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Madison County		
Commissioners Meeting Minutes		
		
MARCH 14, 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, Deputy County Clerk: Ilene Palmer	

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance: Ilene Palmer

Invocation: Todd Smith

Public Comment: No one present to comment

Shawn Johnson was present as a student of BYU to observe Commission meeting for a government class.

County Business

Committee & Board Reports:

Todd Smith reported that the Golf Board would like to offer an option where you can sign up for a season pass with monthly installment payments. Duffy McFarland presented the idea, Matt Nielsen with the City of Rexburg, stated that it is not a legal option to them and would be difficult to collect. Todd reported that Steve Zollinger said local government can't extend credit and that a potential solution would be to divide the cost for the year. Options are still being looked at by the Golf Board.

Calendar Discussion

Social Services conference will be held April 19–21 at the Pocatello Clarion. Commissioners asked Kim to put this matter on next agenda for discussion.

Discussion Items:

Wool Growers Board member appointment, District #5 Animal Damage Control Board

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to reappoint Scott Rigby to the Wool Growers Board. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. A letter will be prepared to confirm the reappointment.

Cloud Seeding was discussed. Dale Swenson is the chairman of the committee. Madison County has donated \$3,000 in the past; however it is a controversial topic with some Counties. Most of the seeding sights are in our area, i.e., Island Park and Clark County. There are two kinds of installations: One that has to be turned off and on manually, other units owned by Idaho Power are controlled automatically by computers located in Boise. Cloud seeding committees run the manual units. There is evidence that cloud seeding does work however, and the Commissioners desire to continue with their support. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Cloud seeding contribution of \$3,000. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

RC&D contribution discussion. RC&D supports and helps control noxious weeds, and marine threats of invasive species in maintaining inspection stations. Reports indicate that if a certain species of mussels get into Henry's Lake and invade the irrigation pipes, it could devastate farming and fishing practices. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve a donation of \$500 for RC&D. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Contracts/Documents

Review and sign: Purchase Agreement (2) Parcel 3 and 24, Bagley properties.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Purchase Agreements on the two Bagley properties (3 and 24) in land acquisition at the Thornton Interchange. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Canvass votes for the March 8 Presidential Primary.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the vote canvass for the March 8 Presidential Primary. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Lease Agreement and documents between Madison County, Summit National Bank, Honen Equipment, John Deere Motor grader with Madison County Road and Bridge.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Professional Services Contract and Retainer as Primary Conflict Counsel for Public Defense with Josh Garner.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Professional Services Contract for Primary Conflict Public Defense with Josh Garner. Mr. Garner will act as Madison County's secondary or conflict public defender for those charged with crimes within the county and cannot afford counsel. Jim Archibald remains the county's primary public defender. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Certificates of Residency for: Zachary Anderson, Sidney Burrell, Nephi Dummar, Hanna Griffith, Jason Ostermiller and Matthew Petersen. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber 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 10:00 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: 12 a.m. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case No’s. 2016003, 2016007, 2016001, and 2009015, Full Release was also signed on this case. Sign Lien on Case No’s. 2016017 and 2016020. Sign Approvals on Case No’s. 2016016, 2016019 and 2016013. Non-Medical Sign Approval on Case No’s N2016004, N2016005 and N2016006. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice

New Employee discussion

Shawn said that he needs to hire an additional appraiser. Driving this need is the growth within the community along with trying to catch up from the previous administration. They have been told by Matt Virgil from the State Tax Commission that there have been some areas that need additional appraisals and that Madison County is understaffed in the Assessor’s office. Shawn feels that in order to provide proper customer service, he needs a full time person that will be in the field 90% of the time. This position is not in the budget and Commissioners need to agree to fund the position out of the Commissioners Reserve for the current year. Shawn will track the budget and see how long it will last. Shawn will begin the hiring process and will have the new hire ready to start in June.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to allow Shawn to hire a new employee with funding coming from the Commissioners Reserve if needed. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous

Hardship for Lyle Powell

The Powell land was assessed to market value and the home was deleted off due to a fire. The Assessor’s office reviewed the value of the land without the home that was lost to the fire. The difference is the credit asked for by the Assessor’s office.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the credit for Lyle Powell. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Ag exemptions to consider: Lavere Ricks (2 parcels)

The lot on Poleline Road has been at market price and not actively devoted to Ag. The second lot is on Ricks Lane and has a shop and a Quonset building that is used for Ag purposes.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Ag Exemption for the Lavere Ricks property on Ricks Lane. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith motioned to deny the Ag exemption for the Lavere Ricks property on Poleline Road. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Weldon Sleight is raising 4H sheep. He receives income from the sheep and Shawn feels that this is a legitimate Ag Exemption and has confirmed the income from the sheep, to ensure it qualifies per the statute.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Ag exemption for Weldon Sleight. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Other exemptions to consider:

Shumway Academy. This Academy is granted an exemption each year. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the exemption for Shumway Academy. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

East Central Idaho Planning & Development, Ted Hendricks, two buildings.

Ted is working hard on the Apple Day Care Center. The Center is paying \$4,000 a month for the rental fee or \$500,000 in value.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the exemption for East Central Idaho Planning & Development. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Regarding the East Central Idaho Development Company, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the exemption for The Development Company. This is done under protest and Commissioners would like them to move businesses onto new properties. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous based upon the protest being formally included within the minutes.

Grace Baptist Church Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the exemption. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Road & Bridge, Cindy/Reo/Maxine, spring work, dirt road at 500 East, overtime and bids for a truck.

Reo presented a list of work for the spring. Included on the list are tree trimming and reduced speed signs for County roads.

Heidi Dalling, who lives on 500 East, was present to discuss paving possibilities on this road. The East Canal Road in Salem is a narrow dirt road about 27' wide, and is a through road not a dead end. There are currently three homes on the road with more expected in the future. There was a discussion regarding the need to properly build a road 60' wide and that this road is too narrow to meet County standards. If this road was built to County standards, it would encompass Heidi's entire front yard. They would like to extend only 25 – 30 feet. In order to accomplish this, trees, the power box, and the borrow pit would possibly have to be moved. Cindy commented that every time the power box is hit with a grader the cost is \$2,000 to repair and if the road remains narrow, the power box would likely be hit. She also said that if we are looking for growth in the future, building a small road would not be the best solution. Instead a decision should be made based on the long term need. There are fields and canals on the east side, all construction would have to go to the west where there is currently a small jog on the bridge. The cost to pave the road would be about \$35,000 for the oil to pave just ½ mile the first year. There is currently nothing included in the budget for paving roads in the County; it is being used on maintenance.

The budget only allows upkeep on current roads. Commissioners asked what the criteria are for making this request a priority and moving it ahead of other road paving requests. A discussion was had to bring some formality to this process with perhaps the amount of use, homes in the area, future growth, etc. This would allow those who want their roads paved some sense of the analysis Road and Bridge would use to determine feasibility. There was discussion concerning paving other roads that community members have asked about. Commissioners will review the other demands for County roads to see what they can do to help. They said they will keep in touch with Heidi. Road and Bridge has put dust oil (magnesium chloride) on the road in the past and will continue to grade it and place this dust oil on the road.

Cindy and Reo report that they have both accrued a lot of comp time this winter because of the amount of snow fall. Employees are using the comp time now; however this will be the norm for future heavy snow winter years. It may take through the summer to reduce the hours to or below 80 hours. Commissioners have to approve more than 80 hours of comp time accrued per the current Madison County At-Will Personnel Policy. The employee has one year to get it back to the 80 hour limit. Only non-exempt hourly employees are eligible for comp time. Hence, the employees will have one year to reduce their comp time and stay under the 80 hour limit.

Cindy and Reo are asking for approval to replace a truck. Funds were budgeted for this purchase as well as for one that needs to be replaced. This truck comes from a piggy back bid with the State of Idaho to purchase.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to purchase the new freightliner. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Kimber Tower, updates and new programs at the Family Crisis Center.

Kimber is the Community Outreach Coordinator and let the Commissioners know about the organization and what their work entails. The Family Crisis Center serves Clark, Madison, Jefferson and Fremont Counties. They spend approximately \$1,200 per client and serve all ethnicities. The Family Crisis Center is finding that child, youth and adolescent needs are rising. The Center has ten advocates on staff and is implementing a satellite office program. They have two trained child forensic counselors and a room set up specifically for child forensic interviews. With law enforcement observing, the counselors gather information during the interview process. They are seven months into the project and have interviewed 31 children to date. The evidence collected during the interview becomes the property of law enforcement when the interview is completed. Parents are informed before the interview begins and must agree to hold the interview.

The Center is developing further as a child advocacy center and they hope to be accredited in the near future. They have served 390 clients last year as an advocate of victims, in Madison County alone, they have served 206 clients. Because of their work, the public is becoming more aware that there is help available. If the County is aware of agencies or groups they could help, Kimber would like a referral so they can ensure that everyone knows of the resource.

Field Trip Tour

Veterans Administration Building. Commissioners toured the building with Ron and Lonna Naegelin and Richard Pingry. Maintenance concerns and funding were discussed. A breakfast is offered to the community the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a cost of \$5 (kids 12 and under are free).

Senior Citizens Center (Lunch)

Andrew Rail, director, and Ken Hart sat with Commissioners and Clerk. The Center is hoping to start offering classes for seniors to bring more people to the facility. The Senior Center is self-owned and is partially funded by the County. Nonprofit groups can use the building free of charge and for a small fee the building is available to for profit groups. They were complimented for great management of the center and for being one of the best run Senior Centers in the area.

Weed and Mosquito

The building and equipment was toured with Rick Robinson, Jeremy Johnson, Tony Pozenel and Brent McFadden. There was discussion concerning the purchase of a new Ranger to replace the current Argo that is requiring extensive repairs before the season begins.

Solid Waste was also quickly toured. No discussion or decision was made.

Road and Bridge met the Commissioners at the property in Salem that was discussed earlier in the day for possible paving. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Thornton Interchange project.

The new interchange property along Highway 20 with possible frontage road was viewed.

Lan Smith LHTAC, Progress discussion and 5000 South land acquisition

Western Construction from Boise is the General Contractors of the Thornton Interchange project. They will be responsible for providing their own gravel however will be using some gravel from the State Pit for the project. The west side frontage road on Highway 20 was discussed. Jerome Bowen with Lone Pine also has gravel he would like to sell to the State.

Commissioner's asked Lan what the County would have to do to qualify for Federal Aid for the frontage road. He reported that Federal Aid is considered by application and the County would compete against other projects. Once the County is awarded the aid the process takes ten years to complete the design and to be ready for construction. All Federal Aid funds have already been allocated as of now. Lan stated that we are following the process correctly to line the County up to receive this grant. Having a transportation plan will help the County earn points. Now would be the correct time to submit the application in order to have the best chance of obtaining the aid. Our involvement with the T2 and Road Scholar programs will also give us points to achieve the highest score possible. Federal Aid is only used for arterial roads; the Thornton Interchange would be a new arterial.

Commissioners stated that 4300 South that swings around is an existing roadway, but will need to be expanded to be big enough for large busses coming and going from Bear World. Bear World has plans for truck stops and motels; however they will have limited options with the Interchange. We have a commitment to maintain a southbound egress to Bear World; however traffic would have to go back to the Thornton interchange to go south or north. The traffic needs will change because it will now exist of heavy tour busses, etc. Lan is requesting that Craig send the digitized version of the map. Commissioner Weber asked if it is worth going through LHTAC for ½ mile of road, Lan replied that is what most Federal Aid Projects are.

Lan suggested that as we budget, we should look at other grants to see if funds can be obtained and LHTAC will be there to advocate, support and train. He encourages implementing best management practices so our money is being spent in the most effective way. We don't have all of the engineering background for Federal Aid projects however they are there to educate and support us. LHTAC is not a state agency; the Board consists of three County and City elected officials as well as three Highway District Commissioners. The council needs to retain control of grading Federal Aid projects rather than the board. Good quality data is needed to define the project. They loan out road counters and will help update transportation plans. Lan suggested an update to our plan every three years. He said to not stamp every page of the plan only update the pages that need to be updated, and then adopt the plan again.

The IWORK computer system and its usefulness were discussed.

LHTAC is able to measure how much dust is generated from dirt roads which will allow us to prioritize which roads to fix first. There is a free app that shows many of their resources. They will send it out or we can subscribe to their newsletters.

Brent McFadden, possible trade in on a utility vehicle.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the purchase of the Ranger for the Mosquito Department. This trade would eliminate the need for costly repairs on the current vehicle and replace it with a new one. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner