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| Commissioners Meeting Minutes | | |
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| FEBRUARY 29, 2016 | 9:00 A.M. | COMMISSIONERS' ROOM |
| ATTENDEES: | Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir | |

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance: Jon Weber

Invocation: Kim Muir

Public Comment: No one present to comment

County Business

Committee & Board Reports:

Jon Weber - Fair sponsors. The Fair Board received a sponsorship commitment from Beehive Credit Union for the Amazing Arthur venue and Taylor Chevrolet for the Red Head Express show at the Madison County Fair. Smith Ford is the general sponsor of the Fair which will include the Charlie Jenkins concert. Donations were also received from Fall River Electric. This is the first year the Board has sought sponsors, which means that the County is not using County money for the Fair. Commissioner Weber asked that we all support the Fair and encourage others to attend. The Board will meet again Wednesday night.

Commissioner Ricks reported that the Commissioners may be asked to participate in the University of Utah's survey of hospitals which includes Madison Memorial Hospital.

Discussion Items:

Madison County Road Map committee, discussion of Board Members, sign letters

Craig Rindlisbacher was present for this discussion.

The road map letters will be sent out and the Committee will begin meeting in April (or later depending on the snow) to formulate a plan for mapping County roadways, forest roadways and access. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the letters appointing County members to the County Road Committee. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Ongoing and upcoming projects

Budgets were reviewed. A meeting will be set up with the City of Rexburg, Ambulance Supervisors, Commissioner Weber and the Clerk's Office to review the Ambulance cash and budget.

The General Fund Miscellaneous Expense fund will be set up with separate lines for donations to make allocations more transparent in the next budget year.

Rudey Ballard would like to hold a retirement seminar within the next few months in the late afternoon and is asking for Commissioner's approval. Commissioners agreed with this request. A discussion was had on combining this with PERSI or keeping it separate.

Calendar Discussion:

Quarterly Department Head meeting is scheduled for April 11th. Agenda topics were discussed.

Contracts/Documents

Review and Sign: Resolution #397 Destroy Old Indigent Files

Commissioners reviewed this resolution. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve Resolution #397. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and Sign: Agreement with Ambulance Billing Company

Commissioners reviewed this agreement. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign and approve the Agreement with the new ambulance billing company. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and Sign: Sign Access Idaho Agreement

Commissioners reviewed this agreement. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Access Idaho Agreement. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and Sign: Temporary Construction Easement with Hobley

Commissioners reviewed this agreement. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve the Temporary Construction Easement with Hobley. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2016. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Certificates of Residency. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. There was one denial because the applicant had not lived in the County for an entire year.

Commissioner Ricks motioned to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Agenda Items

Ann Marie Sorensen, Health and Welfare-Indigent Clerk

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:02 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (d) exempt matters.

Commissioner Ricks—yes

Commissioner Weber—yes

Commissioner Smith—yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 10: 14 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case No's. 2010051, 2011003, 201012, 2010050, 2010014, 2011002, 2010047, 2010046, and 2002036. Sign Lien on Case No. 2016016, sign Approvals on Case No's. 2016004, 2016010 and 2016014 and sign Assignments on Case No's. 2015009, 2014035 and 2015013. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous

Shawn Boice

BOE Matters: There were no BOE issues to discuss at this time.

Ag Exemptions for Christy Swenson

She has applied in the past and has been granted the agricultural exemption. She presented a contract between herself and her daughter for 4-H. The daughter is under contract for 100% of her income, and they have sold livestock per the statute. The property is 2.8 acres, includes animals and should be considered Agricultural land.

Paul Dye

Paul was denied last year because he was in transition. His property is approximately 4 acres and this year the property includes cows and irrigation and should be classified as Agricultural.

Wilcox Brothers

Property is near their spud warehouse, there are trees lined out and drip irrigation installed and should be classified as Agricultural.

Emery Lee Garrett

Schedule F on the Federal Tax return reflects income on the property.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign all Ag Exemptions. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Religious entity.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve and sign the exemption for the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Four Paws Pet Adoption

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the exemption for Four Paws Pet Adoption. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Upper Valley Friendship Club

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the exemption for Upper Valley Friendship Club. Commission Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Twin Pines

This apartment complex is within Federal and State Title 42 housing which grants this exemption. Commissioners asked Shawn to research to see if there is a limit to low income housing within communities. Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant the exemption. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Tax Credit for Jackie Zediker

In 2011 the mortgage on this property went to the bank and was foreclosed on. Three weeks later, the bank sent a rescission on the decision and did not foreclose, at that time the Assessor dropped the homeowner's exemption. The Zediker's are asking the County to go back five years and issue a credit for the homeowner's exemption. The Commissioners reviewed the law with the Assessor on tax payer's burden and responsibilities. The majority of those present feel the Zediker's should have noticed the mistake and asked for the credit earlier, however are willing to credit for 2015.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to credit the 2015 homeowner's exemption on the Jackie Zediker home. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Lyle Powell had an electrical fire that resulted in a total loss of the home. The Powell's received an insurance claim and are rebuilding, however there was -0- value for 2015. Shawn will find out the property value without any structures and bring this back next time.

Bob Hansen is the District 6 representative of the State Parks. He would like to explore options for a new State Park at the State gravel pit site after the gravel has been excavated out.

Bob found that after the gravel is removed there won't be much gravel left in the 40 + acre pit. The State Parks and Recreation Board has been looking at the gravel pit as an excellent site for a State Park, much like the Rigby Lake Park. Harriman and Henry's are the closest State Parks. They are finding a new phenomenon with all the Parks in the State where people are visiting and camping much more than usual. A Park at the gravel pit site could be a good revenue producing Park. Bob would like to see the County and State jointly obtain the land and keep outside private interest out of the bidding. The State would apply for grants to fund the improvements.

Commissioners are interested in exploring the options of partnering with the State for a park. The State would own the land and the County could possibly lease it. Brent McFadden was present and feels that it is a win/win situation. There are irrigation rights out of the Reed Canal. Bob will find out if there are water rights that would come with the land. Bob was asked to keep the Commissioners in the loop as the Thornton Interchange and 5000 South projects progress. Kimbol Allen talked about giving the right of way for the road to the County. There is a Board meeting in Challis at the end of May and Bob would like one of the Commissioners to attend. A letter will be prepared to send to Randy Doman.

Maxine Berger, Solid Waste

Summer Hours at the C & D site are 8:00am – 5:00pm. Household Hazardous Waste dates will be May 12-13, 2016 and September 7–8, 2016 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Maxine invited the Commissioners to come and take part in the events. Maxine reported that she sent two employees to get Hazardous Materials Licenses in Idaho Falls; one employee had her license previously.

Kirk Mace/Shane Boyle, Reports from IDJC

Kirk introduced Jessica Jeppeson from BYU-I as the new intern in his office. She gave a one page dashboard of what is currently going on at Juvenile Probation. There is a new family group decision making program where families that are not yet considered high risk for probation are interviewed. Kirk and Jessica are excited about meeting with juveniles who are having behavior problems within their families and trying to stop problems before they escalate and end up in the probation system. Mike Mitchell is still administering the community service program and does a great job. Alex Hopley runs a successful diversion program that allows BYU-I students to be accepted back to the school after they have completed their probation.

Sex offenses are now the second primary offense in Madison County; Kirk has never seen this in his 11 years at the County. Substance and alcohol offenses have always been in the top 2 or 3. Offenses are generally beginning to trend upward. A discussion ensued whether alcohol use is going down or if kids are getting better at hiding it.

Shane Boyle also showed Madison County statistics showing juvenile arrests, offenses, recidivism, etc. as well as budget and grant information for the different courts and counseling programs. Juvenile offenses were discussed; they become a felony when a theft is over \$1,000.

Brent McFadden, General Services updates, ITD Contract.

The Commissioners reviewed the contract. Agreement for Noxious Weed Control with Idaho Transportation Department. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Yard maintenance was discussed for all County buildings. Commissioners encouraged Brent to hire local high school kids who are looking for summer work, rather than paying a higher price for a landscape company. Brent will do this starting in the summer and will determine how many to hire.

Luke Erickson, Extension office update

Luke reported on joint meetings called "Mealtime Inspirations" to approve food handler's permits and food safety. Luke also showed a new educational interactive game that he will be introducing in the near future that will show the impact credit payments can have on a family budget.

Kandee was present to update on 4H activities and reports she has been appointed the District Coordinator for next year. There is a program in Boise over President's Day weekend where the 4H kids will have the opportunity to go into chambers at the Capital. They will experience writing Legislative Bills they feel are important; debate the Bill and then actually take them to Committee.

Kandee has been working this winter on making changes and improvements for the upcoming year. This year the 4H will be going to Alpine 4H Camp in Wyoming. Commissioners asked questions on the status of the Livestock Computer Program. They would like to get the Committee (livestock) familiar enough with the software to run invoices and be operational in the next year. Everyone would like to see 4H kids get payments for the animals they sell during the fair faster. In order to achieve a mutual understanding and get the Boards working together to reinforce roles, there was a discussion about getting the Livestock Committee together with the Commissioners and Fair Board in early April. Commissioners are committed to supporting the Fair Board, 4H and Livestock Committees.

Lunch Break

Sherry Arnold, Tax Deed Hearing

Commissioner Weber opened the Public Hearing for Tax Deeds at 2:00 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest in this matter and all publications for the hearing were appropriately made. There was no one present to comment for, neutral or against the Issues of Tax Deeds. There were no written comments.

Sherry Arnold presented the 2012 pending issue of tax deed notices. She reports that there are no tax deeds to file today, however a few tax deeds were extended by the Commissioners and the others have been paid. There was no public comment.

Lewis and Debbie Barney hardship

Lewis and Debby are both disabled and Lewis has been in rehabilitation. Both are currently unemployed. Sherry is going to send applications to apply for the circuit breaker, but they are asking for relief from their taxes. Commissioner Weber made a motion to cancel the taxes for 2012 and 2014 on the mobile home for Lewis and Debbie Barney with the understanding that they catch up on the past due taxes for 2013 and 2014, and apply for the circuit breaker. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

The Tax Deed public hearing was closed at 2:22 p.m.

Fundraising campaign for the Eastern Idaho State Fair – “Each One Get One” campaign was discussed. The Fair Board would like each member to submit a name, significant donor or prospect from each County as a contact person for the fundraising committee. Commissioner Ricks suggested someone with some agricultural roots and was asked to serve on the committee. A few additional names were discussed.

Kelly Hoopes, Horrock’s Engineering Public Hearing to pass Transportation Plan.

Keith Davidson with the City Engineering Dept. and Brent McFadden were also present for this discussion. Commissioner Weber declared the public hearing open and welcomed those present. There were no conflicts of interest in this matter and all publications for the hearing were appropriately made. There was no one present to comment for, against or neutral. There were no written comments. Kelly Hoopes was present to lead the discussion.

He thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to serve with Madison County. His scope of work was to update the current transportation plan in the County and establish where growth and development are occurring and make projections for needs, greatest impact and future plans. The plan includes recommendations for a Capital Improvement Plan that would accommodate the needs of the City and County. The plan includes a projected high price Capital Improvement list with projections through the year 2040.

The priority list is within the plan, however the priorities were set by the public and are generally set based on a particular period of time. The list is flexible and he encouraged the Commission to review the priorities, reset them as needed and review it often. Commissioner Weber mentioned the last Commission meeting where many land owners attended to give input on a frontage road along Highway 20 that would ease the burden of closing the 6800 and Thornton roads. These closures that will occur in the very near future will push heavy traffic loads to the South Rexburg interchange. Kelly responded that the closures are important and the plan addresses this. He feels that this is one concern that should be addressed in the near future. They intentionally did not develop the frontage road, however have shown a recommendation for aligning the frontage road. The East Parkway Corridor is an important part of the Transportation Refresh with the Second East congestion the biggest concern. The East Parkway Corridor and 5th West are the areas that are being pinpointed to ease the Second East congestion. There is a letter from Mayor Woodland and John Millar in the appendices of the Transportation Plan. The plan suggests a couplet for Second East which would make the roadway one way and was the least impactful of all options; however the City doesn’t feel that it is the right time to start the couplet. The signal timing was adjusted and has made a difference in improving the traffic. Keith commented that the City is waiting to see what impact the new Walmart will have on the Second

East congestion. As commercial development continues there will be a need; however it will be development driven. The public hearing was then closed at 2:53 p.m.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Transportation Plan. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. This will be followed up with an ordinance at the next meeting

Robbie Taylor, Madison SWCD allocation request. Greg Blaser was also present.

Robbie expressed appreciation to Commissioners. He is looking for the Soil and Water Conservation District allocation request and presented the 2015 fiscal year progress report and publications that highlight the district's current project in soil health for growers in Madison County. The County has contributed \$6,000 in the past, which he appreciates.

Commissioner Ricks attended the tour last year and commended the District on improving their public relations. Robbie reports that out of ten Conservation Districts he feels they are one of the best. As a district, they are proud to be in the forefront of soil health. The District has a project called the 200 Bushel Project which encourages improving soil health and increased yields by promoting cover crops, rotation and using updated irrigation methods. They will have an intern with the University of Idaho and BYU-I take samples and test the health of the soil and provide weekly reports that will include suggested planting depth. Five growers in our area are involved with the program this year. Credibility with the growers is getting better every year. New techniques and technology for irrigation were discussed. The Commissioners thanked them for the educating them and the grower and informed Robbie and Greg they could count on \$6,000 previously allocated and potentially more.

Keith Davidson, Airport Contract approval

Keith presented a bid from GDA for the Airport to slurry and crack seal the runway. The City/County match would be approx. \$6,500 each. The work will be done this summer in two phases after the airshow. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the contract for Airport improvements. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Cameron Stanford, spring run-off report

Cameron was present and informed the Commissioners that it is still too early to predict flooding for the spring. The report he received from the National Weather Services indicated the temperatures recently have been warm and low to mid-level snowpack has melted out. The Henry's Fork/Teton basin is currently at 92% of normal for the snow water equivalent and predictions are the chance of flooding is lower than normal for the spring; however this could change with March and April yet to potentially add to the snow pack. If temperatures gradually warm up, we should not have any flooding issues.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon Weber, Commission Chairman
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Kimber Ricks, Commissioner