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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2021**

Attendees:

**Todd Smith, Commissioner Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk**

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Pledge of Allegiance: By all

Invocation: Troyse Miskin offered the invocation.

Public Comment: No one was present to offer comment.

Calendar Items: The next Commission meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Discussion Items:

IAC Midwinter Conference January 31 – February 3, 2022.

Commissioner Mendenhall would like to acknowledge the County party was well attended and well received. A letter to the committee will be provided thanking them for their efforts. 180 people attended.

Contracts/Document:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #470, Amending the comp Plan map on property owned by Alta Peterson. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to give approval to surplus two 2009 ambulances. A letter was received from Troyse Miskin with the Ambulance District. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #474 Authorization for Madison County to enter Opioid Settlement Proceeds. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve and sign the County Indigent Defense Expenditure Report. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #472 regarding Fair Housing. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign the Mutual Agreement for Fremont and Madison County's regarding the Coroner's Offices. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The General Fund total claim amounts were \$23,053.38. The grand total of claims was \$194,851.04. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Commissioners meeting minutes of December 6, 2021 will be on the next meeting Agenda.

There were no Certificates of Residency.

Personnel Actions :

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

911 Committee, Chief Child, Troyse Miskin, Rick Henry, Robert Kohler:

The 911 Committee oversees how 911 fees are assessed and they oversee the radio network. In 2007, 5 counties joined together for grant funding with the police and fire to fund a 5-county radio system with 19 repeaters. They can speak on radios with coverage from Pocatello to West Yellowstone, and as far west as Arco. The system lost power and when that was repaired Corey requested an estimate to replace the system with the updated system. The estimate gives a county by county breakdown. Each county has a base station. There is a stand-alone repeater in the parking lot behind the police station that needs to be moved to the Rexburg bench for better coverage. They would like the current repeater site to be a network site. There is not good coverage in the southwestern county and all agree a new station should be placed in this area.

The total county cost would be \$611,942. All capital expenditures are 1/3 each to the City Fire, Ambulance and County Fire. Corey is requesting that ARPA funds be used for this upgrade. The 911 Committee will ask the City of Rexburg to pay their portion from ARPA funds received. Each county is responsible for maintenance and purchase of new repeaters in their county. The current system is old and needs to be upgraded. All funds are obligated to current budgets and dedicated and there is no available funding in the individual District funds. The 3 commissioners are the board for the ambulance District. ARPA funding was discussed and the proper way to disburse was discussed. The proposed project time line would be about a year out. Teton Communications estimates the upgrades would last at least 10 years. The Busy signals should go away that they are currently experiencing when calls come into the 911 system. The county would pay the invoices up front and bill the City of Rexburg for the remaining.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the estimation presented and accept the Teton Communications estimates dependent upon Jefferson, Bonneville and the City accepting the agreement. The City would have to agree on items 1-4 and Bonneville and Jefferson County on Item 5, for a total of \$611,942. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Planning and Zoning matters:

To clarify Ag density to one residence per sixteen acres and require a survey instrument for all land actions on any ag property. The matter was discussed. The survey requirement would only apply when a new parcel is created or when moving a line between two existing parcels.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021, Public Hearing RE: Ag Density & Survey Instrument, Findings of Facts. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Discussion was had regarding the open space and density requirements. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021, Public Hearing RE: Repeal of Open Space and Density Bonus Requirements, Findings of Fact. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

This process would allow residents to change their open space or a lot line adjustment in a subdivision which would require a Public Hearing.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the November 10, 2021, Public Hearing RE: Adoption of Subdivision Amendment Process, Findings of Fact. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No.454 - Ag Density and Survey Instrument Requirement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No.455 - Repeal of Open Space and Density Bonus. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 456 - Adoption of Subdivision Amendment Process. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 470 – Amending the Comprehensive Plan Map on Property owned by Alta Peterson. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Discussion and decision on Broadband: Paul discussed the options available for moving forward with the broadband expansion throughout the county. Commissioners discussed charging to connect to the system and without charging the \$150 fee.

Commissioners decided to pursue the no fee install fee option. The next step is to come back with a design and then do it as a phased approach to the project. The project will grow once the project gets started and revenues come in.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to continue to pursue the no install cost on the proforma presented at the last meeting. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Angie Moffat, Tax cancellations:

Angie presented the tax exemption cancellations received in November. The total is \$5,198.04. This is for Homeowners exemption applied for after the deadline.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations provided the Treasurer. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Also discussed was the tax deed sale that was completed a few months ago. Angie received information from an additional creditor that would make up the final payment Commissioner's advised Angie to pay the remaining to this creditor.

Road & Bridge work meeting:

Commissioner Todd Smith, Jerry Merrill, Alan Parkinson, Brent Mendenhall, Jason Mingzhor, Kirk Kauer, Mark Layton, Justin city of Rexburg, mark Landon Cole Hibbard, Kelly Hoopes with Horrock's Engineering, Reo Jensen, Cindy Roberson, Keith Davidson, Doug Smith, Cole Hibbard and others joined online.

Kelly explained this meeting is to have a discussion on the Transportation plan, as far as where we are in the process and what we can look forward to. We aren't at the decision-making phase yet, but planning together is important. Kelly stated that ITD has contributed much to the project and all stakeholders are needed to get to the end goal to have a responsible transportation plan to move forward into the future.

An origin destination study was completed and input has been received from all entities. A question to consider is; how to prepare for growth when development plans are ever changing and require updates. The Plan is updated every 5 years.

The goals for the Transportation Plan are:

- Coordination between the agencies
- Inclusion of the General Public
- Evaluating existing Transportation System
- Develop traffic forecasts and evaluate improvement alternatives
- Transportation plan guidelines.
- Capital Improvements Plans
- Permanent Management Systems
- Plan update process

There was discussion regarding a plan to complete the goals above.

Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner

Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk