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Madison County		
Madison County Commissioner Meeting Minutes		
		
NOVEMBER 27, 2017	9:00 A.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans Deputy Clerk: Kim Muir	

Commissioner Ricks was excused.

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Brent Mendenhall.

Brent Mendenhall was present, as was Adam Jacobs from the Standard Journal.

Public Comment

County Business

Committee & Board Reports

Calendar Discussion

December's County Commission meetings are scheduled for December 11th and 21st, 2107.

The Department Head meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2017. The agenda includes departmental goals for the New Year.

Discussion Items:

Reappoint George Hamilton, Board of Director, East Idaho State Fair

After discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to reappoint George Hamilton, Board of Directors, and East Idaho State Fair. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

IAC committee discussion. Commissioners would like the current assignments to remain as they are.

Landfill plans

The Commissioners would like to start discussions on a landfill. Lee Miller, Commissioner in Fremont County, would like to have a test hole dug in the Madison Lodge area. Other options will be explored and this will be revisited at a later date.

Contracts/Documents

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Hospital appointment letters. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner meeting minutes of November 14, 2017. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency. See the attached list. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

South Frontage Road appraisal status

Cindy and Reo from Road and Bridge were present to discuss this issue with the Commissioners. Currently there is some negative feedback with one or more of the landowners located where this south frontage road could be placed. The discussion was whether or not to continue with the appraisal, or drop the project for now and focus instead on other road projects in the County.

A developer recently approached the County about developing the area where the south frontage road could be located. The developer was very cautious in letting out his plan. If possible, he would like the frontage road to go through. He is in talks with Yesco to move the large signs on the property for one of landowners. Commissioner Smith will contact other owners in the area to gauge the continued interest from the landowners, and the Commissioners agreed to continue on with the appraisal. If, upon completion, there still isn't buy-in from the landowners, the County will reevaluate its options at that point. Cindy commented we can build the frontage road in sections, with the first to the Jenkins property or thereabouts. The Thornton Interchange and 5000 South have been completed; it is the Commissioner's desire that it spurs economic development on the south end of the County. If we have the funding, Commissioners would like to see the road go in. Funding would come from State monies paid previously and Road and Bridge would do the work and supply some of the funding. A call to the developer will be made today by Commissioner Smith. This will be discussed at a later date.

Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) employee matters and (d) exempt records. Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk. These matters were postponed for a later Commissioner meeting.

Bonnie Moore, City of Rexburg, Review GIS map regarding commission and precinct redistricting

Maps of Commissioner Districts were reviewed and discussed. Maps were reviewed regarding precinct mapping with the addition of two new precincts. In addition, new precinct counting machines and Express Vote machines will need to be purchased. The Commissioners reviewed the statute on timing and what was needed to make this change. There will need to be a motion to accept the Commissioner Districts and precincts at the January 8th meeting. Trustee zones were also discussed.

Shawn Boice/ Amanda Larese

Homeowner tax credit Hyrum Erickson

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the tax credit for Hyrum Erickson. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

The City of Rexburg tax cancellation has been taken care of previously and needed no new action.

Jared Arnold/ Evan Wise

There has been discussion of combining the Secretary position for Parks, Weed, Mosquito and Fair Departments. Evan and Jared have met to discuss the position and will draft a job description. Commissioner Weber discussed the interview process and would like to have a trial period as part of that process to see if the potential hire is a good fit for this new position. Jared asked one of the Commissioners to be part of the hiring panel. During the summer, all departments are busiest and we might need to look at an intern to assist. Jared will work with Troy in posting the position to start in January of next year.

Panel purchase

Evan reviewed the panel purchase bids with the Commissioners. The Southwest bid is \$17,295 and the Rising Star bid is \$7,000. Evan looked at the Southwest panel material and is recommending we go with this bid. The panels are more; however the comparison was not equal. The Southwest bid is what the County is looking for without the need of additional add-ons and other expenses from the other panels. He expects the panels to be up in the spring. Commissioner Weber told Evan that people are noticing the improvements that are being made at the Fairground and he feels the upcoming fee change will not be a problem. Evan will bring more information on the panels and Commissioners will make a decision after winter.

Fair Board fee change Ordinance

Evan reviewed and requested fee changes with the Commissioners and Troy Evans. Some highlights include:

- 4-H groups, city, HS rodeo will be at Commissioners discretion and be consistent with all groups.
- The percentage charge, including the gate fee will be \$1,000 for a day to rent the barn for events that charge for profit.

Evan provided a comparison of what the fees currently are, versus what he would like to increase them to. Troy provided the Commissioners and Evan with a rough draft ordinance showing what this would look like. The Commissioners agreed to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed fee changes. The proposed fee changes will be advertised and the public hearing will be set for January 8, 2017. The Commissioners will make their decision after the public hearing. The Commissioners asked Evan to make sure to post new fee signs at the Fairgrounds and put the new fees on the website if the new fees are approved after the public hearing.

Commissioners asked Jared to not close Solid Waste during the day after Thanksgiving next year due to complaints. The public complained about this practice this year, and should have access to the facilities where most are off during this time. Jared will make sure it remains open next year and in the future.

Bradley Petersen/ Eric Reiser, Findings of Fact, Land Use Zone Changes, Suggestions for committee to review transition house, replacement of courthouse ADA doors, maintenance software, flood plain update, Courthouse repair updates, mechanical upgrades

Jon Rowland was also present.

Referring to the mechanical upgrades for the Courthouse, Eric Reiser reported that he is focusing on the design today as if it were a whole project. It is however, a phased project so it won't happen all at once. This is to ensure there is sufficient budget available to pay for the project. Eric told the Commissioners and Bradley the units will sit below the skyline and no equipment will be visible from the road. The 2nd floor will be fed by the rooftop units. There will be two systems, one from the roof and one from the

crawlspace. Commissioner Weber inquired about the maintenance going forward. Eric said it is very minimal; however the usual filters and belts will need to be replaced. He said our maintenance can do this, and there is a video training available and will be part of the bid. They discussed a warranty; there is a one year warranty and an extended five year warranty is available for an extra fee. Bradley asked about the lifespan of the units. Eric responded the rooftop equipment has a twenty to thirty year lifespan. Phase I will occur before December of this year. The roof will be bid sometime between January-March next year. The structural engineer is comfortable with the support of the units, and a new access will be available. Eric told the Commissioners that between the energy and maintenance savings, the upgrade will pay for the expense over the long term lifespan of the equipment.

Findings of Fact- Land Use Table changes for Commercial Gravel Pits

After review, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the Land Use Table changes regarding commercial gravel pits, and in which zones they would be allowed. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. An ordinance will be prepared for the next Commissioner meeting.

Transition House

Shay Plagmann was present.

Commissioner Weber asked Bradley to present options to bring the Transition House up to standard and if moving it was even an option. Shay reported that other Counties use the House also and we are open to whoever needs it. He said it is always full and the expenses fall to our County. Shay said the location is nice because it is among the other County buildings, it is zoned correctly, neighbors don't like to live next door to convicted felons, and those who live there often do not have transportation to travel, so they can easily come to court and meet with probation and parole. Shay also has some budget that can go into maintenance for the House that has not been used before. Bradley will form a committee to look at this further.

ADA doors

Bradley presented two bids for two the doors that need to be repaired. The price to replace the mechanical unit will be \$5,300 installed for three doors. Commissioners asked Bradley to look into options other than replacing the doors.

Maintenance Software

Bradley reported he is working with Paul on this and will bring more information to the next meeting.

Flood Plain update

Bradley presented three slides showing the progress that we have made with FEMA. They have removed some areas; however, Bradley said we are not quite where we want to be yet. FEMA appears to be willing to work with us. Bradley will be looking at bridges, choke points, and retention ponds. Commissioner Weber reminded those present that FEMA came in and did a study with all the East Counties and that the County is attempting to compress the floodplain and thus far it looks better than it has in the last year. The engineering company STAR is willing to work with us to get this to a very manageable state. With that, we will be able to decrease the cost of insurance as much as possible. Bradley presented the Commissioners a list of the resolved questions. This is an ongoing process and Bradley will update the Commissioners as he makes progress.

Jim Mullen, Keller, East Parkway Corridor discussion

There was a scheduling miscommunication and Jim was unaware of the meeting. This will be rescheduled.

Roundabout

More public input is needed concerning the Roundabout. An informational meeting is set for December 13th; those people affected will be mailed and notified.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner