussed the possibility of the County indigent and CAT programs going away. Current levies and revenue sharing would have to change. Commissioner Mendenhall felt attending the “in person” meeting was more beneficial than the telephone conference.

Commissioner Smith commented that the Local Strategic Initiative or surplus eliminator had 3 or 4 projects funded for District 6 last year. As part of the awards there will be 1 in each district. The district has 7 this year to include some from Madison County.

Calendar Discussion:

February 4-7, 2019 IAC Legislative meetings, Boise. There will be a pie and ice cream social with Legislators on Wednesday evening.
February 11, 2019 Commission meeting
February 28, 2019 Commission meeting - Commissioner Smith will be out of town

Discussion Items:

Emergency Management Decision - Chief Child has appointed Robert Kohler to replace Trevin Ricks as Office Emergency Manager.

Fair Board - DeeDee Tucker Chambers with Depatco is a member, as is Carol Ladle, Dallin and Cody Ann Jeppesen, Shane Wright, Chris Johnson, Evan and Shannon as Secretary

Frontage Road – North. Preliminary reports and studies are starting. Construction work is anticipated to begin in approximately 3 years. Horrocks Engineering was approved to be the project manager; LHTAC, ITD, Jon, and Cindy are on the committee. This is run through an independent evaluator.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve ratifying the LHTAC Safety Improvement Program grant. This covers mostly guardrails. The deadline was last week and Jon signed the grant for Forsgren Engineering. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: MOU with the City of Rexburg GIS

After review and discussion, this matter was tabled. A meeting will be scheduled with the City staff to make sure the county and city all agree on the process before the MOU will be signed.

Review and sign: The Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Solutions Consulting was discussed. See below.

Review and sign: Electronic Transaction and Access Agreement

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Electronic Transaction and Access Agreement sign for the Treasurer’s Office. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the designation of polling locations for the March, 2019 election. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$329,435.65 with \$85,755.63 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Certificates of Residency for Suzie Lacy. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber-yes, Commissioner Smith-yes, and Commissioner Mendenhall-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:40 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign Liens for Case No’s. 2019007 and

2019006, and Approvals on Case No's. 2019002 and 2019004. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn Boice, Tax Issues:

Chelsea Kelly mobile home discussion. Larry Briggs came in to discuss a mobile home in Archer on 7800 South where the roof is caved in and is not livable. He inquired if the County could help him move it from his property. The courts issued an order to remove the mobile home within 60 days, 4 years ago. The owner is in prison and the home is still on the lot. The taxes are delinquent. Jason Briggs is the owner. Commissioner Weber made a motion to remove the mobile home which is in the name of Jason Briggs from the tax rolls in the amount of \$127.50. The County has no desire in taking control of this mobile home. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Otherwise, the County cannot assist the land owner in removing the mobile home from their property.

Ryan Goodman. This is a 6-acre lot where they are running a mare operation and selling at least 2 to 4 animals per year. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Ryan Goodman. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Roy Marlowe. Property is in the Hibbard area where he grazes the back end of the property and the property is in hay on the front area. There is pressurized irrigation on the property. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Roy Marlowe. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Rave Panic Button demo and discussion:

Cullin Sherman and Sheriff Henry from the Sheriff's Office, Paul Sorensen from IT, and Jessica Collins with Rave Mobile Safety who called in were available to discuss the Rave Panic Button system. The system was discussed and questions were asked. Pros and cons were expressed. This will be further discussed and a decision will be made.

Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Solutions Consulting Re: Hazard Mitigation Contract.

Troy worked with Trevin on this contract prior to him leaving. Robert Kohler has taken Trevin Ricks place, as Trevin has taken another position. The cost is \$24,500 to update the current Hazard Mitigation Agreement. The Fire Dept. has worked with this company before and they have been very good. A FEMA grant will pay for 75% of this and the County match is 25%. The total grant is \$35,000. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Integrated Solutions Consulting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Bradley Petersen, Findings of Fact for Edstrom Construction, Inc.

This discussion was recorded. The property is currently zoned as rural cluster or Trans Ag. A gravel pit is not allowed in a trans-ag zone. Edstrom is applying first for a comprehensive plan change and if approved, a zone change is then required and then a Conditional Use Permit for the gravel pit overlay. Currently Walter's have a gravel pit close to this property, but they hope to expand 2 more parcels to be placed into industrial zoning. The property is at the Intersection of 5000 S. and Archer Lyman Highway, near the bark plant and Cedar Butte subdivision.

The Comprehensive Plan change was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. There were a few members that voted no. The land designation has to be changed first because of changes to Madison County's code on gravel mining. The Edstrom's are grandfathered in with the current gravel pit, but the future pit will be under the new restrictions with hours, dust and restoration, etc. The crusher will be hardwired in, so there won't be generator noise and they have moved the crusher away from surrounding

homes. Hours are typically 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A neighbor has complained about the early hours and they have now started at 8:00 a.m.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the Comprehensive Plan map change for Edstrom Construction, Inc. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Kari Anderson, Mountain View wellness plan: Kari came in to explain the process and tests that are covered by the blood draws that Mountain View has done for the County for the past 5 years. Our numbers show that education on blood pressure, diabetes, glucose and cholesterol are needed. Kari suggests that energy drinks, coffee and soda are large contributors to these factors. Commissioners would like to add an education component to the current wellness program regarding the consequences of consuming these types of drinks. Commissioners inquired if the county is a healthy employer. This is still being looked at and discussed on whether or not to continue with this program.

Bruce Wilding, Hospital Issues: Bruce thanked the commissioners for meeting with him. Bruce presented replicas of castings of children's hands that have passed away. In most cases this is the only physical evidence parents have of their children that have passed on. His wife and many others at the hospital were part of the team of nurses that did these castings. Nurses are called out in the middle of the night and early in the mornings after shifts to make the castings. They developed a bereavement program that was second to none with no compensation. Bruce suggests this all took a fairly dramatic change when the hospital administration heard they were doing this. The nurses, including his wife, were pulled in, targeted for this and threatened with a HIPAA violation which Bruce said was intimidation. From that point on the program never was the same and has largely died. Bruce could give story after story of good stories from the hospital regarding its errors. He has been critical of a few employees that have put patients in danger. Little is known throughout the community about the hospital and it is hard to get information out of the hospital. Many of the management team know of inconsistencies and do nothing about it. He has been critical of the Commission which he said is not personal, but the Commissioners disagree with him on. He stated the Commissioners are the people elected to protect citizen's investment. He states that he is not critical of the hospital, only a few of the people.

Commissioner Mendenhall met with some nurses and Bruce commends him for taking time and having courage to do that. When questioned, Commissioner Mendenhall agrees that they were credible in what the nurses believe. Bruce states that nurses are targeted and threatened with intimidation and hostility. He said that in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses the truth will be established. What has been heard demands a response according to Bruce. A year ago Commissioners committed to answer questions. He believes it's time to get on the right side of this and to quit losing good nurses and stand with those folks left that are great. Current administration nor us can take credit for what has been built on the backs of those forced to quit. He claims the hospital needs administration and management skills that this administration seems to lack. Folks are not getting good health care and we can't get good information of what is truly going on.

Commissioner Weber commented that Bruce has been before them at various times now. The Hospital is County owned but it has its own Administration and Board and is not subsidized with any tax dollars. Commissioner Weber repeated that the Commission is not going to get involved with what Bruce claims are errors. As Commissioners, by state statute, they appoint the Board and approve the budget. The Commission has full confidence in the Board and in the Administration. Commissioner Weber stated he could go to any organization in this area and there will be upset and disgruntled employees as change happens. If they have been targeted so heavily, there is a legal process they can go through. The Commissioners aren't going to get involved in it, and this has been told to Bruce on numerous occasions. The audit is another check and balance in this process. Accountants are professionals and we look at that

and we can see – yes they are managing some tough debt, but the budget is approved based on the fact that they are turning things around. Commissioner Mendenhall stated that the medical environment and the hospital have had its ups and downs for decades now that he is personally aware of. The bottom line is the Commissioners have full faith in the Board and Administration, and consider this matter closed.

Casey Dye was present with Jo Ann Eddings, with Rexburg Medical Center Madison Memorial wellness plan. Casey presented information showing that Rexburg Medical Center could do the same testing that Mountain View has done and employees would have the option of seeing a doctor at the same time. The cost would be less.

Commissioners like the idea of keeping the blood draws local and supporting our local hospital. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest:
Kim Muir, Clerk