

Abbreviated Minutes: Complete Set of Minutes Are on File in The Clerk's Office
Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020



Attendees:

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

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: Clerk Kim Muir

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: There was no public comment.
Calendar Discussion: The next Commission meeting will be May 11, 2020.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a conditional motion to approve moving forward with the preliminary plan for the new Urban Renewal District proposal. This motion is made subject to the Commissioner's final approval, after review of the Resolution being prepared, appropriate paperwork being completed and the Commissioner's recommendations being met from last meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Request for Reimbursement with Department of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes for April 20, 2020. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. General fund Total \$213,027.76. Grand Total of claims \$317,398.11 Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificate of Residency for Megan MacNeil. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions :

<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Change</u>
Staff Attorney: Bonnie Stohel	Staff Judicial Attorney	\$56,010	Annual increase

General Services:

Paul Quinton	Applicator	\$12/hr.	Seasonal
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Fairgrounds:

Dillan Wright	Maintenance	\$12/hr.	Seasonal
Thomas Anderson	Maintenance	\$11/hr.	Seasonal

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

Board of Equalization: There were no BOE matters at this time.

Shawn Boice. Tax Exemption: Grace Baptist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, BYU-I.

Shawn met and discussed properties individually on each lot and found all to be correct. There were no changes from last year’s exemptions.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax exemption for Grace Baptist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and BYU-I. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Site Exemption: Charles Place LLC

This is a new 602NN exemption. There are 9 lots and he is the original developer. Each lot is valued at \$35,000 and will remain until the name changes on the property.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the site exemption for Charles Place LLC. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn reports the Idaho State Tax Commission has been discussing issues in Madison County. The Commission has been discussing student housing which is 25% of our tax income. Madison County is currently at market value. Regarding Idaho Code §63-711, if any cases come forward with proper income reflected on Profit and Loss Statements, the county will investigate the hardships. Shawn is putting together a note to include in the assessment notice. Concerned citizen calls can be sent to Shawn.

Commissioner Mendenhall stated there is not another county like ours in the 44 counties. Is this an indication that we need to do this right with our hardship concerns? We don’t know what the answer is, but they could possibly use the hardship exemption. The current assessment is a snapshot of what occurred in 2019, but we want to be proactive to make it a softer hit on the community and commercial businesses in 2020. Shawn feels it is smart business to be proactive and do this in a planned way. What we are seeing has already happened. It isn’t single student housing only, it is a commercial issue. Some businesses have already brought the P & L’s to Shawn for review. We will look at each situation and do the best we can. Commissioner Weber commented we are dealing with 2019 tax cycle, but we are setting our budget for 2021 – how do we as commissioners forecast and budget the upcoming budget taking these matters into account. Budgeting may be a tough for 2021 and 2022 if there is a decrease in property tax revenue. We are waiting to hear what BYU-I will decide to do with the Fall semester 2020.

Executive Session, Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (d), (c): Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, and Cindy Roberson to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith-yes, Commissioner Mendenhall - yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioner meeting to open session at 10:25 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve signing a Denial on Case No. 2020013, Approvals on Case No's. 2020014 and 2020015. An IMD Waiver was approved as of April 17th wherein facilities like Behavioral Health Center Intermountain in Boise and others will accept Medicaid. This will have a positive impact for the counties. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the MOU with ID Dept. of Water Resources. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed with the Idaho Transportation Board. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

COVID-19: Robert Kohler, Emergency Manager.

Agencies say they are going to maintain what they are doing currently and open according to the Governor's recent policy. There have been 5 reported cases in Madison County and they have now recovered. Emergency Managers are working with Eastern Idaho Public Health on a recovery plan. Robert reports the county is well stocked with personal protection equipment (PPE).

Commissioner Weber stated that we all know that business owners are concerned and anxious with the fairness of what types of establishments are allowed to be open. This matter has been discussed with the Health Department and they are pushing back against the government as much as they can. Commissioners discussed giving citizens the chance to support the business or stay away if it frightens them to be in close contact. Commissioner Weber states that there are no small business or non-essential businesses on the Governors Committee to study the COVID-19 situation. Robert is getting the feeling that the commissioners will be able to set the standard of opening under the Governor's Order. All businesses will be treated the same and stop holding the licensing hostage on hair and nail salons.

Commissioners made the decision that Madison County will open up fully on May 4, 2020. An email will be sent to department head and elected officials. Every employee should be back to work on Monday. All precautions for sanitization and social distancing need to be in place.

There being no further business Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest: Kim Muir, Clerk