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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2019**



Attendees:

Jon Weber, Commissioner (Chairman)
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk - excused

Invocation: given by Commissioner Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Weber

Public Comment: Mr. Edstrom, a land owner, approached Commissioner Smith about the possibility of a procedure or instruction sheet regarding zone changes as Commissioners are limited to what they are allowed to inform the public. Troy stated that it hasn't been policy in the past but will discuss the matter with Bradley.

ACTION ITEMS

Calendar Items:

March 28, 2019 Next Commission meeting

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$641,168.67 with \$32,628.32 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Personnel Actions. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Paul Sorensen: IT – "Test – It" Broadband

Paul Sorensen from IT was invited to discuss the possibility of the Test-It app. Commissioner Weber was at a conference last week in Washington D.C. Sonny Perdue from the Department of Ag was there. This app is supposed to help identify accurate connectivity broadband infrastructure. It is also supposed to be less expensive and more reliable. No personal records are accessed, but it is able to check broadband speeds. This is then reported to Test-It so they know what the county internet speeds are. Paul stated it is just to check broadband speeds to let Test-It know what is needed. Broadband for the county is in a lot of places and now is wireless. Cell phone companies are pushing the technology. This lets them know who doesn't have broadband and what the upload and download speeds are for whoever uses the app. Commissioner Weber asked Paul where the county goes from here and wondered if the providers could be brought to the commissioner's room to find out what is available. Paul suggested a feasibility study be done to compare service to the price of the service. Commissioner Weber stated that NACO (National Association of Counties) monitor companies that provide the service and the FCC monitors speeds. Paul

stated they are a part of the FCC, but they don't monitor speeds. Commissioner Weber has concerns with the internet speeds of the county at fair time, rodeos, and other community events at the fair grounds. Paul has asked for a site survey from Safelink and is waiting for word from a Project Manager. Safelink has options to ramp up the speeds during these events. They can then cut back during off times. High speed internet is important to vendors and the public during fair time, rodeos, etc.

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 9:34 a.m. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber-yes, Commissioner Smith-yes, and Commissioner Mendenhall-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:48 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Liens for Case No's 2019008 and 2019009. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to deny Case No's 2018018, 2019001. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Case No's 2019004, 2019005, and 2019007. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion and it carried.

Shawn Boice, Tax Issues: Ag Exemptions.

Neal Waddoups

This property is three acres that are actively devoted to growing hay. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Neal Waddoups. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Westover

This property is named South Fork Estates and is managed by Ashcraft's. Both pieces are five acres. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Westover. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Nedra Dearborn

There are cows on this property and is approximately 3 acres. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Nedra Dearborn. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Tim Jensen

This property is by the substation and is 6.2 acre and 7.2 acre pieces. Hay is cut off of it. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Tim Jensen. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Heath Leatham

This property is 7.2 acres. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Heath Leatham. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Misty Valley

Shawn is still working on making contact with Misty Valley. The deadline is approaching. Shawn is still working on this and will hold off for now.

Tax Exemptions were discussed next for the following:

EICPDA

EICPDA requesting tax exemptions on 3 properties: The 1st piece is not fully exempt, they are asking for a partial exemption. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the partial tax exemption for EICPDA. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. The 2nd piece is on 4th North, Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the tax exemption for this piece of property, Commissioner Mendenhall seconded. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed. The 3rd piece of property is next to the 2nd piece on 4th North. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the application for tax exemption for EICPDA on this property. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded. Voting was unanimous and the motion passed

Grace Baptist Church

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the tax exemption for Grace Baptist Church. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Calvary Chapel

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the tax exemption for Calvary Chapel. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the tax exemption for Lighthouse Baptist Church. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Homeowner Exemptions were then discussed for the following:

Nate Fleming

Nate has a home at 391 South Pine. He sold it, back rented for 4 months and sold it on 12-18-2017. He then moved in to a new house on 4-1-18. On 3-16-18 Shawn's office sent a homeowner's exemption. These exemptions are tracked heavily and were not returned. He wants an exemption on his new home because he had it on his old home. On 4-20-18 a Homeowner's Exemption application was hand delivered to his wife. In November when Nate got a tax bill, he came in and said that the Assessor's office had the wrong address. Applicant was supposed to be at the hearing held today. After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to deny the Homeowner's Exemption for Nate Fleming. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Sherry Arnold: Financial Report

Sherry went over the financial reports of the county and stated that the county is in good financial condition. The Commissioner's thanked Sherry and Angie for their work with balancing and keeping track of the funds of the county.

Kelly Hoopes: Hibbard Roundabout discussion and North and South Frontage Road, bid for roundabout.

Various members of the community appeared for this discussion. Commissioner Weber welcomed the members of the community for the discussion of the roundabout. He reminded all present of the informational meeting set for this evening at 5:00 p.m. He stated that the Commissioners are very aware of the county needs and the growth. There are several transportation projects in the works in Madison County including the Thornton interchange and the East Park Corridor. He is aware that change is hard and affects a great population. We all enjoy the convenience of proper management of transportation issues in the county. With the growth of the Hibbard area, the roundabout has been in the works for quite a while and they are aware of the concerns of local residents. Horrocks Engineering has been charged with the development of this roundabout. There is not a lot of time for public comment at this time, but there may be time at the 5:00 meeting later this evening. Funding for this project was made available through a grant from LHTAC. \$7,000,000 was awarded just last year to Madison County for various projects. The time was turned over to Kelly Hoopes of Horrocks Engineering.

Kelly stated that the purpose of this roundabout is to improve safety and enhance future mobility of the intersection. The curve has been the source of a few accidents in the past. The design is much the same as it was in the past. The funding has to be spent by November of this year and construction would take place during the summer months. The discussion is to decide whether to completely close the intersection and reroute it or to keep transportation moving through the construction zone. Contractors are to bid with those two options in mind and will come back to commissioner's meeting with their findings. If the intersection was completely closed, construction would be dramatically quicker. If traffic was maintained, the construction would take roughly 90 calendar days. If only local traffic was maintained, construction time would be reduced to roughly 60 calendar days. Traffic studies were completed and as growth occurs, improvements need to be made for residents to move from East to West and from West to East. The location of this roundabout is pivotal for keeping safety and mobility in mind. Commissioner Mendenhall asked about the possible start date so as to not disrupt farmers during their planting or harvesting time. Kelly Hoopes stated that there are drainage canals that also need to be considered. He stated that they have to also consider school as students need to be picked up and dropped off. He stated that they are looking at a start date around the 1st of June. This would give June, July, and August to complete the project. Commissioner Weber opened the floor for limited public comment. He asked them to state their names and to please be civil in their comments.

Kirk Shirley asked about traffic numbers and studies that were not addressed in Kelly's statements. He wants to know why the Hibbard church intersection has not been addressed as this is a dangerous intersection as well. Commissioner Weber stated that the funding for the roundabout project is capped at \$1 million. The project for the Hibbard church will be a multimillion-dollar project and is a lot more detailed. The county is not prepared for that project at this time but is looking at it for future project, and it is on the County's project list. The numbers for the traffic count will be presented at tonight's meeting.

Rich Andrus wondered what the meeting tonight is about and asked if all the meetings have been held for public approval. Where the county is just changing the intersection to a roundabout, not the use, no public hearing is needed. He also asked if the roundabout is the same basic size as the previous plan. He also has concerns about the drainage of water from the area. Kelly stated that the size of the roundabout would be similar to the one in size that is at the Hoback Junction near Jackson Hole. The size is roughly 150 feet in diameter. It will have recessed curbs to accommodate for the length of farm to market trailers. It is designed to be a single lane roundabout. Underground pipelines will be installed to accommodate for water drainage. The culverts are about 20" and the water will be drained into a pond. Drainage will be from East to West.

Troy Hastings asked if safety is really an issue. Kelly stated that there was a fatality in 2007 at that intersection. A county citizen that was present at the meeting said that fatality was because of a drunk driver. This is unclear. Kelly does not have any reports with him at this time, but will share them this evening. He did have a study of Madison County roads and looked at the history. There were numerous discussions about safety concerns at this intersection. Troy Hastings asked how Kelly knew that this intersection is the most dangerous one and will be traveled enough to justify the funding of this project. Todd stated that growth is hard to plan because of how development works. There are a little over 300 lots presently approved or planned in the Hibbard area. We have no way of knowing which direction people are going to travel. If they are headed to the North of town, they will not use this roundabout. Troy wants to know if this project is the best utilization of this funding. He wanted to know if this project is legal as to notification of this project to the residents. He said that as a developer, he is required to send certified notifications to residents. Todd stated these meetings are not required by law, but notices went to all surrounding homeowners for the meeting tonight. Kelly stated that when change of use is required, legal notifications have to be sent. If not, no notifications are required to be sent.

Rich Andrus stated that he would like to see the traffic report and study. Kelly stated that the City of Rexburg and Madison County put together a transportation master plan and this report was completed last year. This reported present impact and tried to project to the future impact.

Commissioner Weber stated that he needed to end this discussion to adhere to the agenda and invited the residents to return tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Scott Spaulding: River Rock Irrigation Systems

Scott Spaulding was present to discuss the River Rock Estates irrigation lines around the subdivision. Irrigation lines to each lot were presented to planning and zoning during the approval process of this subdivision. This irrigation system will destroy existing lots. It is a complicated system and deserves some study by an engineering firm or someone who is qualified to evaluate the complexities of the water system. Scott stated that there is noncompliance of agreements of the developer when the development was approved eleven years ago. Commissioner Smith asked Scott if he has approached the developers of the residents' concerns. Scott stated that the developer's response has been that when enough lots are sold, the irrigation lines will be developed. Troy stated that once this subdivision is approved or in place, the county has no ability to monitor those agreements between the developer and individual homeowners, and the County does not monitor all subdivisions within its jurisdiction. The residents of that subdivision are welcome to pursue on their own through a private action, though there may be a statute of limitations problem where 11 years have now passed. The county has things in place now to avoid this from happening in the future primarily through bonding, but this code did not exist over 11 years ago when this development went in. Spaulding stated that this is wrong. This is something that this governing body agreed to when this development was approved. These promises were made by the developer. There should be development agreements so residents are not left with consequences made by the developer. Scott asked if he could propose a moratorium on the remaining lots of the development. Commissioner Weber asked how a moratorium will help with the development of the irrigation system. Scott stated that this will require the developer to make appropriate changes to the current irrigation systems, etc. Commissioner Weber inquired as to whether or not there is an HOA. Scott confirmed that there is indeed an HOA. He would like to deed the remaining lots to the HOA to use the funds to put into the irrigation system. There are 20 lots remaining. If something is not done soon, there will be no more lots available. Scott has talked to an attorney regarding putting a lien on the remaining lots and he is waiting to hear back.

Commissioner Weber asked Bradley Peterson of Planning and Zoning for Madison County to talk to the developer and let them know of this discussion today. A potential option for the developer is to deed over the lots to the HOA to meet the requirement. He asked how many lots would be required to fund this irrigation system. Spaulding stated the cost could be anywhere from \$100,000 to \$500,000. It may be possible that all of the remaining 20 lots are required to fund this. Scott stated that this has been 11 years in the making and the developer has an obligation to meet the requirements of the agreement. Scott asked the commissioners to call the developer to meet with commissioners to give them the opportunity to provide financials to show that he has or doesn't have the means to provide this irrigation system. Commissioner Weber asked Bradley to contact the developer first. If no progress is made, then he would be invited to meet with the commissioners. Scott stated that he would like to be kept up to date on the progress of this issue. He feels that time is of the essence.

Brandon Moffatt: Idaho Department of Labor: Apprenticeship Programs

Brandon Moffatt was present to discuss a program regarding possible apprenticeships for Madison County employees. The federal government has money available to offset funding for apprenticeships. Madison County has a number of positions to fill at the landfill. Apprenticeships allow for a contract that requires the person to meet educational goals. At the end, they get a certificate of completion. Apprenticeships require a minimum of 2000 hours depending on the county's wishes. This could allow partnerships through the schools and would also allow nationally credentialed staff for positions. This would allow a large pool of people to hire from. Commissioner Weber stated that the county would look at it further and meet with the Department Heads to see if there is something that the county would benefit from. Commissioner Weber encouraged Brandon to get in touch with the county in about a month after they have brought it to the department heads.

Rick Davis: Presentation of Plaque of Recognition

A plaque was presented to Rick Davis for his years of service as Madison County Coroner. The commissioner's thanked him for his dedication and hard work over the years. Rick made a few comments and reported about the computer program that he developed and passed to Sam Butikofer, the new coroner for Madison County.

Informational meeting regarding the Hibbard Roundabout

Commissioner Weber welcomed all present for coming to the informational meeting regarding the Hibbard roundabout. This was recorded. He stated that the Commissioners recognize that this project can be inconvenient and the residents flat out don't want to have this roundabout happen. He stated that this project has been in the works for approximately two years and there have been a lot of traffic studies on this intersection. There is concern from the residents on this. They don't agree that there is a need. Commissioner Weber stated the engineering is completed on this intersection and funding is procured. The grant is project specific. It has to be spent on this project. Only 25 of 92 applications from the entire state of Idaho received this funding. If the grant is not utilized on the roundabout project, funds have to be returned and go to another city or county. He stated that he recognized this project is not a top priority, but that it is needed. The intersection by the Hibbard church is on the county's radar, but is more expensive. There is a need to purchase homes and land and it will be addressed at a later date when funding is procured and studies are completed. A year ago, there were public meetings regarding the plans for the current roundabout project and it was not realized at that time because there were constraints with funding. There were also design management issues. Commissioner Mendenhall stated this new roundabout has addressed those issues and the commissioners feel like this is the right time to make this roundabout viable and usable. Commissioner Weber stated he realized change and progress is hard. He also knows that progress is necessary with growth as our county is

growing by leaps and bounds. The commissioners are here to make tough decisions and they are not always easy to make but feel it is necessary. Safety, aesthetics and traffic flow play a part in this decision to make that intersection a roundabout. Residents are concerned about access to their homes and how this will affect their driveways. Commissioner Weber asked if it's better to be reactive or proactive. He wondered if it's better to wait until something bad happens or take care of it when funding is available.

Todd went over studies that were completed at various intersections in the County and concerns that have been voiced through public hearings on transportation plans. These were areas identified as areas of concern. There were four major intersections that were concerns through this study. The one being discussed tonight is the first intersection of the four being addressed. This study was completed and approved in 2015 and 2000 North was identified as priority over other intersections.

Kelly Hoopes went over safety issues. There have been head-on type collision concerns identified with this intersection. He presented a map of how the roundabout would look to improve safety for county residents. The map has been finalized to best accommodate the travel of residents as well as farm to market vehicles and large farm machinery. The curbing will be lowered to accommodate long and wide vehicles traveling through the roundabout without issue. There will also be traffic on the roundabout from travelers going to the sand dunes for recreation. There are property owner's concerns about access to their property. There are some vision blockages that will be alleviated with the roundabout. The roundabout has been evaluated heavily over the past 3-4 years. The Rigby property on the North and West corner of the roundabout has been purchased by the county and that is the only property that had to be procured. Weather was discussed as there was concern about snow and ice during the winter. Details were discussed regarding the island, incoming and outgoing traffic as well as the curbing. It will be highly accessible for all farm machinery, trucks, buses and cars.

Juan Oldham wondered how the roundabout will be maintained through the winter. Cindy Roberson from Madison County Road and Bridge stated that the road grader will push the snow as far to the outside of the roundabout as they can get it.

Rich Andrus brought up safety issues about this intersection. Drivers are not following the rules about going too fast, not paying attention, running stop signs, etc. What about drivers who do not realize that they are in a roundabout and find themselves in the middle of it. Kelly stated that he cannot predict every issue that may be a problem. Commissioner Mendenhall stated that there are lots of signs in advance of all roundabouts and it will be lit.

Jim Perkins is a property owner near the intersection. He stated that on the existing intersection, people come around the curve too fast and lose control of their cars. He has seen these numerous times. Property owners have lost fencing as cars go off the road. He is in favor of this roundabout and believes it will help this intersection.

Kelly Hoopes stated the roundabout was designed 100% with safety in mind. The entering and exiting of the roundabout have been highly engineered.

Victoria from the Rexburg Standard Journal asked about the speed limit at that roundabout. Kelly stated that the curves will dictate the speed limit on that roundabout. Drivers naturally slow down entering, and naturally speed up exiting the roundabout. There will be yield signs. Commissioner Weber stated the speed limit will be addressed. No matter what the speed limit is if there isn't enforcement, a speed limit doesn't do any good. If people are going to speed, they'll speed no matter what.

Kirk Shirley asked if there were safety issues prior to this, why this hasn't been addressed before taking this drastic measure. Commissioner Weber stated that a 4-way stop has been studied, but found to be more dangerous than a roundabout as collisions are more of a T-bone in nature instead of side swiping.

Kelly addressed the drainage concerns of residents close to the intersection. There is a ditch that runs alongside the North side of the current road. It will be culverted under the road and diverted to a drain ditch. An area on the west and north corner will be designated as runoff to keep water off of the road. Greg Hall asked what would happen with spring runoff. Kelly stated that if the water makes it to the underground culvert, it will be diverted to the run off ditch. It was asked about the dirt in front of Rigby's. Bradley Peterson from Planning & Zoning stated that this is part of the Hazard Mitigation that the Planning & Zoning is addressing.

Rod Hart asked about number of accidents on that intersection. Kelly stated that accidents are tracked in 5-year increments from 2012-2017. There was a fatality that was attributed to the geometry of that intersection that recently fell off of the report prior to 2012. The driver failed to obey the stop sign. He stated that fatality and injuries occurrences are priority. These accidents are trackable on line and there have been 4 trackable accidents in the last 5 years that were reported.

Jeanine Dunn asked if the start date is June 1st, what will happen to traffic flow during construction. She lives in Sunrise Subdivision and her concern is that the traffic will be rerouted through her subdivision. She is concerned about a possible safety issue. She also asked about the pond for the diverted runoff water. Kelly stated that the pond is designed to recede within 12 hours based on analysis of the soil and the sub water. It is not intended to be a standing pool of water. The existing road will be removed and it will be landscaped. Commissioner Weber stated that traffic will be a concern through the subdivision. With a 60-90 day construction period they are aware it will be a major inconvenience. It is hoped that trucks would not go through the subdivision. It will be signed, but is hard to stop traffic from going where it's going to go.

A resident stated that the trucks that are being used for example on this roundabout are not used as farm to market trucks. Kelly stated that interstate trucks are one of the largest vehicles which is why it was used in engineering the project. There are double trailer trucks that are trackable through the intersection as well as harvesters, etc. Those types of vehicles can still make it through the roundabout without issue. They will ride up on the curbs, but the roundabout is designed to handle these types of vehicles making those turns.

Troy Hastings had budget questions. Does the grant amount include tax dollars that have been used to purchase land and for the traffic studies? Cindy Roberson stated that the county has spent approximately \$60,000 so far. Design and part of the engineering has already been paid for through tax dollars, not grant funds. Kelly stated that the grant that was procured from the Local Highway Strategic Initiative Fund and is highly sought after. Only 10% of that budget can go towards design and \$953,000 has been awarded. Kelly stated that financing a roundabout is highly variable.

Commissioner Smith added that there were 92 applications received by LHTAC and Madison was rated as the number 12 project in importance. Only one project can be submitted for Madison County at a time. The City of Rexburg also had an application funded. Sugar City submitted an application that was denied.

John Taylor asked if this intersection was annexed by the city, would it need to be torn up for city services. Commissioner Weber stated that this area is in the impact zone for the City of Rexburg and is not sure what would happen should this property be annexed. Doug Smith stated that if the resident has a private well and sewer, the property can be grandfathered in without having to hook into the city water and sewer systems. If the private systems fail, then citizens are encouraged to hook up to city utility systems. Commissioner Mendenhall stated there is a possibility of tearing out the roundabout for city utilities. Bradley states the City of Rexburg is aware of this possibility.

Rich Andrus stated that the Commission has made this decision and the only way to come back from that is from a financial standpoint. He worries that the money is available, so Madison County is just using money for whatever project that it deems necessary to spend money that has been made available through this grant. This isn't the case. This and all intersections have been studied in the County and four have been identified as problematic and need fixed. This is the first of the four. He also has concerns about the size of the roundabout. Kelly stated that the size of this roundabout is similar in size to others that are found in our area.

Alan Parkinson stated that in his experience, people typically avoid roundabouts, putting more traffic on other roads that are not built for farm machinery. He wondered if that had been considered. Commissioner Weber stated that traffic patterns will change and that it's hard to govern people's traffic patterns. He feels that projects shouldn't be stunted by what people might do. Alan still has concerns about this.

Todd thanked everyone for their concerns and questions. He felt that all concerns have been addressed. He stated that he thought this meeting was a good idea and hopes that everyone gives the roundabout a chance. Changes are hard at first, but they are eventually popular once things settle down and people get used to it.

Commissioner Mendenhall stated that he appreciated the honest, hard and forthright questions. The Commissioners listen and try to make changes to adjust to those concerns.

A concerned citizen stated that he feels that there are other intersections that are more dangerous. This intersection has been chosen over more dangerous intersections. His suggestion is to give the money back and ask for more money for more dangerous intersections next time. Commissioner Smith stated that other intersections are not being ignored. They are being looked at for future projects. His opinion is it's an improvement to the area. Once completed, funding will be applied for the other intersections.

Another citizen came in to this meeting with a lot of negativity. He said he has traveled to all corners of the country and feels roundabouts are a blessing. After listening to the presentation, he has changed his mind, thinks this roundabout is forward thinking and he now thinks it is a good idea. He is supportive of the Commissioner's move here.

Troy Hastings asked about comments that were made earlier in the day regarding connecting Moody highway to Hibbard via an overpass. Is that something that is being looked at? Commissioner Weber stated this is in future plans. It was there previously and removed. However, this has not been discussed and likely will not occur until well into the future. He asked, do we stop growth because of the impact on someone's house. He stated that although this would be a major inconvenience to a property owner, the answer is no when it comes to growth and progress. Hard decisions have to be made. Commissioner Smith stated this is a stand-alone project and one can be done one without the other (overpass versus

roundabout). Kelly reminded everyone that this project is not a multi-lane roundabout. The roundabout is in response to what was said about the intersection back in 2015 and prioritized accordingly. It is to help address issues regarding people's failure to yield and failure to stop at this intersection.

Paul Weekes asked for the numbers of the traffic flow. Kelly stated that there was a traffic study done in 2012. Numbers from the West and South sides of the intersection are markedly higher than the numbers from the East and the North sides, approximately 15 times more. Kelly pulled up actual traffic study numbers for all of Madison County and their projections in the future, this area in particular.

Sandy Perkins stated that her family lives on 12th West. She likes the idea of the roundabout because it slows traffic down. In the summer, people race down that road. Mr. Perkins stated that traffic coming out of the Sunrise development, where they live, is a concern.

There was concern from another citizen about backing out from his residence onto the road. He thought that speed should be slowed down via speed limit sign instead of people just naturally slowing down.

Commissioner Weber again thanked all those present for coming and listening to the presentation.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to release the roundabout project for bids and Commissioner Smith seconded. Voting was unanimous and the motion carried.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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

Attest:

Kim Muir, Clerk