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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021**

Attendees:

Todd Smith, Commissioner (Chairman)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk
Jacob Thorington, Standard Journal

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Calendar Items:

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, February 22, 2021.

Commissioner's Schedule:

Brent Mendenhall: invited to attend Sugar City Search and Rescue Meeting
Doug Smith: Need a Sheriff Officer to attend Snow Groomers on Third Tuesday at Grooming Shed. Moroni Burton will attend. Looking ahead: Will need to sign a lease for the Parking Lot.

Discussion Items:

COVID-19 discussion and update: Commissioner Mendenhall reported current status for Madison County Cases are down. Commissioner Mendenhall presented a spreadsheet with COVID funding and it was reviewed and a few items added and changed. Commissioner Mendenhall is asking we provide \$50,000 for Search and Rescue, as we have more going on in the hard-to-reach areas. The new air system in the jail was discussed specifically. Power cots from the ambulance have been a little contentious, but funds will be received from the ECIPDA Grant for a new ambulance. The county will fund the admin fee. Commissioner Mendenhall would recommend the refrigerators for the Coroner placed to the already purchased column on the spreadsheet.

Sugar City Business Park - A new lot for future use next to Search and Rescue Building was discussed.

City Planning and Zoning member appointment: Two members are needed from the Impact Zone. Suggestions and names were discussed.

Legislative update:

Commissioner Mendenhall gave an update on a few of the Legislative issues.
A draft copy of a proposed Resolution was reviewed to make Madison County a Second Amendment Sanctuary. Idaho is a Second Amendment Sanctuary state already. A Resolution would create another layer of support, but is symbolic only. The county is hoping not to encourage militias with this resolution. The Commissioners will review it and discuss it with IAC and discuss it at a later date.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Designation of Polling Locations for the March 9, 2021 Election. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Madison Soil & Water Conservation District Support Letter. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Routine Matters:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioners' meeting minutes of January 25, 2021. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The General Fund total claim amounts were \$192,907.54. The grand total of claims was \$510,580.30. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Yulisa Ayon, Sydney Bradshaw, Amanda Johnson, Lindsey Larson and Alex Treaster. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Personnel Actions :

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Smith
Invocation by Commissioner: Chairman Smith

Public Comment: There was no one present to comment.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 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 Todd Smith – yes, Commissioner Mendenhall – yes, Commissioner Doug Smith - yes. The motion passed. Commissioner Todd Smith returned to open session at 9:43 a.m.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve signing a Lien Release on Case No. 2017002. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Corey Foster, Eastern Idaho State Fair update: The fair is showing a loss of \$430,00 last year because of the COVID cancellation in 2020. He explained make-up of the board members. The fair is a long-time tradition, driven by 4-H and FFA participants. Cash reserves will make up the shortage from last year. Ticket prices will help to pay the expenses for this year.

Megan Stark/ Jason Minzghor, ITD project update: Jason and Megan were not present. They were planning on this meeting March 8, 2021 and will be in at that time. This will be continued.

Cindy Roberson. Bid opening on graders: Cindy and Reo were present. Todd Winder with John Deere, Honan Equipment presented first. Grader with wing included as a buy-back. Bid price includes a 5-year, 5000-hour warranty. Total price \$340,559. Annual lease payment on a 5-year lease would be \$40,963.85. Grader without the wing would be \$36,426.86. Outright buyout of the wing \$20,679.35 Mid-April is the delivery date. The wing delivery would be about 6 weeks.

Ben at Western States. Grader with wing were included in the bid. Includes 5-year, 5000-hour warranty. Total price \$337,765.18. Ben presented two quotes from leasing companies: Summit Financial at \$32,960.64 with wing, Caterpillar Financial \$34,358.24 with wing. They can have the machine delivered this week. Delivery of the wing would be in approximately 6 weeks.

Reo comments they are both good machines. Cindy prefers not to work with Summit Financial as they have been difficult in the past. It appears the Western States is cheaper and a better buy back.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Western States Machine bid package due to it being the lowest bid, financing to be determined by Road and Bridge Supervisors. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Snowmobile Board, Response to questions: Tom Barry, Doyle Barney, Randy Hormon were present. The last meeting Commissioners wanted a response to the Public Records Request received by the Clerk's Office and it was emailed to the Commissioners at 9:30 a.m. this morning. The Commissioners also asked that this board comply with all public records requests that are outstanding. They stated they did.

Commissioner Mendenhall stated that the Commissioners have listened to all sides. Commissioners would like to see bylaws drawn up, with a rotation of grooming board members and term limits assigned. Members can be reappointed if needed. The number of members could be reviewed also. Right now, there are 2 from every county including Madison, Jefferson, Teton. Troy recently provided the grooming board with examples of snowmobile grooming bylaws.

The Commissioners will review the document and get back to them if needed. Search and Rescue and the Sheriff's Department was invited by the Commissioners to attend the Snowmobile Board meetings. The snowmobile board will work on the creation of Bylaws and will submit to Commissioners on completion. Placing minutes, agendas and general information on the website for snowmobile grooming was discussed. Randy reports that a GPS system will be placed in every groomer in upcoming years where anyone will be able to see where and when each cat has run.

Commissioner Smith specifically asked when the county can see a copy of the grooming board's bylaws. The grooming board said they are working on them now, and should have them done in this summer. The Commissioners would need to sign off on them, and reiterated their desire to see their proposed bylaws within the timeframe outlined.

Robbie Taylor, Soil/Water Conservation District: Doug Blaser and Joe Jeppesen were also present. Robbie gave a report on the District and requested funding for 2022. This was a difficult year with the pandemic. The District did not shut their doors, but remained open to the public. Funding from the county was used to provide additional buses for field trips for elementary school kids and other projects.

There will be a local working group in November. They are hoping to do in person field trips with commissioners this year, but depending on pandemic could be a zoom call. Commissioner Smith asked about funding to help farmers with variable speed on pumps. Robbie replied that water flow meters were placed on pumps and said this board asked in advance to the fund pool, but it got to be pretty expensive. This as a device that had to be manually read and no one was monitoring. NRCS is offering money to help with cost share funds. This could repair the variable speed pumps. Commissioners approved funding for the District (see above). The funding from the county goes to keep the doors open, projects and Robbie's salary. Projects include education on water quality, soil health, conservation of natural resources, educate children on conservation, crop rotation, wildlife habitat improvement, etc. The Department will be looking at selling some weed fabric in the spring to raise additional funds.

There being no further business Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk