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**Madison County  
Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2018**

**Attendees:**

**Jon Weber, Chairman  
Todd Smith, Commissioner  
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner  
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Kim Muir, County Clerk  
Ilene Palmer, Deputy County Clerk**

**Agenda Topics**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation Brent Mendenhall

**County Business**

**Committee & Board Reports**

**Calendar Discussion**

Next Meeting: April 23, 2018  
Social Services Conference: April 17-19, 2018

**Discussion Items**

**Veteran Service Office funding**

Commissioner Mendenhall talked with Ron Naegelin, Veteran Service Officer in order to get to know him better. Ron told him when the veterans do military rights at a funeral; he takes them out to lunch. It is getting expensive for Ron to fund this and he is asking if he could use some of the Veterans Memorial funds for this purpose. These funds may need to be used for another VA building. Jason Drollinger will come into the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

**Solid Waste District budget**

The Solid Waste District was formed eight years ago to explore options for treating our solid waste. The District would like to explore opening a new landfill in Clark County; hauling to Jefferson County is very expensive. The District can purchase property for a reasonable price and members of the District feel they could reduce what we are currently paying by half. It will take some money up front to do a site evaluation, monitoring wells and engineering costs. This is estimated to be a \$3 million dollar project. Madison County is currently paying \$600,000 annually to Jefferson County. The District includes Clark, Fremont, Madison and Bonneville Counties. Commissioner Weber and Commissioner Miller from Fremont County will be meeting with Teton Commissioners today to see if they are interested in being included in this venture. Commissioner Smith mentioned he would be in favor of looking at a five acre site rather than a three acre site for increased expansion. The District is asking for \$15,000 from Madison County. Commissioner Weber will present an exact amount needed to begin the project at the next meeting.



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**Commissioners**

Jon Weber, Chairman  
Todd Smith  
Brent Mendenhall

**Assessor**

Shawn Boice

**County Clerk**

Kim Muir

**Coroner**

Rick Davis

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Sid Brown

**Sheriff**

Rick Henry

**Treasurer**

Sherry Arnold

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve spending seed money to further explore the options in Clark County. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Contracts/Documents**

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Public Defense Grant Application. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Public Defense Contract for Jim Archibald as Madison County's primary Public Defender. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Public Defense Contract for Sean Bartholick as one of Madison County's conflict Public Defenders. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Notification of Budget Hearing for Madison County, Ambulance, and Mosquito. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the Contract regarding restaurant/concessions at Teton Lakes Golf Course. The City of Rexburg has approved of the same. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

The golf budget adjustment for capital purchases will be placed on the next agenda for review and discussion.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Liquor License reissuance for Wal-Mart and Gas Station (located west of Wal-Mart. This was required because of a name change. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Employee Years of Service Recognition for Bobbie Bradley and Amy Ohs. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

The Work and Financial plan with the State of Idaho, Department of Correction, St. Anthony Work Camp will be placed on the next agenda. Jared Arnold is reviewing this contract.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Appointments to the Eastern Idaho Public Health Board. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the State Weed Spray contract. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Routine Matters**

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

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve an additional claim for the quarterly 911 payment to the State of Idaho. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2018, and Emergency Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2018. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

**Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) and (d) exempt records-Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Bradley Petersen**

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber- yes

Commissioner Smith- yes

Commissioner Mendenhall-yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign a lien on Case No. 2018016, sign a denial on Case No. 2018010, and an approval on Case No. 2018014 and assignments on Case No's 2016041, 2017007, 2016040 and 2017009. Non-Medical cases: sign approvals on Case No's. N2018006 and N2018007. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

**Shawn Boice, Ag Exemptions for DJ Barney, Christy Swenson, Tax Exemptions for BYU-I, Corp of the Presiding Bishop, Site Exemption for Kartchner Land Management, Hillview, Bart Stevens**

**Ag Exemption**

**DJ Barney**

This property is on Airport Road and is a 6.5 acre lot by the County sheds. Shawn said it doesn't qualify for the Ag exemption however it might qualify for a Developer's Exemption since the property was split off. DJ was present and said he has been raising pigs on the 6.5 acres. The gravel is present because he is trying to raise the water level. The City has zoned this property as Industrial; however it is approved for Ag. DJ said the ground has never been used for anything but Ag. Commissioner Weber asked Shawn to take a look at the property and report back. This matter was tabled pending further review by Shawn Boice.

**Christy Swenson**

Christy is raising 4H lambs and generates an income for the 2.21 acres. This has been approved in past years.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Christy Swenson. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Tax Exemption**

**BYU-I**

Shawn reported the University is in line for the exemption however the Church has had some lots gifted to them that were then sold.

Commissioner Smith recused himself from the discussion and motion due to a conflict of interest.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Tax Exemption for BYU-I. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the matter passed.

### **Corporation of the Presiding Bishop**

Shawn reported no new lots have been added this year.

Commissioner Smith recused himself from the discussion and motion due to a conflict of interest.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Tax Exemption for BYU-I. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the matter passed.

### **Site Exemption**

#### **Kartchner Land Management**

This is across from the Burton School. Each lot will apply for an exemption. They are the original Developer.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Site Exemption for Kartchner Land Management. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Hillview**

This has been denied as an Ag exemption in prior years, it is owned by the Kroft family.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Site Exemption for Hillview. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Bart Stevens**

This property is three lots and is not being farmed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Site Exemption for Hillview. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Bradley Petersen, Intern report, Courthouse update**

#### **Intern report**

Bradley presented the Commissioners a report of statistics on population and demographics that was gathered by an Intern.

#### **Courthouse Update**

A request for bidding will run tomorrow in the local paper. Bradley reported the work for the roof has been restructured by adding it to the maintenance so it will just be a rebuild; this should open up the process to receive more bids. Clerk Kim Muir verified the money is available over two fiscal years; however most of it will come from the Commissioners reserve. Bradley told the Commissioners he thinks we need to do more with the ADA doors because the latch is broken. He would like to have Ard's replace the lock for \$1800. The Commissioners made no decision on the doors but are considering it.

### **Tim Solomon, Rocky Mountain Power, upgrading power lines**

Tim reported they are attempting to upgrade the area by building a new transmission line from the Goshen Substation to Rexburg. He presented the Commissioners with a plan to replace the line and telephone poles. They will be converting the line from 69,000 to 100,000 volts. He said the transformer alone costs approximately one million dollars. The poles will be 2ft - 4ft wider, and 20ft - 40 ft. taller. He is waiting for approval from the railroad to have the poles moved in a few feet (i.e., closer to the rails) so they will be farther from the road. Rocky Mountain Power has been working with the City of Rexburg to make sure any street widening and sidewalks have been addressed. Construction won't be started until September after irrigation season. Rocky Mountain Power is not anticipating any outages with this new construction with the exception of one at BYU-I; they will have one day without power. The goal is to have Rexburg to Rigby completed by early 2020. The Rexburg substation will be expanded within the existing area to allow an additional transformer. Tim said the goal of the project is to bring reliable capacity to the area for the growth needs of the County.

**Dawn Hunter, Wellness-blood draw aggregate report**

Dawn presented the Wellness blood draw report to the Commissioners. She reported we had a good turnout, 229 people. A comparison to previous years is enclosed in the report.

**Rudey Ballard, Introduce Steve Moore, new Director at Blue Cross, pre-renewal discussion**

Rudey said he is working on the renewal and presented the last completed year to the Commissioners. The report included the YTD numbers and the claims paid. Rudey said if everything stays the same, the renewable year will be favorable. Steve Moore was introduced and he gave a brief bio of his previous experience. He has been with Blue Cross for twenty years and is located in Twin Falls. He said he is available whenever his support is needed.

**Bruce Wilding, Hospital concerns**

Bruce thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to be in front of them and be heard. He came to point out the issues and do what is right for the community. In his mind, he believes politics can be a problem. He stated the hospital is severely behind on billing and this will affect their cash flow. He has been asking for answers and has not received them from the hospital. He believes there is evidence that should make the County alarmed. He said Madison Memorial is toxic due to their consistent turnover. He proposed an Executive Session with the Commissioners and current and previous employees to discuss this without fear of reprisals from the hospital. Commissioner Smith inquired of attorney Troy Evans to research what responsibility if any the Commissioners have in relation to the hospital and its employees. Commissioner Smith noted that hospitals are highly regulated and they would need to know what their involvement can be if any. Troy will do the research and provide a written summary to the Commissioners of the same in within the week. Commissioner Mendenhall said depending on the Commissioner's legal obligation, it may be time to have a meeting to address the complaints. The Commissioners will await Troy's research prior to taking any further action.

**Matt Nielson, Golf Course contracts presentation and discussion**

Matt presented a golf contract. He said we have a new contract with Duffy McFarland that has been reduced by \$142,000. This is a thirty three month contract with a two year renewal that has been agreed upon by the City of Rexburg and Mr. McFarland. Commissioner Weber asked Matt for more time to review the contract.

Matt is also asking for approval of a concession contract which was approved. (See above in contract section for the motion)

**Department Head Meeting, see separate minutes**

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest:

Kim Muir, Clerk