



**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2019**

Attendees:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: Shane Ruebush. He appreciates Commissioners making time to hear comments during the public hearing on July 22. He is hopeful some mitigation can be done with the Edstrom's and the county ensures it is feasible and within the ordinance. Their group has reached out to Mr. Davis to request a copy of the compromise he mentioned at the public hearing and the written current proposal. They would like to know intentions, but written communication is needed.

Board and Committee Reports:

Commissioner Weber – Fair Board

The fair begins next Wednesday and goes through Saturday. Help is needed at the gates. The Board will be charging \$1 per person to give us an idea of how many are attending the fair. We have set aside funds for a service group to take tickets at the gate, but more help is needed. Jon discussed if it would be appropriate to ask County employees to engage and help with the fair. There are three gates and 2 people are needed at each gate. There will be more vendors and food vendors than we have had in the past.

Calendar Discussion:

Next meeting: August 29, 2019

Discussion and Decision Items:

Travel Credit Cards

Cards are needed for county employees to check out when they travel, that do not otherwise carry a county credit card. Commissioners agreed to this and to put a \$2,500 credit limit on the cards.

Pictures of elected officials need to be updated. This will be set up.

Contracts/Documents:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law Re: Edstrom Comprehensive Plan Change. The public hearing was held by the County Commissioners on July 22, 2019. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact for the Comprehensive Plan Map Change for Edstrom Construction. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

The next step in the Edstrom Construction matter will be to review the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law from P&Z on the zone change. This will be placed on an upcoming agenda with the County Commissioners to discuss.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the State/Local Agreement for the Moody Road Bridge. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to nominate Brent Mendenhall to the Capital Crimes Defense Fund Board and to sign the nomination Form. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$831,656.64 with \$57,486.28 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the minutes of July 22, 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 Certificate of Residency for Teresa Batson, Ayon Yulissa, Ivonne Baldwin, Jackson Coy, Kristen Eastin, Danae Flores, Leah Grilliot, Heather Maybee, Jeffrey Meldrum, Berkeley O'Rullian, Matthew Richey, Nicole Rowden, and Juana Torres. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions:

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

Executive Session: Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) hiring a staff member (b) employee matters, (d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk and (j) contract matters:

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 Smith-yes, Commissioner Mendenhall - yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioner meeting to open session at 9:28 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign indigent liens on Case No's. 2019017, 2019018, 2019019 and 2019020, sign a Denial on indigent Case No. 2019009 and reported on Case No. 2007037 being paid off. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Bradley Petersen, Final plat Silver Tip Business Park.

Corey Child, Bridger Bowen and Blake Jolley were also present for this discussion. An email thread regarding regulation of fire code and if this has been satisfied was discussed. Corey stated he cannot prevent a plat from being approved, but he can restrict the building if fire code has not been met. On the plat the verbiage stating "If required by fire code, a 'dry hydrant' will be installed at the time the public improvements are installed for the subdivision." Water flow requirements need to be met before

the building permit is issued. Any buyer of the lots need to know that the building and fire code will be met for water flow. Bradley commented that this is something his office is willing to do and they are following the commercial development standards. County code does follow fire code depending on the building and in some cases internal sprinklers will have to be installed. Each owner is going to have to deal with the requirements depending on the type of building they are constructing. Commissioner Smith asks if this needs to go back to P & Z. Bradley stated no, but we will need to be included on the application before final permitting can be issued. The question was asked if this needs to be done by ordinance. The answer was it can be approved contingent on the Fire Department signing off.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the final plat approval for Silver Tip contingent on Fire Department approval on the verbiage as discussed today appearing on the final plat. And that the Fire Chief sign off on the final plat first, prior to it being brought before the Commissioners. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Kim Muir, Budget review

Changes/corrections that were made to the budget were emailed to commissioners. Kim asked the commissioners if they approved of those changes and if there were any others they would like made before the budget is published. Commissioner Smith discussed a pumping system that will be needed at the Legacy golf course for irrigation and an increase may need to be added to the 2020 budget year.

Paul Sorensen, Fiber optics for IT

Paul has been working on how to connect Driver's license when they move across the street to get fiber optics to the Administration Building. Conduit under Main Street is a rare commodity. Shane and Paul were here with Direct Communications and they have a permit to cross the street. There are currently 2 - 3" conduits that have been installed and Direct Communications can install 12 fibers on their own strand to cross from end to end to connect both sides of Main Street. Direct will maintain the lines indefinitely because they also have one that crosses. This is an opportunity to get fiber in at a good price. An MOU will be drawn up by Direct Communications to be reviewed by the County. Verbiage was discussed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to have an MOU drafted, and if approved by legal and IT for the county, the Chairman can sign the same at a later date with Direct Communications to run fiber optic lines to the Administration Building. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Alan Huskinson, Tax hardship.

Alan was not present for this meeting. Julie was present with the Treasurer's office. The Huskinson's went into the Treasurer's Office on July 24. Judy is having health issues, was hurt at work and is trying to get disability. Fees have been waived of \$99.57, but would like for the remaining to be waived. Huskinson's currently own 3 parcels. It is a recurring problem and Commissioners would like to hear from them personally. Alan came in late to the meeting at 10:40 and states he has never been late in the past. He went to the Treasurer's Office with Julie and was shown his account history.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to deny the hardship request. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Rudey Ballard, Insurance renewal.

Rudey reports he has checked with as many medical insurance companies as possible on price and coverage. He discussed grandfathering and he reports that few companies' still find it beneficial. No dependent pregnancy coverage and copays are the biggest reason to not stay grandfathered. In a non-grandfathered plan, you would not pay co pays. Rudey states the benefits don't sit out there anymore for grandfathering. Rudey presented a summary sheet showing the comparison between Blue Cross and Regence. The Blue Cross non – grandfathered plan is very comparable to the Regence Blue Shield. The Blue Cross renewal reflects a 13% increase over last year. Rudey's recommendation is to go with the Blue Cross non-grandfathered plan. There was a discussion of increases to the employee contribution to medical insurance premiums and several ideas were considered, such as assessing a percentage increase rather than an amount. This matter will be explored and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Ann Marie reports employee meetings to explain the county benefits will be scheduled in the Fall to explain EZcare MD, dental, medical, vision, disability, HRA and FSA benefits.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign approve the Blue Cross non-grandfathered option with a 70/30 coinsurance. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Robert Kohler and Chief Child, Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Chief Child reports we are currently at moderate range for fire danger. Robert emailed the wild fire mitigation plan update to the Commissioners and reports it qualifies for a grant for fire mitigation. This winter they will do further updates to attach for the hazard mitigation plans. They held a weather spotter class to train interested citizens. He presented maps and reports of damage from the storm in July which included high winds, rain, hail and a few funnel clouds. There are resources immediately at hand for these storms. The Department has been working on a communication plan to use if phone lines go down which connects to HAM radio operators and other first responders.

Robert also reported on an LEPC meeting held this morning for the hazard mitigation plan. In the documents presented is the hazard ranking analysis which shows our local data and national data. Mitigation projects are also detailed in this plan.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the wild fire update plan. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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

Attest: Kim Muir, Clerk