

**Madison County  
Commissioner Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2021**



**Attendees:**

**Todd Smith, Commissioner (Chairman)**  
**Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner was excused**  
**Douglas Smith, Commissioner**  
**Kim Muir, County Clerk**

**SPECIAL MEETING WITH REXBURG CITY COUNCIL**

Action Items

Joint City Council & County Commissioner work meeting and social.

Jordan Busby, Jerry Merrill, Mikel Walker, Brad Wolfe, Chris Mann, Scott Johnson, Keith Davidson, Matt Nielsen, Breanna Johnson were present.

Scott Johnson gave a report on the unofficial 2020 Census numbers that were just received. Madison County numbers show a population of 52,913, making the county the fastest growing in Idaho at a 41% increase. The City of Rexburg is the fastest growing small city in America, as reported in the New York Times. Scott feels these numbers are still below what current population should be due to unreported married students. The State is challenging the census. The numbers will be official September 30, 2021. The new numbers will bring additional revenue and expense. The next census will recognize the county as a Metropolitan Community.

Broadband expansion was discussed. Preliminary design and costs are in for the City and the County should have reports back by November.

Creation of a Recreation District was discussed.

Commissioner Smith reported on the Behavioral Health Center at the Hospital expected to open by the end of September. A grant has been applied for. The county has committed match funds and the City will also be approached.

**ACTION ITEM**

Keith, Davidson is seeking a grant for equipment to enhance snow removal at the airport. No match will be required.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign the application for an Airport Snow Removal Grant Application Approval. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Keith provided an update on the airport relocation. The site near the Butte is still under consideration and they are hopeful that the environmental study can begin soon.

Discussion regarding lowering speed limits on several city and county roads ensued, as well as researching grants to construct biking and walking trails. Suggestions were made to connect schools to the trails.

Golf fee changes will be upcoming. The city and county will combine for a public hearing.

There being no further business Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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Todd Smith, Commission Chairman

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Brent Mendenhall

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Douglas Smith, Commissioner

Attest:

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Kim Muir, County Clerk