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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021**

Attendees:

Todd Smith, Commissioner (Chairman)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Sue Bagley, Deputy Clerk

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Calendar Items:

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, March 8, 2021.

Commissioner's Schedule: Commissioner Doug Smith reports he will attend the Golf Board meeting Friday, February 26, 2021, and Grooming Board By-laws are in process.

Commissioner Brent Mendenhall: Met with Mayor Adams and Bradley for a commercial and mechanical inspector, working on an agreement to pay 20% and then County would be covered.

Commissioner Todd Smith: Will be discussing the Solid Waste District with Teton County Commissioners today about the waste district.

Wednesday of this week is the Hospital Board meeting.

Friday of this week is the Eastern Idaho Public Health meeting.

IAC: Meeting for Doug.

Sign up for April 15 State Tax Commission Property Tax Training.

COVID-19 discussion and update: Commissioner Mendenhall reported on current status for Madison County.

City Planning and Zoning member appointment: Two members are needed from the Impact Zone. Names will be gathered and discussed.

Legislative update:

Commissioner Mendenhall gave an update on a few of the Legislative issues.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner made a motion to approve Resolution #457 – Declaring Madison County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

The contract with Austin Singley, Professional Rodeo Clown for the County Rodeo on June 25-26, 2021 will be on the next agenda.

The contract with Chris Mabrey, Hypnotist, for shows at the Madison County Fair August 18-19, 2021, will be on the next agenda.

The contract with Good Time Rentals for games at the Madison County Fair August 18-21, 2021, will be signed at the next meeting.

The contract with Corbin Maxey for talent at the Madison County Fair on August 18-21, 2021, will be signed at the next meeting.

After review and discussion, Commissioner made a motion to ratify signature of The Development Company Cares Grant Administration. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

The Commission meeting minutes of February 8, 2021, will be on the next agenda.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The General Fund total claim amounts were \$65,458.51. The grand total of claims was \$1,448,135.94. 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 Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Doug Smith
Invocation by Paul Sorensen, IT Director, Madison County

Public Comment: Kristin Ruebush asked question about plats and re-plats. Kim Muir appeared by phone and thanked the county for the great job they are doing for the public.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b). Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Todd Smith – yes, Commissioner Mendenhall – yes, Commissioner Doug Smith - yes. The motion passed. Commissioner Todd Smith returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.

Public Hearing, Regarding adjustment of number of Planning and Zoning members: There were no conflicts of interest by the Commissioners. The proper public notices were posted as required. Melissa explained the number would be changed on an annual basis anywhere from 3-12 members. The commissioners agree Planning and Zoning members would serve two-3-year terms as determined by the County Commissioners.

Public Comment: Opposed--Shane Ruebush spoke opposed to this change. He appreciates the terms being set forth of two-3-year terms. He is opposed to flexibility of the numbers. He would like to see it be a set number and large enough for good representation. He suggested dividing the Commission into two separate commissions; a planning commission and a zoning commission. Shane spoke again suggesting a public notice be posted when vacancies are available.

Neutral: Kristin Ruebush—thanked Melissa for her work on the changes. She likes the changes to allow for flexibility on the board. She feels there were items missed in the Notification guidelines. She would like to see something added about how meetings are notified and where.

To speak in favor of the change: None.

Melissa addressed the adjustment of number of members issue without having to have a public hearing. Bradley added his comments.

Commissioner Todd Smith closed Public hearing at 9:46.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve changes to the county code 101-33, 34 and 35, with the establishment of 9 members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. The motion was rescinded by Commissioner Doug Smith, and the voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a new motion to approve changes to the Madison County Code §§ 101-33, 34 and 35 and approve and make effective within 30 days and have processing done and at that time act according to County Code § 101-34B(1) regarding consecutive terms and make that exception. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Paul Meggio, Drug Court Coordinator:

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b). Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Todd Smith – yes, Commissioner Mendenhall – yes, Commissioner Doug Smith - yes. Commissioner Todd Smith returned to open session at 10:21 a.m.

Robert Kohler, Community Wildfire Protection Plan:

Robert met with the National Weather Service and the County has qualified as a storm ready community. Robert submitted a draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This will allow the county to apply for funding should we have a significant event. He would like the commission to review and make suggestions and a final document will be submitted for approval by the Commissioners. We are required by FEMA and the State to have this plan and mapping.

Robert explained Sheet Flooding. When the ground is frozen and the water has nowhere to go. He reports there is a good supply of sand and he is updating the supplies at the Transfer Station.

Troyce Miskin, COVID funding request for Ambulance: He came for clarification. The district has agreed to purchase two new ambulances. A grant for a third ambulance has been secured. The department faces another challenge with the safety specifications for stretchers. The stretchers currently do not meet the standards. Financial constraints have made it so that only two personnel are going out on emergencies. Troyce is asking for CARES funding to purchase these stretchers. The CARES committee he was depending on did not get the necessary paperwork submitted, consequently he would like to ask for \$65,000 to purchase 3 stretchers for the 3 new ambulances.

Chairman Smith explained the County has to pay \$25,000 for administration of the Grant for the third ambulance and asked how much Covid money did the Ambulance District receive because the County Clerk hasn't seen that come in. Troyce said they applied for Covid for \$51,000, but only received \$38,000. \$51,700 was received for wage reimbursement. Chief Child would like to use the Covid money for new radio communications. Troyce has asked the for the funds for the new stretchers and the City turned them down. Safety specifications are not in force but they are trying to get ahead of the new standards.

Commissioners will take it under consideration. They will review the project list. This matter will be added to a future agenda.

Shawn Boice, Ag exemptions:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Ag exemption for Sam Stoddard for 10.84 acres placed into Ag. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Ag exemption for Rachael Gee property for 2.56 acres placed into Ag land, Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Ag exemption for Mattheau Eysser for 20.124 acres to be placed in Ag. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Ag exemption for Joseph Cornell for the back half (3.2 acres) of the property as measured by the Assessor. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Ag exemption for Ryan Goodman for 6 acres placed into Ag. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn reports his office has finalized values and they went up 18% on average. They are at 92% of market value and are allowed a 10% buffer by state code. They will begin to educate people to try to advert Board of Equalization applications.

Angie Moffat, Tax cancellation:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to sign and approve the tax cancellation in the amount of \$226.80 for Sherri Browning. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Road & Bridge, Field trip and lunch:

Project sites were visited.

Rachel Gonzalez/Troy Christensen Hospital update: January was a tough month for the hospital requiring them to spend more money for supplies and additional employee expenses. There have been challenges with insurance payments. There is better technology and more efficient procedures have allowed releasing patients sooner. County clinical RSV numbers are significantly lower.

Ryan Kaufman: Covid has had an impact on the Sheriff's Office. Ryan would like to move money in current budget lines to the overtime line. The department would also like to add staff to avoid so much overtime. There are 6 dedicated patrol men currently, but supervisors are covering shifts. The Department is asking for 3 additional deputies for and 1 more employee for detention. A projected 2022 budget was submitted to commissioners showing the impact to the 2022 budget salary, but doesn't include benefits. Ann Marie is looking into reimbursements for hours employees took off due to COVID.

After discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to allow the Sheriff's Office to hire three new Deputies and 1 Detention Officer to be funded from the current budget. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Chairman Todd Smith was excused from the meeting to attend the telephonic Solid Waste District meeting.

Planning & Zoning: After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign Amended Ordinance #435, Correction of legal description EDK Properties (Doug Kauer). Commissioner Mendenhall seconded, voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve to vacate the Right-of-Way in the Thornton Townsite as outlined by Thompson Engineering, who will also provide legal descriptions to go with the map provided today, Commissioner Mendenhall seconded, the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

There being no further business Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk