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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019**



Attendees:

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

Invocation: Commissioner Weber
Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Jerry Lee came in to thank Commissioners for their service and comments on the great job Road and Bridge is doing. He is a great supporter of the fair.

ACTION ITEMS

County Business

Board and Committee Reports: None.

Calendar Discussion: Budget meetings with Department Heads were discussed. Commissioners agreed to set budget meetings on a request to meet basis, but asked those asking for a significant increase to their budget meet with them to explain.

Set budget hearing date; the budget hearing was set for August 29, 2019.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the long term disability implementation worksheet for employees of the county. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and ratify the Blue Cross group voter designation. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the notification of budget hearing. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #434 to destroy old records from the Indigent office. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Eastern Idaho Public Board of Health nomination form. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Cindy presented a Contract Agreement between D.L. Beck and Madison County to begin construction on the Hibbard Roundabout that she received this morning. D.L. Beck will need it signed before they move-in to begin the project. If this is not signed today, it will set the project back 2-3 more weeks. D.L. Beck was already awarded this contract and it was reviewed prior, just not signed. Commissioner Weber made a motion to amend the agenda to consider signing the contract. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Contract Agreement with D.L. Beck for the 2000 West/2000 North Roundabout Intersection Agreement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$1,220,149.85 with \$32,578.53 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019. 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 April 12, 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Certificates of Residency for Palacios- Torres, Guadalupe and Torres, Juana. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions:

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

Ann Marie: Pay stub discussion

There is a web portal that employees can view their pay stubs so they would not have to be printed for each employee. Ann Marie would like to discontinue the practice of printing, stuffing and mailing pay stubs. The commissioners agree that the more electronic things get, the better and would also save the county time and money. A notice will go out with the current checks this week and then will be electronic going forward.

Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) consider hiring an employee and (d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:18 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. 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 Commissioner meeting to open session at 10:00 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign an Approval for Case No. 2019010. A decision was made to approve payment on Case No. 2001027. Assignments were signed and approved on Case No's CAT #1M-2018-00001 – 90%, CAT #1M-2018-00006 – 12% and CAT #1M-2018-00007 –

21%. Regarding non-medical matters, approvals on Case No. N2019005, and N2019004. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Carlos Aponte: Insurance modeling

Commissioner Mendenhall mentioned that it is a struggle for the county to switch medical insurance plans at this time and is not currently in the market for a change. The employees are comfortable with the current plan and the county wants to keep consistency and something employees can count on. Commissioners would look at what he is presenting, but it would be a hard sell. He represents a national reinsurance group, but he would still be representing Blue Cross or Pacific Source. There would be an element of self- insurance to the plan he would be presenting which is worrisome to Commissioners.

Shawn Boice, Tax Exemption:

LDS Church.

Shawn has inspected all lots and didn't see anything that should not be exempted.

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

Basic American I.C. 63-602NN application.

Basic American is seeking the 602NN tax exemption that is a new law that was passed three years ago which gives a benefit to new business and deletes the value on a pro-rated basis beginning at 95% for the first year and decreases over the next 5 years. Land is not included. The Basic American expansion will add 30 – 40 jobs and meet all criteria for the 63-602NN requirements. Commissioners approved holding a public hearing on May 13, 2019 to get input from the public.

Cindy Roberson: Roundabout and Road & Bridge update.

Kelly Hoopes was with Cindy and Reo. They presented copies of a proposed second roundabout in Hibbard one mile west of the roundabout that will begin construction this summer. The design of the approved roundabout currently approved, was looked at for the new location as well. The biggest concern would be the parking at the church on the south side. Changing this to a parallel parking situation was mentioned. Fire restrictions and codes could be an issue, but has not yet been researched. Easements to be purchased were reviewed and discussed. The exact center point could be shifted, but the further northeast option, the better geometry the roundabout would have. Right of way purchasing would be significantly more than the easterly roundabout. Drainage would not have the same impact and would be less, however proper drainage of the road would be significantly more. Kelly estimates costs would be 20 – 25% more expensive than the roundabout to the east. The surplus eliminator funds could be looked into for funding the project but property would have to be owned by the County before we could apply for the funding, as well as wait for two years, since we were awarded funding this year for the first roundabout.

Spencer Stegmiller and Tax Anderson: Beast Events at the fairgrounds.

Spencer and Tax would like to discuss the fairground events and feel there was a lot of misunderstanding, but would like to work with us to do more events. They wanted to talk openly and see what they could do to keep hosting the events at the fairgrounds. Commissioners commented that traffic control, noise, and the number of kids coming in were out of control. There were also issues about parking and running the neighborhood that influenced cancelling the events. Commissioners received many complaints regarding the type of activity with alcohol, and basically sex, drugs and rock n roll. It may not have been beast events, but are part of these groups by association.

Commissioners will discuss the issues with Chief Turman and others to see if there is a better way to control an activity. Spencer wanted to point out they wanted to be the only company to come in to do the events, where alcohol and drugs are monitored better, rather than some of the other companies. Commissioners explained they will not make them a sole company event if it is even approved at all. They also discussed the culture of the community in Rexburg has a lot to do with what is approved and most citizens don't like loud music and the party atmosphere after midnight.

Bradley Petersen: Phase I Courthouse Eric Reiser

Eric presented the bid proposal to complete Phase I of the Courthouse Improvements. The new HVAC system will be placed under the main floor of the courthouse. New high efficient units will replace the old outdated system. Radiators will be removed and holes patched. We budgeted to complete the project a few years ago at \$327,000. Unfortunately in the past 6 months, there is a massive labor shortage and materials have increased 30 – 35%. He is hoping to not see this increase, but the trend has been a large increase. The project will go out for bid next week sometime. Bid openings will be around May 30th, possibly sooner. Eric will be scheduling construction for the least impact of normal county business.

Elevator bid discussion. There was another company presenting a bid for new elevators with pricing very similar to what was proposed by Thyssen. Commissioners asked Bradley to choose the contractor he felt would do the best job and proceed with replacing the elevator.

Floodplain discussion

FEMA would like to move forward on new modeling for the Snake River on the flood plain portion of the comprehensive plan now including the Henry's Fork and the South Fork. Commissioner Weber asked that as Bradley moves forward, make sure he is running tandem with Robert Kohler and communicating the priorities of both the hazard mitigation and flood plain. Feasibility maps will be released showing the flood plain map priorities and what projects are realistic. FEMA is looking at the 2010 flood event to calibrate the new model for the flood plain. A professional to do the study would cost about \$20,000. Bradley will be contacting the Cities of Rexburg and Sugar City to possibly share in the cost.

Public Hearing: Golf course fee changes and Review and sign Ordinance #424.

A Public Hearing was opened at 11:20 a.m. The hearing was recorded and was properly published. There was no one present to speak for, against or neutral. The City held their public hearing earlier. The fees being changed were reported and were published. The fee changes were unanimously passed by the Golf Board and the City.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Golf Course fee changes and approve Ordinance #424. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Ryan, JRW, Fair Grounds build out:

Commissioners were under the assumption that everyone was in favor of this project and hope that is still the case. The extension office feels some of the proposed offices were very small. Commissioners would like to send it back to each of the offices to work with JRW to try to work out the needs of each department involved. The building needs to be up to the handicap accessibility code. Shawn suggested that the University of Idaho provide temporary facilities at the fairgrounds so the project can proceed.

Commissioners questioned Ryan on the \$140 cost per square foot estimate provided. Ryan commented that buildings and schools they have done recently are coming in at that cost.

Robert Kohler, Spring flooding update:

Robert presented the Madison County Spring, 2019 predictions, which include a wet spring, early summer and a drier late summer and fall. We are at a 116% snow pack in the mountains in our region and did get snow in the mountains last weekend. We have been able to stock up on our water in the past 3 years. Palisades is at 61% capacity today and officials are continuing to release as much as possible to accommodate large quantities of spring run-off. There are two spots on the levees there are concerns. Robert will meet with them on Wednesday to view and discuss this possible issue. Predictions are that the Henry's Fork will peak the 2nd or 3rd week of May. Pallets stocked with sand bags will be pre-positioned for flooding. Canals will start pulling out in the next few weeks also which will help flooding.

Field trip to Beaver Dick Park

Commissioners joined Jared Arnold at Beaver Dick Park to discuss improvements and adding Frisbee golf.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 12:35 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