

Abbreviated Minutes: Complete Set Of Minutes Are On File In The Clerk's Office

**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018**

Attendees:

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

Agenda Topics

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

County Business

Committee & Board Reports

Calendar Discussion

May, 23rd - 25th, 2018 – NACO's WIR in Sun Valley
May 29th, 2018 – Commission Meeting (Tuesday after Memorial Day)
June 4th -7th, 2018 – IAC meeting in Moscow

Discussion Items

Contracts/Documents

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the ratification of the Chase Merchant Participation Agreement, for the Courts. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Subordination Agreement on a previous medical indigent case. 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 Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

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



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Shawn Boice

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Rick Davis

Prosecuting Attorney

Sid Brown

Sheriff

Rick Henry

Treasurer

Sherry Arnold

Trevin Ricks, Flooding Update

The flooding incident from earlier in the year is now complete and Cindy from Road and Bridge has submitted the necessary paperwork. Trevin reported on the high elevation snow melt and the current conditions. A large storm or sudden high temperature could bring more flooding, however, the National Weather and Climate Center is reporting conditions no worse than the normal spring flooding. Palisades water level is at 58% today and managers will make sure it is full in the next few months to provide adequate irrigation levels for the farmers.

There are a few levies that are of concern. The Army Corps have done evaluations and will be making appropriate repairs after the risk of flooding has passed. Jefferson County is dealing with some issues on their levies this week.

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

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall 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 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign a lien on Case No. 2018010 and sign an approval on Case No. 2018008 and 2018011, an Amended Approval on Case No. 2018012 and a Denial on Case No. 2018016. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

Shawn Boice, Tax Exemptions for Teton Experience and Valley Friendship. Developers Exemption for D.R. Barney, HOE: Brad and Tamara Egbert

Tax Exemption

Teton Experience

A new company is opening in Green Canyon and is seeking tax exempt status. There are four parcels, totaling a few hundred acres. Right now it is all Ag, and no permanent improvements have been made but there may be some in the future. This is a nonprofit entity who will establish a week long obstacle course/team building experience for troubled teens.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Tax Exemption of 25% of the total tax for Teton Experience, for the reason that all of it is not used for the tax exempt purpose. Some of this property is still farmed, etc. This will be reviewed again next year. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Upper Valley Friendship Club

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Tax Exemption for Upper Valley Friendship Club. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Developer's Exemption

D.R. Barney

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Developers Exemption for the north portion of the property for D.R. Barney. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

HOE issue, Brad and Tamara Egbert

Tamara has lived in the home more than six months out of the year.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Homeowners Exemption for Brad and Tamara Egbert for one-half of 2017 or \$856.90. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Jared Arnold, tax increase, part-time employee

Jared reported the increase to the Solid Waste fee is on hold until the training is complete.

Jake Jensen will be moving from Jared's crew to Solid Waste. Darby is running short on help. She needs to hire part time help as soon as possible. Commissioners approved the hiring of a part time person, and the department should look at local high school or college students.

Rudey Ballard, Blue Cross insurance renewal

Rudey reported a 3.11% increase in our Blue Cross insurance is anticipated for 2019. He is still hoping to reduce this increase by a small amount. The small group marketplace law states that premium rates will increase, however our market is in good shape.

Rudey also discussed a new possibility for County employees regarding a retirement program that would help pay health insurance premiums after retirement, but before age 65, when Medicare would apply. This is still being developed.

Bradley Petersen, Comprehensive Plan discussion

Bradley stated it is time to start moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan. He would like to include the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Flood Plain Management and a Risk Map, as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Part of the plan needs to be a review of our current ordinances to make sure they are in line with plans for the next twenty years. Bradley suggested partnering with the cities of Rexburg and Sugar City, as well as BYU-I.

A grant with the USDA and a FEMA grant would allow hiring a consultant to come in and help us complete the Plan. Commissioner Weber mentioned a few large subdivisions were applying and County residents have asked if the County has a plan. Commissioner Smith stated we do not want to bind ourselves to FEMA's restrictions right now. A master road map also needs to be included; protecting private property rights is essential. This will require several committees to make it happen. Commissioner Smith stated the questions to begin are: How long and how much? Most can be done in house and what strings are attached to any grants. There is also an opportunity for an Economic Development Plan.

Eric Reiser, Courthouse bid approval

Eric handed out a synopsis of the bid results. See the attached. Eric presented his recommendations for lowering each of the bids to come in closer to our contractor's estimate. Eric discussed replacing broken trusses and repairing soft spots on the roof. He has checked references for Contract West and they have checked out. The bids and financial plan will be discussed at the meeting on Thursday. The contracts will be discussed and formulated with Troy.

Wade Anderson, South Frontage Road discussion

Wade Anderson and many of his neighbors were present to find out the County's plan for the South Frontage Road. They wanted to voice concerns about the Bear World traffic that is so bad they can't even cross the street to get their mail. The road is breaking up due to increased traffic. They want to close the road to this type of traffic. Commissioners explained we cannot close the road or regulate it as it is a public road.

Commissioner Weber said the holdup is acquiring property; however, the County is ready to move on it. There are a few property owners that are holding out and won't even come to the table. Wade suggested using eminent domain. The Commissioners are not in favor of forcing landowners to act. Joel Jenkins is ready to go, there are meetings set up with Joyce Olsen, but Mike Gideon and Bear World have not shown any interest. Courtney Ferguson with Bear World was present and alleged he has been working for fifteen years with the County trying to get a direct roadway to Bear World. Courtney stated several times that people who get off the highway will find him.

Commissioner Weber stated a frontage road would be a huge benefit to Madison County and all residents in that part of the County. Mike Gideon has been in discussion with the County and will no longer even come to the table. He has no interest in talking with the County at this time. Courtney stated he has never been approached for the purchase of this property officially. Commissioners stated Courtney has been approached. Commissioner Weber explained the complications of appraising property and the County not being able to offer more than the appraised price, by State statute.

The benefits of the road would be to widen the tax base, and potentially add jobs and enhance Madison County. The County asked for permission to appraise the Gideon property and was told no. One of the neighbors asked if the road we have started is going to be finished. Wade also stated the speed limit is 35 mph and they are going much faster; 60 mph plus. The Sheriff's office will be asked to patrol that area more frequently. Commissioners explained the expensive billboard signs along the highway sitting on the property would have to be moved at a high price to the County. Commissioner Weber stated we have the funding and want to move forward, however, the County can't get on the land to do so. If the neighbors help to get approval from Gideon, the County has money to move forward. The neighbors also asked what the traffic pattern would be with the current roadway and other roads that enter in and where stop signs would be placed. Commissioners responded they would have to look at our options to accommodate emergency services and snow plows.

Ben Kaufman, Presentation of IAC scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Ben Kaufman by IAC.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest:
Kim Muir, Clerk