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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2020**

Attendees:

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

Jacob, Standard Journal

Pledge of Allegiance by all
Invocation by Bart Quayle, Sheriff's Office

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: There was no one present wishing to comment.

Calendar Items:

The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2020, and will include an Elected Official and Department Head Meeting.

Discussion Items:

COVID-19 discussion and update

Commissioner Mendenhall reported the Madison County numbers today are 28.5 cases per 10,000. If we hit 50 we move to the next phase where gatherings are limited to 50 people and further restrictions will be put in place. He met with BYU-I, sheriff, police, fire department and among other items discussed, the City has a permitting process for gatherings that needs to be abided by. Also discussed were plasma centers potentially paying more for those with a positive test. The question was asked if students are getting the virus to make more money.

It was discussed why the emphasis on the number, has the hospital ever experienced the rate and demand on bed space with the flu? The answer is the number is related to the stress on the hospitals. BYU-I students are being warned to take all precautions to stop the spread to avert a campus wide shut down.

Hospitals in the area are reporting bed capacity is still fine. They are testing 50-60/day and 25% are testing positive.

Identify projects to begin in FY 2021:

Department Head meeting discussion: Agenda to include: COVID update, Holiday hours, and budget items. Ann Marie discuss the HRA match, 401K, & Roth IRA.

Courthouse centennial celebration discussion: Lowell Parkinson contacted Commissioner Weber about doing a small celebration as December 19, 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the ribbon cutting ceremony of the court house (from December 19, 1920). All agreed a celebration will be held to re-cut the ribbon on the court house steps. We will reach out to the Chamber. Doug Ladle will write-up a notice.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Madison County, Ambulance and Mosquito Abatement District L2's for FY 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve Resolution #453 to approve the Madison County Mosquito Abatement forgone amount. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Agreement for Pathology Services between Madison and Ada County for autopsies. Ada County is the only county close to us who does these. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the two Agreements with Blackfoot Communications for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Wage study proposal. A discussion on the wage study was discussed. This will be reviewed at a later date.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Beer and Wine Licenses for 2021 for Good 2 Go Stores, Valley Wide, Great Scott's #1 and #2, Albertsons, Mother Hibbard's, Maverick #195 and #505, Walgreens, Applebee's, Fresco Kitchen and Grill, Redd's Grill, Walmart Store #1878 and Fuel Station, Broulim's, Brad's Exxon and Hacienda Events Center. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of September 14, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The General Fund total \$173,130.76. The grand total of claims was \$978,041.09. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Yulissa Ayon, Jon Burnham, Camille Eastmond, Kimberly Fitzpatrick, Megan Galbraith, Kasha Lusk, Berkeley O'Rullian, Suzette Lacy and Anya Williams. A denial for Shandrie Barthlome because she doesn't meet residency requirements was signed. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions:

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

Executive Session:

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, (b) employee matters for the Sheriff's office (d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk. 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 9:45.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve signing an Approval on Case No. 2020019. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Office Jail status update:

Bart Quayle and Jared Willmore were present to update Commissioners on the jail status. The last inspection by the Commissioners was three months ago. The Commissioners commented they appreciate the tour and were impressed with the staff. It is a tough environment they deal with. There are minor issues, but Jared has done well to take care of them. There was one inmate who tested positive for COVID out of 60. She was asymptomatic and all have now tested negative. Jared is working with probation and judges to triage those coming in to the jail. They have successfully negotiated a new Dept. of Justice agreement for State inmates. Currently the State is paying \$55 per day, but will increase to \$75. Jared Willmore deserves the credit for this increase.

Rick Miller with The Development Company: Idaho Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan and Certification. Authorization to submit block grant application and select The Development Company to submit and administer. Kristine Staten was present with Rick. Rick explained the restrictions on spending are different for each agency. HUD received an allocation with stringent ways to spend funding. Madison County qualifies to purchase an ambulance. The maximum grant is \$350,000, but advised that we only seek to purchase 1 ambulance. There cannot be duplicity of benefits. EMS is in need of 2 ambulances, but this grant would just supply one. The hospital has also given a list of needed supplies that qualify for the grant that will also be submitted. The Fire District is asking for about \$15,000. There is no match requirement, however, the Development Company will receive \$3,500 for administrative fees from the County. The funding would include 3 ventilators, 1 for EMS and 2 for the hospital. Payment is contingent on a successful grant. This is the first application submitted in the state.

The fire station has had two ambulances out in the past few months which will bring in enough revenue to purchase a third ambulance. This will mean one ambulance will come through The Development Company grant (contingent on receiving the grant applied for), one ambulance purchased by the county, one will come from the revenue received from the contracts for services.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve authorization and submission of the block grant application and to select The Development Company to submit and administer the Cares funding block grant. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Morgan Beattie, Burton Cemetery request for assistance:

The cemetery sustained substantial damage during a recent severe wind storm. Morgan presented pictures showing the damage. A professional tree care company was hired to remove the 14 damaged

trees. He is requesting help from the county to repair the damage to the sprinkler system and landscape. He reports no caskets were disturbed and the damaged headstones are the property of the owner of the grave. Morgan has received a few bids and they are close to \$10,000. Landscapers are very busy and sod will have to be put in this time of year. Edstrom's, Kay Burrell, and Upper Valley Tree Care, as well as Road and Bridge have all helped. Invoices are still coming on a few of these. The county will provide funding to approve paying for these expenses.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the reclamation of the Burton Cemetery up to \$25,000. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Cindy Roberson, Road and Bridge and Kelly Hoopes, Horrock's Engineering Re: Roadway Issues:

Cindy and Kelly wanted to discuss facts and Findings at 3000 W by the Hibbard church. Maps were presented showing the project. Land acquisitions are currently being worked on. The biggest impact is the parking stalls at the church on the corner, especially backing into traffic on the east and the south side of the church. This area will grow in the next few years and everyone involved would like to mitigate hazard issues. The church will demolish the building to the north to construct a parking lot, if the county is willing to enter into an agreement to support the construction of the new parking lot. A discussion will need to be had and agreements drawn up. Road and Bridge will do the demo and haul in all gravel needed to prep for paving.

The next step is to meet with the Hammonds to discuss the current curvature and the entrance to the driveway and enter into an agreement with the Church. Raising the islands and lines of sight were discussed for the residents living on the corner.

Cindy gave an update on the bridges for the east side frontage road to be delivered around Thanksgiving. Maps were reviewed and the matter was discussed. The administration building parking lot project was given the go ahead.

Bradley Petersen: Grant update and discussion.

Eric Miller with Yellowstone Earth Science was also present. The Lyman Creek area was discussed. FEMA has changed the rules on how they look at levies. Bradley has applied for a grant to certify the levy hoping to be proactive on this matter. There is a double spillway at this location. FEMA referred to the study to

make sure the area does not go into the flood plain (Bradley referred to a map). The grant is 100% reimbursable for \$100,000.

Eric has been doing work with Sunnydale Canal company and is working to get the levy in that area certified. A request for engineering services will be put out this week. Commissioner Mendenhall will be on the committee.

Bradley told of two other grants he is working on; one dealing with the calibration study and the other with FEMA to identify mitigation projects to manage the flood plain.

Review and sign: Findings of Fact for Gary Chapman and Zone and Comp plan change.

The parcel was shown on the map. Gary Chapman owns three parcels, each is zoned differently and he would like to make them all Transitional Ag zoning. Commissioner Mendenhall asks why it states "rural cluster" in the paperwork. Bradley states this is how it is described in the Comp Plan land use designation, it is the same as Trans Agricultural zone.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the Gary Chapman Comp plan change from Industrial and Ag land to rural cluster. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Finding of Fact for the change of Zone from Industrial and Ag Land to Trans Ag, as well as the Comp plan change. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Transition House Discussion:

Ben Mattson with adult probation, Ryan and Chris Thuesen from Point S were also present. As Point S continues to grow there isn't a lot of buffer between them and the transition house. Ryan asked if there was another location for the house, which there isn't at this time. He claims there is a blatant disregard for the Point S property by the residents at the transition house. There is theft occurring on the property and worries of guns, knives and cash in the cars parked at the Point S location. Ben was asked about options. He stated those offenders were violated on probation and kicked out of the home. He said felons are those that we are having problems with. The Commissioners discussed being open to look for another location for the transition house, but in this economy and the closeness to the courthouse with the current home, any alternative will be unlikely. Also, talking with judges to see if the transition house is still a viable option for our community. Everyone appreciated the service the home has been to the community, but asked if it is still for the greater good of the community. Point S is interested in purchasing the home. Ryan asked if there were hearings before the home went in and states the property is probably zoned Commercial. Sex offenders are not allowed in the home and inmate security for those going into the home was discussed. Security cameras on the home would be beneficial and will be suggested. The Judges and probation officers will be consulted. No trespassing signs will also be explored to the Point S property.

There being no further business Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.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