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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020**

Attendees:

Jon Weber, Commissioner (Chairman), Joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk.
Commissioner Elect, Douglas Smith

Pledge of Allegiance by all
Invocation by Commissioner Mendenhall

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment:

Marlin Hill asked questions regarding the Parkinson property being purchased for a regional landfill. Commissioner Smith explained the Solid Waste District is looking at the Parkinson property and potentially swapping it for property currently owned by the Department of Lands. The Department of Lands property has deeper swells and easier access for trucks. If approved, the Solid Waste District will bond for the funds. Teton, Fremont, Bonneville, Clark and Madison Counties make up the District. No final decisions have been made yet.

Calendar Items:

The next Commission Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2020.
FY 2021 Budget hearing: September 3, 2020.

Discussion Items:

COVID-19 discussion and update:

Commissioner Mendenhall provided an update on COVID-19 cases. Madison County currently has 27 active cases. Commissioner Mendenhall has an emergency meeting tonight to discuss the COVID status. A vote will be taken that may place Fremont and Teton Counties under order to wear a mask if they can't social distance. A policy and the parameters around a policy for Madison County were discussed. We have cases among family members of employees. Commissioners suggest using PTO time, but if you end up getting COVID and the county will reimburse only up to a total 80 hours.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to use the COVID-19 Decision Tree recommended by Eastern Idaho Public Health to determine the County's policy for those missing work. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve Ordinance #429 from Community Business Center to Light Industrial to rezone property at 2003 S. Yellowstone Hwy. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Change in Notification of Budget Hearing to September 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. per Idaho Code § 63-802(a). Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve Resolution #448. This Resolution repeals Article 13 adopted in 1985 regarding monthly pay for law enforcement and ambulance personnel. This was discussed previously with HR and the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the sale of metal at Solid Waste. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of July 27, 2020. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The General Fund total was \$176,137.84. The grand total of claims was \$871,941.46. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Rachel Doggett, Madison Hardiman, Zachary Mace, Adison Maviano, Brandon Peterson, Aaron Roberts, Braderick Wasden, Katelyn Willis, Cami Thompson and Paige Ziegler. 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.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Mendenhall - yes. The motion passed. Commissioner Smith returned the County Commissioner meeting to open session at 9:40.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve signing a Lien Release on Case No. 2015008, an Approval on Case No.'s 2019017 and 2020013. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Kim Muir, Clerk, Budget and benefits discussion:

The Madison County FY2021 budget as emailed by Kim Muir was reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners. The budget will be submitted for publishing this week.

Cameron Cook, Nick Terry, Pam Clark, Zion's Bank investment discussion:

Representatives from Zions Bank presented options for money market accounts which would be collateralized money set up to help municipalities because interest rates are currently very low. Bank fees charged for County accounts were discussed. Commissioner's felt the fees should be lower.

Cameron Cook is our new representative and explained when interest rates go low countywide accounts are offset for services with earnings credits.

The issue of employees being out on county business and having their credit cards declined was discussed. This issue has been worked out.

Cole Hibbard, GIS, presentation of new imagery from recent flyover:

Cole presented the 2020 updated photos that were just completed from the flyover. Images are clearer, can be zoomed in sharper, and the measuring tools are more accurate. We have a 6-year contract with Eagle View to update and fly our county every 2 years for the next 6 years.

Tori Harrigfeld/Randy Rhead, CTC Transportation ride assistance:

The proposal from Randy is to put in place a pay per ride service in Rexburg in conjunction with ECAP. Mayor Merrill is working with the Urban Committee to have the University, Cities and the County be contributors. The Commissioners would like to see what others are willing to contribute, but let Randy know the county has not budgeted funding for this expense.

Rachel Gonzales/Troy Christensen and Ken Burt Madison Memorial Hospital, Budget Presentation (telephonically):

Troy reviewed the FY2021 budget for Madison Memorial Hospital. The hospital has done well this year with slight impacts from COVID. The increase proposed for staff is 3% for the upcoming year and revenues are expected to be above last year. The county will report the hospital numbers with the publishing of the budget.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Madison Memorial Budget for FY 2021. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Angie Moffat, Treasurer, Request to excuse late fee - Courtney Packard, Madison Gymnastic DBA Robertson Taylor LLC:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve a credit for Madison Gymnastics DBA Robertson Taylor LLC in the amount of \$638.27 for late fees and interest. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Jeff Moorey, Aubri Apts.:

The owners of the Aubri Apartments are the Mattson's. Jeff joined telephonically and is the property manager. In May when a reminder was sent out to pay the taxes he had COVID issues, his wife had surgery and he missed the deadline. He is hoping there can be a credit returned. He has this matter noted in his calendar to make sure the payments are made on time in the future.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the mistake and forgive the tax in the amount of \$6554.62. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn Boice, Assessor, Homeowner tax credit for Marsala:

This exemption was dropped accidentally. The property was sold and the new buyers signed up for the exemption.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the credit of \$1,228.35 solely for the homeowner's exemption that should have been on the property, but wasn't for Marsala. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn reported there was a job open at the DMV, as well as COVID concerns with so many people in the building.

Bradley Petersen, Planning & Zoning Commission members:

Sharon Oakey and Melissa Vanslochteren from Planning and Zoning were also present. Bradley proposed replacing a few members who have served more than 3 terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioners like having P&Z members from all areas of the county. There was a list of names presented and others were mentioned. This is still being considered.

Lot line discussion:

Bradley feels the application fee is way high to split lot lines and residents are placing homes in places they should not be. The current fee is \$200 and Bradley would like to make it \$25. Commissioner Smith asks if there should be a fee at all. The Planning & Zoning Commission will approve and ensure the taxes are up to date before the parcel is divided. It was decided to remove the fee completely.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to remove the fee to split lot lines. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Municode discussion:

In using the new Municode system, the Commissioners will approve electronically which will place the commissioner signatures on the approved Resolutions and Ordinances.

Commissioner Smith asked if P&Z have a discussion on their agenda for less than 2 acre lots in the county. Bradley said much of this is determined by the Public Health Dept. The area is growing and the culture is changing. The P&Z Commission is taking a section of Code at a time and are trying to remove redundancy and unimportant items from the Code book.

There being no further business Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Attest: Kim Muir, Clerk