

Abbreviated Minutes: Complete Set Of Minutes Are On File In The Clerk's
**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2019**



Attendees:

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

Invocation: given by Commissioner Mendenhall
Pledge of Allegiance: led by Commissioner Smith
Public Comment: none

ACTION ITEMS

Swearing in of newly elected officials and reception:

The following elected officials were sworn in by Judge Mark Rammell:

Commissioner Todd Smith	Treasurer Sherry Arnold
Commissioner Brent Mendenhall	Assessor Shawn Boice
Coroner Sam Butikofer	Clerk Kim Muir

There was a short reception to visit with family and friends in attendance.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to retain Commissioner Weber as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

County Business:

Board and Committee Reports
Airport Board-Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Smith reported on an Airport Board meeting.

Calendar Discussion:

January 24, 2019, Blackfoot State Fair budget meeting at noon.
January 30, 2019, State of the City meeting.
IAC Midwinter Conference: February 5 – 7, 2019.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance No. 422 County Park Fee Changes. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$581,063.08 with \$11,361.44 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019. Commissioner Mendenhall 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 Amanda Rose and Gerardo Ayon. 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 Weber 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 9:45 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 Commissioners to open session at 9:58 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign a lien for Case No. 2019005, Approval on Case No. 2018029 and Decisions on Case No.'s 2006029 and 2013005. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the consent to lien for 2006029 and 2013005 and allow those cases to remove lien for new purchases, but then come forward with a consent to lien and the signing will be ratified in the next meeting. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice, Tax issues:

The Assessor's Office took all properties to market value in this area. Ray Petersen has seven acres and has cows to put on the property this summer. He would like to have the Ag exemption on for 2019. There have been cows previously on the property.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Ag exemption on this property for 2019. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Rick Miller and Tony Rothwell are in the Hirschi Development in Salem, and are asking to keep part of the property in Ag. The property has always been zoned Ag for hay and use will remain the same.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Rothwell and Miller property to remain as Ag land. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Corey Robison on the Archer/Lyman Highway reported more than half of his property is in hay, some corn and use as a stacking yard. This has also always been used for Ag. This is 4 acres and proof of income will be reviewed.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the property to remain in Ag zoning as it is actively devoted to Ag. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Cedar Point Properties. Commissioner Smith recused himself from discussing and voting on this property because his brother in law owns the property. There is a pressurized irrigation system, crops have been farmed and there have been horses grazing and there will be cows in the near future. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve this property as Ag. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Troy Hastings on White Tail Flats has 3 lots remaining for sale out of 7. These are actively farmed. Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the property as Ag zoning. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Bradley Petersen, Findings of Fact – Marcus Stott/zone change:

This proceeding was recorded. P&Z held a comprehensive plan hearing previously. The most recent matter was heard by P&Z to change the zoning for Marcus Stott’s property. It is now being presented to the Commissioners for approval and discussion. The P&Z decision was unanimously approved with no one opposing. It went through the public hearing process and there was no one in opposition.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Findings of Facts for Marcus L. and Ann B. Stott for a zone change from Ag to Trans Ag. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commissioner Mendenhall was excused for a few hours to attend a funeral.

Executive Session Idaho Code § 74-206 (1)(a) personnel matters:

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber-yes, Commissioner Smith-yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to return to open session at 11:03 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Public Hearing, county parks fee change:

A public hearing was open at 11:04 a.m. to discuss fee increases for county parks. Commissioner Mendenhall was excused from the public hearing. There was no conflict with the Commissioners and all notices were provided in the paper for the hearing. Jared Arnold presented the changes to the park fees. There was no one present for, against or neutral to speak on the matter. The public hearing was closed at 11:10 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the matter and reviewed Ordinance 422 related to these increases for county parks.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adopt and sign Ordinance 422. Commissioner Smith seconded. The motion passed and Ordinance 422 was signed into effect.

Leslie Warnberg, Wellness Challenge:

Leslie, on behalf of the County Employee Committee, proposed a wellness challenge which would run from January 17 through March 14, 2019, or a total of eight weeks. Option 1 is weight loss only participants would be required to lose 5% of beginning weight and keep it off until May 9, or strictly exercise which is a minimum of 90 minutes of exercise per week. There was discussion of a summer challenge to include biking, along with the walking. The comp time was approved and Leslie was encouraged to move forward with the challenge.

Sam Butikofer, needs and expenses for coroner position:

Sam has talked to Dottie Owens, Coroner for Ada County. She mentioned some grant funds that might be available to fund some of the equipment Sam would like to have available to the Coroner. Sam would like a county phone to store the sensitive information he will be taking care of. Sam will contact Paul Sorensen, County IT Director to discuss backup storage. There is a Coroner equipment kit that Sam would like to have available, as well as a computer and hopes some of this could be purchased with grant money. The commissioners want to give him the tools he needs to be successful, but don’t want to be over the top and spend more than needed.

Sam has selected as Deputy Coroner, Jason Williams, who is currently a nurse at Madison Memorial. Alan Brower would like to stay in as a 3rd deputy Coroner paid by the event as a contract person. This matter will be further discussed.

Steven Zollinger, introduce updates to City of Rexburg Development Code:

The City has been working the past year on revitalizing and re-codifying the existing development code. The matter is currently in front of the City Council and Planning and Zoning. The City's hope in this process is to eliminate inconsistencies and is a reinvention of an existing document. With some properties in the impact areas, they fall under the governance of the Madison County Commissioners. The two planning and zoning commissions will get zones named the same so they better align. The City's new ordinances would be applicable in the impact area where the County enforces them. Pursuant to the impact area agreement between the City and County, the County accepts the changes as they are amended.

Department Head Meeting

EZCareMD:

Dr. Clay Prince introduced the benefit available to employees called EZCareMD. He showed a tutorial to use the EZCareMD app that can be downloaded on devices. Dr. Prince answered questions.

Discussion Items:

Continuing blood draws vs. doctor visit with requirements to be met was discussed.

There has been discussion with Madison Memorial Hospital to perform the blood draws for the County. The matter was discussed and most present like the current way we are doing the blood draws. Information is readily available, and there are red flags that suggest you consult a doctor. There have been cancers that have been caught with the blood draws.

Commissioner Weber suggests that the reports are computer generated and most don't follow up as they should. The commissioners would like to see employees schedule an annual visit with their doctor to have the screenings done and any negative results can be followed up on at that time. Dr. Prince suggests as a physician himself, he would like to see a patient in person to make sure mammograms and colonoscopy's are ordered. He suggests the blood draw is giving employees a false sense of security and also points out that to go in for an annual checkup is basically free with our insurance coverage. Departments were encouraged to go back to their employees and ask for feedback.

Commissioner Mendenhall rejoined the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Cities/County State of the City meeting January 30, 2019. Commissioner Weber asked that each department to submit interesting statistics from individual departments that he can use in his state of the County address.

Purchases to exempt sales tax. Clerk Kim Muir encouraged department to ensure as they make purchases to make them sales tax exempt.

Phone etiquette. Please discuss with the departments as we answer phone calls, we are stating the County name and being friendly and helpful.

Departments reported on how the bar was raised in 2018 and better morale was created in offices throughout the county.

Field trip to Fairgrounds. The Commissioners traveled to the fairgrounds to discuss and prioritize improvements needed for the upcoming season.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 1:15 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