



**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
November 12, 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: Troy Evans

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: Commissioner Mendenhall commented that the three Commissioners attended the Veterans assembly yesterday at Madison High school and were proud to be connected to the service of the community.

Board and Committee Reports:

Calendar Discussion:

Next Commission Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2019.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Professional Agreement Invoice and Progress Report ITD. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Canvass of Votes for the November 4, 2019 Election. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Fire Alarm Proposal for Admin. Bldg. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk in the amount of \$536,968.19 with \$108,749.99 coming from the general fund. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the minutes of October 28, 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019. The motion passed Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Certificate of Residencies for: Macie Knapp and Robert Rose. 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)(b) employee matters and (d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk:

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 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 Smith made a motion to sign Liens on Case No's: 2020004 and 2020005, sign an Amended Approval for Case No's. 2019018 and 2019020 and sign Denials on Case No's. 2019025 and 2019026. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Executive session resumed at noon and ended at 12:15 p.m.

Cindy Roberson. Discussion with ITD and Mayor Ogden regarding ownership of North Highway 33:

Present were Karen, Wade and Mark were present with ITD, Mayor Ogden and Arlan Jacobsen, Road Supervisor with the City of Sugar City.

The State would like the cities and counties to maintain main streets currently under ITD's control. Madison County is considering the proposal. There is a box culvert in the City of Sugar City jurisdiction. Mark presented a map showing the highways ITD would be interested in relinquishing. They cannot relinquish to a city with a population of less than 5,000, so the roadway in Sugar City's boundaries would be turned over to Madison County, but the Commissioners want to make sure Sugar City officials are okay with the decision. There is a small section the City annexed around it, but would need to be adjusted possibly, and it is believed the City of Rexburg will annex. Mayor Ogden states they have agreements with the businesses on Hwy. 33 on the east side from the Moody Highway to Sugar City Main Street and there is a planned annexation that is waiting for P & Z to hold a public hearing. Mayor Ogden states they would be in agreement with conditions; mainly that there be a monetary adjustment for maintenance and also would like an MOU with the County. The City would also like to reestablish the highway to go down Railroad Avenue rather than through the residential neighborhoods. This project has all been engineered, but has been waiting for funding, approximately \$400,000. Cindy commented that Road and Bridge could do some of the prep work and Karen with ITD commented that they would check into what their contribution could be. ITD will need to know for a meeting on November 20 the direction Madison County would like to go. Commissioners and Mayor agree they would like to begin an MOU on this matter.

Cindy will be included on the next agenda to discuss this matter further and have numbers for review from ITD at the next meeting.

Bradley Petersen, Land Use table:

Bradley would like to address some challenges to the Ag related structures. Bradley requested input from the Commissioners on what issues he should tackle. Many people are going in for permits on an Ag related structures, but there will need to be a definition. Commissioner Smith suggested a few changes in the Land Use table. Bradley would like to identify areas to be looked at and he will build the hearing around these suggestions. Trans Ag, mixed use, office retail less than 25,000 square feet and allowed schools in a light industrial area are a few he suggests need to be reviewed. Commissioner Smith states not everything can come under Land Use. Bradley feels it is important to have definitions included and if it's similar it should be under a Conditional Use permit. Townsites were discussed. Commissioner Weber suggests a change to indicate townsites are historical designations only. This should be changed as they are now a zone. Kirsten Ruebush was present and suggests agriculture related structure definitions may need to be tweaked slightly.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve to proceed with a public hearing to change the land use table for ag related structures and to clarify the definition of such at the next open meeting. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Kirsten Ruebush, CUP's for Trans Ag/density:

Shane, Malachi and Kirsten Ruebush were present. Kirsten would like to clarify density and a dwelling unit to be considered as stated in the Land Use Table. The matter was discussed and clarification is needed on how many dwelling units can be built a in Trans Ag zone. An apartment complex requires a CUP. The health department regulates to some point with well and septic system restriction, but the county should have clarity on the issue so everyone is treated fairly. The health dept. determines based on septic system and well. Bradley stated that through a hearing this is currently regulated and our ordinance is specific, but all agree that more work needs to be done. When someone wanting to put in apartments rather than a home buffers become a part of the hearing.

Commissioner Weber states that most citizens don't understand this and he would like to keep the wording simple rather than make it confusing to all. A dwelling unit should be stated as 1 family to keep it clean. Kirsten states we will have septic/sewer issues in the future if we don't have a plan. She would like to see increased density where all neighbors plan for it and and have a septic/sewer system planned in advance to handle greater capacity.

Evan Wise, Fairgrounds, Discuss 2020 project agenda:

Evan presented a list of projects he is considering in the upcoming year. He would like to upgrade the lighting and sound system and has the funding in his budget. New light poles are needed for the lighting. He would like to begin replacing 2 or so per year to stay within his budget. RV stations have also been planned. Evan will check into a dumping station possibility. Re-building new pens, taking fencing down and equipment purchases were also discussed. New fair board members were also discussed and names suggested.

Geri Rackow, Annual report presentation:

Geri introduced her staff including Kellye Johnson, Angy Harwood, James Corbett and Amy Gamett. Geri presented her annual budget and showing excess revenue. The staff is engaged in each of the communities they serve. They have panels that review child protection cases and reports these cases are increasing in Madison County. Madison does have a low suicide rate. Madison Cares is a positive contributor to this. The staff provided information on clinical services, community health, environmental health and nutrition services.

David Decker was introduced as the new P & Z Inspector. He has been a general contractor for 20+ years and brings good experience to the county. David was welcomed to the County.

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest: Kim Muir, Clerk