

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

**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019**



Attendees:

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

Invocation: given by Deputy Prosecutor Troy Evans
Pledge of Allegiance
Public Comment: none

ACTION ITEMS:

County Business:

Commissioner Smith was excused from the meeting as he is on vacation. He will be back in a week.

Calendar Discussion:

March 11 and 25, 2019 is upcoming Commission meetings.

An information meeting will be held March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Room to discuss the Hibbard roundabout. Commissioner Mendenhall will be out of town for the meetings on March 11, 2019.

A meeting to canvass votes for the March 12, 2019 Election was set for March 14, 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's office.

Discussion Items:

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Commuting Authorization Form. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Resolution #431 to destroy old records for the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the LHTAC/Local Agreement. Commissioner Weber 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 \$366,651.05 with \$71,668.35 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2019. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

Doyle Barney, Clint Hansen and Randy Hormon were present to discuss the Forest Service/Groomer Agreement. Randy stated the Agreement is fairly generic. He took a copy to the State and they would like to redo the Agreement, but an agreement needs to be in place currently to avoid litigation. The state would like this signed until a better agreement can be drafted that will be used statewide. New maps are being drawn and will change substantially in the upcoming year. Commissioners expressed appreciation to the Snowmobile Board for all they do. There was discussion about appropriation of funding for their budget for the Snowmobile Board. The Board may be seeking extra funds.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Forest Service/Groomer Annual Operating Plan Agreement and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, USDA Forest Service, Caribou-Targhee National Forest and Madison County Cooperative Agreement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber-yes and Commissioner Mendenhall-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:40 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign an Approval for Case No. 2019006, and an Amended Approval on Case No. 2019003. There was discussion on Case No. 2005064 but no decision was made on this case. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Frank Asbel joined the meeting as a public citizen. Commissioners informed him that the bridges for the South frontage road have been poured and are expected to be delivered in March 2019.

Extension Report: Lance Hansen and Jon Hogge. Kandee Boice was excused from the meeting. Jon reported he provided training on pesticides and various cereals, as well as water management. Farm owners have asked for additional training on the Thrips insect as a cause of damage to crops. Specialists were called in to train and to also be looking at the economic damage. Jon recently completed a farm management training course where 8 participants

attended and graduated. There will be an estate and financial farm training offered this week. There have been requests to find the ideal hard white winter wheat. Jon is working with a team for this research.

Lance was in Michigan for a farm stress summit learning how to help farmers deal with farm stress. The suicide rate for farmers has increased by over 40%. Commissioner Mendenhall reported there is a suicide prevention group that meets monthly at the hospital. Luke has also been teaching suicide prevention at the high school after results of a survey reflecting a rise in student suicide.

Lance reported on 4H activities. The kids did well judging Western States Roundup in Denver and Kande received a grant from the NRA for the 4H gun safety classes. A winter livestock clinic was held with about 170 kids showing up. Jon Hogge was the instructor and Lance taught a Saving For the Future finance classes. Commissioner Weber asked about having 4H kids help with the gates at the fair and rodeo during the summer months, making sure garbage is picked up and the fairgrounds are clean. There is an Extension Facebook page and Lance will update asking 4H to assist.

Ag exemptions: Shawn Boice presented.

Prime Investment: Property located in South Fork Circle on the Moody Highway. Approximately 5 acres and the property had been exempted in the past. After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Prime Investments. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Jeff Lerwill property in Sugar City: There are a few lots with homes close by that won't qualify, but the outer areas will still be farmed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Jeff and Ryan Lerwill. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Neal Williams: This is new property near the Barn in Hibbard. An income statement was provided. After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Ag Exemption for Neal Williams. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Dean Green on the Archer/Lyman Highway: This property is 2-2.5 acres of pasture. The income requirement is met and is actively devoted to Ag. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Dean Green. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Christy Swenson: Also raises 4H animals and income exceeds the \$1,000 limit, same as last year. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Christy Swenson. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Gary Summers: This property is East of town. Last year a few lots were denied because it was too close to homes. He has been drilling and raising hay on the remainder of the property. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Ag exemption for Gary Summers. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Tax exemptions: Shawn Boice presented.

The Development Workshop is asking to be fully tax exempt. It is a 501(c)(3) organization. Development Workshop has total ownership of the building. They occupy 47% of the building and the remainder is being used by the City of Rexburg for sports activities. Commissioner Weber asked Shawn to keep abreast of the situation of the building and to keep the commissioners updated. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the property tax exemption for the Development Workshop. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Four Paws Pet Adoptions (2) was discussed. It is also a 501(c)(3) organization. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the property tax exemption for Four Paws Pet Adoptions (2). Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Site exemption: Shawn Boice presented.

Misty Valley LLC: Shawn is going to hold off on the site exemption request on this property for now. Some can be placed in Ag and a developer's exemption will be sought.

Tax cancellation: Shawn Boice presented.

Kartchner Homes in Founder's Square was discussed. There was a home put on this property that should not have been, but will be complete in June. Tax will be collected in the primary roll. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax cancellation of \$3,279.36 for Kartchner Homes. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Kirk Mace/Shane Boyle:

Shane presented the 2018 Annual Juvenile Justice report. The report shows restitution collected, the success rate of those on probation, and recidivism rates are also down. Probation numbers are also down from last year. The report reflects how state and county funds were spent on juvenile probation. The top 3 offenses are alcohol, marijuana and theft which have been the case for 15 years.

Kirk purchased a laptop that is used when probation officers go out at night with proceeds from a grant. After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the IDJC grant acceptance and DJC report. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Cindy Roberson: Tracy Hollingshead was present from the Forest Service. Tracy presented an agreement allowing trade on road maintenance projects and allows them to transfer funds. This is a 5-year agreement, but can be cancelled at any time. The report shows jurisdiction and responsibilities of each road. This list can be changed at any time. Tracy and Cindy are going to sit down this week and go over this list of roads to review which agency has the responsibilities of which roads. Cindy asked about the fluidity of funds between the county and the Forest Service. Sometimes funds are there and sometimes they aren't received for an extended period of time. Tracy stated that sometimes funds aren't available to the Forest Service from congress. Adding county roads that are accessible to the Forest Service roads may be available for stimulus money. Cindy is aware of this and is looking at these opportunities.

Bradley Petersen: Planning and Zoning

Edstrom Construction Comp Plan map change: The Findings of Fact were approved last month and the time to appeal has expired. They are ready to sign final paperwork on the Comp Plan map change. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Resolution #432 Edstrom Construction Comp plan map change. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Marcus Stott Zone change: The Comprehensive Plan Change and Findings of Fact were also approved and the appeal time has expired. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Ordinance #423 Marcus Stott Zone change from Ag to Trans Ag. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Marcus Stott Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan: The legal description was corrected. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve amended Ordinance #421, Marcus Stott Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Bradley Peterson then discussed details about the Comprehensive Plan i.e., Economic Development, Environmental Resilience and Hazard Mitigation. Commissioner Weber has concerns regarding economic development and some of the programs that have been brought up in the past with Envision Madison. Some of the projects are quite large and require a lot of work. Planning of these large projects will take a long time. Economic Development can be a lengthy process but some of the smaller projects can be used to help with the larger projects. Infrastructure is critical for future development. Commissioner Weber wants to be prepared for growth when development opportunities become available for Madison County. Bradley stated that there are funding opportunities available if the county takes advantage of them from federal agencies. However, these funding opportunities require shared costs depending on the agency. The county would need to be prepared for this.

Evan Wise: Fairground projects: Evan presented a projected budget for the upcoming fair season. He has been making improvements to the indoor and outdoor arena and completing the shop construction project. Evan would like to have concrete poured for the free stage immediately and can do this with no negative impact to his budget. Commissioner Weber would like the awning for the stage to extend out as far as possible. The exterior will be log construction. Maintenance issues were discussed with a wood/log exterior. Evan will look into

this further. Sound and electrical needs will have to be met. There is a lack of power in the indoor arena and Commissioner Weber wants to make sure this will not be the case for the free stage. Tim Solomon was in the meeting and this matter was discussed. West side entrance improvements and pouring the concrete pad was approved.

Tim Solomon: Rocky Mountain Power General update

The main transmission lines have been pulled through Madison County. There is still work to be done at the substation in Rexburg. Rocky Mountain Power is working South of the river in Jefferson County. Commissioners asked about more power into the fairgrounds during fair week and a few other events throughout the year. Transmission lines were discussed throughout the county. The Jefferson County PUC is approved and Bonneville County will be within the next month. When Madison County is approved, it will give the county an upgrade which will improve power usage. Electrical safety training will be discussed April 8, 2019 at the Department Head Meeting. Training would include law enforcement, Road & Bridge, Fire Dept., EMS, and Jared Arnold's departments. Commissioners expressed their thanks for Rocky Mountain Power's continuing commitment to the county.

Bart Quayle: Sheriff's Office grant application for the new bridge 911 system

Also present were Dave Stoddard, Sheriff Henry, Cullin Sherman, and Mike Courtney. The grant application is for the purchase of equipment to set up the new bridge 911 system totaling \$184,000. Fremont County is also part of this, as well as Bear Lake and Oneida Counties. Madison County is the point of contact and Bonneville County is the host. This system will receive voice and text calls. With texting, there are some difficulties being able to establish location and accuracy. Technology is improving in this area. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Solacom contract for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Lunch Break.

Sherry Arnold: Tax Deed Hearing

Sherry presented 5 delinquent properties today that are three years late. The Sheriff will deliver notices. The tax deeds will be recorded and the one-year redemption period will begin immediately. The county has an obligation to the tax payers to collect these taxes. The properties have no mortgages known.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to direct the Treasurer to record the tax deeds on each of the properties as follows: Parcels RPRRXB10344721, RBRRXB10414500, RPRRXBP0010020, RPRVVED5030040 and RPRRXB10334680. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Dana Izatt: 2018 Madison County Audit report and presentation

Dana thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to conduct the audit. He then presented his findings. Various budgetary and comments were made between the parties. A management report was also prepared and discussed. The audit was a "clean" audit with no discrepancies found. Copies will be available on the Madison County website. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the 2018 Audit Report and financial

statements. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Carlos Aponte: Insurance discussion

Carlos gave information on medical insurance cost containment, lower volatility and risk management. Prescription costs were also discussed. Employee education is vital as hospitals are compared as well as health care provider costs. Petro Community Care is the consultant from a servicing standpoint. They are not the insurance company. Carlos stated the county wouldn't lose money because the fee they would pay PCC and any costs will be picked up in what is saved. Tools are available, but people have no guidance on how to use them. With Carlos, a team is developed to reach out to employees on everything from providers, prescriptions, or a data analytics tool reported to employees on a quarterly basis. This service recommends a provider and facility that best suits the employee for their needs. Commissioner Weber asked if an employee needs a procedure done, would they reach out to the insurance agent or how that process works. It was stated that education up front is key to make sure that employees are matched with the correct physician for services or procedures needed. Blue Cross is still the carrier that provides the insurance and the county would get access to a national insurance group. The Commissioners took this information under advisement. Carlos would also like to bid as the broker for Madison County if it is opened up again.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest:
Kim Muir, Clerk