



**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
January 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: Commissioner Smith

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: There was no one present for comment.

Calendar Discussion:

Idaho Association of County meetings will be in Boise February 3 – 6, 2020

The next Commission meeting will be February 10, 2020

Discussion and Decision Items:

Board and Committee Assignments.

Commissioner Mendenhall will now serve on the Behavioral Health Board Committee and Region 7 Mental Health Committees.

Commissioner Weber reported a conference call this week to discuss realigning the IAC fee structure and the dues each county is charged.

Johnson property discussion. Brett, Roy and Dale Jeppesen and were present for this discussion. The City of Rexburg has purchased the Johnson property and are asking the county for a partial reimbursement. A bridge will most likely be constructed across the river on this property and the City would also like to build a park. The property is in the impact area. Commissioners let the Jeppesen's know they want to hear their concerns as the matter progresses. Dale also asked about the progress on the East Parkway Corridor and was informed there has not been any progress or change in the plan for the project and it is still a long-term plan.

Board and Committee Reports:

Hospital Board report. Commissioner Smith attended the board meeting where the audit was presented. Everything is going well for the hospital and they had a good year. Board members were discussed.

Legislative Committee report. Commissioner Mendenhall traveled to Boise to attend the Legislative Committee meeting. He reported on issues discussed and reported that IAC has started posting the minutes of the legislative committee minutes on their website.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Agreement with State of Idaho to establish groomed snowmobile trails and travel routes. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Professional Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Service Provider Agreement, Eastern Idaho Health Services. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$423,659.17 with \$50,589.72 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2020. The motion passed Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Certificate of Residences for: Yulisa Ayon, Mallery Bailey, Kami Gritenbach, Alydia Grover, Anita Kunz, Cyndy Nguyen and Katelyn Wills. 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 Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Snowmobile Board/ Road & Bridge, Discussion regarding winter road closures. Present were Doyle Barney, Randy Hormon and Clint Hansen from the Grooming Board.

The latest agreement appears to be out of date. There should be a new agreement inclusive of the whole state soon. In conjunction with our last discussion, as the community grows and people are building out into the hills, the way we handle closing the roads in the high country will need to be adjusted depending on snow pack. Doyle reports closing the roads on or around December 15 has been an agreement with the Commissioners, Road and Bridge and the grooming district for years. The latest map of the area was signed in 1994. There is an alternative road that can be plowed right to the cabin door of those citizens and will not affect what grooming has done for 30+ years. Road and Bridge operated the grooming district in the 60's for quite a few years. To keep grooming going a snowmobile club was formed and they have worked hand in hand for years with the county. One of the hang up points was the December 15th rule was hard and fast and they will close the road. Traditionally Road and Bridge have dictated when the road closes due to the amount of snow received. There have been problems with vehicles going in after the road has closed and getting stuck. This requires Road and Bridge or the groomer district spend many hours digging out those that have ignored the signage. Road and Bridge will make the determination of when the road is closed. Signage is badly needed when the road is closed in order for the Sheriff's Office to enforce the closure. Reo from Road and Bridge was also present and said Road and Bridge will supply the signage.

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

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Smith-yes, Commissioner Mendenhall - yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioner meeting to open session at 10:17 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign a Lien Release on Case No. 20200010. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Butikofer, Coroner, 2019 Year-end report:

Sam gave a rundown of the calendar year so Commissioners are aware of what his office has done and plans for the future. There were 62 cases investigated in 2019 including 3 infant deaths, 3 autopsies, 3 suicide deaths. Coroners are uniformed to be easily identified them when they show up on a scene. Having an official badge was suggested by the Commissioner. Sam completed the medical legal training and will take the exam next month and has been able to get all electronic files backed up on the county server from the previous Coroner. He has been asked to teach career classes. In 2020 a Donor Connect program is being set up to harvest organs and is something Sam would like to look into further. New software will be implemented for toxicology results sharing. Sam is working on a policy and procedure manual. The State Dept. of Education is asking to be notified anytime there is a death that would impact schools' students so they can provide grief counseling. Sam is also meeting with Madison Cares to get student nurses trained in suicide prevention and is also attending the LEPC meetings. In the future, the State Coroner's Association would like every county to be certified with the American Board of Medical death investigators ABMDI. Sam expressed appreciation for increasing his education budget and would still like to get a vehicle in the upcoming year. Since January 1, 2020, his office has investigated 9 cases. Commissioners thanked Sam for his service.

Robert Kohler, Review and sign: FEMA All Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption:

Robert submitted his All Hazard Mitigation Plan to FEMA and received a few suggested revisions which have now been made. He is asking for signature today. We will continue to be on a 5-year renewal for the plan. He has been working on the plan for a year. The resolution will be included on the next agenda for the Commissioners to review and sign.

Sheriff/Assessor, DMV/Driver's License building discussion:

Ryan, Bart and Shawn were present to discuss combining DMV and drivers licensing into one building. Funding for the remodel and rent was discussed. Shawn feels this is the opportune time to address DMV administration rates. The fees have not changed for many years. The legalities of increasing the rates will be explored. All present agreed this is the best option and the parking and size are what is needed. A contract is in the works and will be presented at a future meeting.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve proceeding with the remodel at a cost of \$125,600 for the DMV/Drivers Licensing build-out. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Nick Wilson, Taxes on mother-in-law home:

Nick reports his mother in law passed away unexpectedly leaving he and his wife's family with 3 hotels. He and his wife are trying to step in and figure out the financial end and didn't know there were taxes due

in December and did not see the bill. The property is the Quality Inn just off the freeway in Rexburg. Nick and his wife are Co-Representatives of the management company named Sleeping Bear Inc. and the company is under Cross Charitable Foundation Inc with four representatives that own the property.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the cancellation and late fees of \$578.28 for the Cross Charitable Foundation, Inc. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

There being no further business Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest: Kim Muir, Clerk