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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2020**

Attendees:

Jon Weber, Commissioner (Chairman)

Todd Smith, Commissioner was excused as he is out of town on family business

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Kim Muir, County Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Clerk Kim Muir

This meeting was streamed live online for those wishing to attend remotely.

ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment: There was no one present wishing to comment.

Calendar Items:

Next Commission Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020.

Discussion Items:

Parking issues of semi-trucks, near fairgrounds.

Evan Wise was present to discuss parking on 5th West and north around the nature park near the fairgrounds. The lot is Madison County owned, but big rigs (semi's) and personal vehicles are currently parking there and it is not commercial property. We will put signage that there is no overnight parking and to cease and desist. This area is needed for parking during fairground events, but has become a legal issue. Evan will place a cable blocking the parking along with signage and letters will be sent out to those abusing the area.

Board & Committee Reports:

Brent Mendenhall: EIPH

Commissioner Mendenhall reports Idaho had its highest report of COVID cases on Saturday and states we are in a very delicate time right now with state's around us closing down again, but we are still leading the way with continuing to open up. We are seeing the uptick and somethings may have to change. Eastern Idaho Public Health is doing a great job and hospitals are not over run currently. Commissioner Weber stated he would like to be in the decision making if EIPH comes to Madison County and wants to make changes. We have had some big events and have had few cases reported. We have had 2 cases in Madison County since the 6th of June through contact with someone having COVID. The cases are being reported in the area they live.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Contract with Idaho Dept. of Corrections for the St. Anthony Work Camp, Inmate Hire. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

Contract with VEBA/Gallagher Insurance. See below.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the State/Local Agreement, for W 5200 S, Safety Improvements with ITD. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes for June 8, 2020. Commissioner Weber 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. General fund total \$55,516.05. Grand Total of claims \$285,631.22. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Journee Sutton, Juana Torres, Derrick Watson. Commissioner Weber 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 Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Board of Equalization. There were no BOE matters at this time.

Executive Session, Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d), Indigent matters: Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk presented. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Mendenhall - yes. The motion passed.

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioner meeting to open session at 9:55 a.m. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve signing an Approval on Case No. 2020008. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Rich Dickman, Discussion and decision regarding VEBA PTO payouts:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and agree the county will contribute all accrued PTO to VEBA for employees who are eligible for PERSI

retirement or who leave on long term disability. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Eleanor and Oscar Sarmiento, regarding division of Thornton Townsite:

Bradley Petersen was present and displayed a map of the Thornton townsite. Eleanor and Oscar are getting ready to build a home and found that there is an existing easement on their property. They would like to have the matter cleared up before they build. Commissioner Mendenhall mentioned that Townsites are historic. The east and south side of the parcel are in the right of way if you follow the survey. They would like to vacate the right of way. Todd, Bradley and Troy discussed the matter previously. There are homes in right of ways, as well as sheds, roadways and other out buildings. The Commissioners agree to hear the case for vacating if all landowners come to an agreement.

Commissioners ask if we can just split this. Bradley replies that there is a home and a septic system in the middle of some of this. There were permits issued legally in the 90's and it was assumed at that time the fence line was the property line. The platted road to the south is where the home and septic system is. The Sarmientos would like to build a permanent home on the north side of the property. Val Moss and his wife were also present and they have the same issue on their property. It would be nice to get the townsite property lines cleaned up.

Commissioners would like to abandon the right of way, and will consider this further. The surveyor will forward the legal descriptions to Troy to begin the process.

Lani Anderson was present and comments his family has been on the property since 1932. He is concerned about the sewer system set up for the 4 mobile homes the Sarmiento's have on the property currently and worries about another mobile home or home on the property. Commissioner Weber comments ground water, septic system and wells are regulated through Eastern Idaho Public Health. Lani asks how many people will be living in the home. Eleanor reassures Lani it will be a beautiful home. Lani said the state got involved when he tried to add a mobile home.

Paul Meigio, Ryan Brown Review:

Paul wanted to discuss employee evaluations for Ryan Brown, the Drug Court Coordinator. Paul and his office are happy to attend and take part in Ryan Brown's evaluations. Commissioner Weber feels that every employee should be evaluated. The importance of a paper trail was discussed as well as consistency. Madison County will perform employee evaluations and coordinate with Paul.

Leslie Warnberg, Wellness Challenge:

Leslie is asking for comp time for the upcoming wellness challenge. She is offering the same two options, one for weight loss and one for exercise. There has been good participation, but not many finishers. We want to have healthy employees and is who we do this for.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve providing 8 hours of compensatory time for employees who complete the challenge. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Rich Jones, Fat Cats hardship: This meeting was cancelled by Rich Jones.

Darby Pozenel, Review and sign: Land Survey for Waste District, Phillip Parkinson Farm Property:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve utilizing the services for land survey for Teton Vue Surveying which was the lowest bid for professional services. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mitch Neibaur, Historical Herbert Townsite at 8000 S. 6000 E., Rexburg:

Bron Leatham was going to be here, but couldn't make it. He has a nice home in the same area of Mitch's. There is a lot of history in that area. BYU-I is identifying Herbert townsite and sending kids up to see Herbert Ghost Town. Kids get up there in the winter and get stuck. He would like to see signs identifying Herbert Townsite and a parking lot to turn around in where the pavement ends. Commissioner Mendenhall asked if a sign would be used for target practice.

Commissioner Mendenhall suggests Mitch coordinate with the Idaho Historical Society. Mitch will suggest Bron take care of this. Bron would also like to see the old Webster Townsite and relocate some of those buildings, including Webster Dam. Mitch and Bron would be willing to commit some money to these services to preserve some history.

Mitch also states people are shooting up there into private property. Can we put a sign up stating no shooting across a county road or on a county road? Bron put a sign up saying private property, no shooting and there are only 2 bullet holes in it. Increased traffic may warrant this.

Mitch is also requesting a stop sign to be installed where the road tees at Poleline Road near substation coming from the west headed east. People are coming up on a blind hill with a trailer and you only have 50 yards to see. The speed limit in the county is 50 unless otherwise posted. He doesn't want to get clipped and he doesn't want to hit someone. There is more traffic up in this area all of the time, especially on weekends. Reo suggests an advisory sign to slow traffic. Troy suggests an intersection upcoming sign, or make it a 3 way stop as well as lane paint. Road and Bridge will look at the intersection, install a sign, lane paint and traffic counters.

Horrock's Engineers, Public Information Meeting:

Commissioner Weber welcomed those present and turned the meeting over to Kelly Hoopes with Horrock's Engineering.

Kelly had maps and explanations for upcoming county projects in the works to include on the Transportation Plan that is being prepared. The projects include:

Salem highway mill and inlay;
3000 West roundabout;
Twin Buttes Road overlay (with Jefferson County);
East side Frontage Road;
Bybee Dugway/ 5000 South;
Moody Road 5000 East;

Lyman/Archer Road & Yellowstone Intersection Improvement;
Cress Creek Project, Snake River Road;
Teton Dam parking; and,
LHTAC.

There being no further business Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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