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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021**



Attendees:

Todd Smith, Commissioner Chairman (was excused at 11:45 a.m. to attend another meeting)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk
Sue Bagley, Deputy Clerk

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Calendar Items:

A special Commission meeting will be held Monday, August 2, 2021 for budget purposes. The next regular Commission meeting will be held Monday, August 9, 2021.

Discussion Items:

Juneteenth Holiday: The President declared this a Federal Holiday this year two days before the holiday and there were appointments set and not enough time to react to give employees the day off. Commissioners discussed closing the day after Thanksgiving as other counties were closed for Juneteenth. Options were discussed. Commissioner Mendenhall will talk to the employee committee to get opinions.

Contracts/Documents:

Review and sign: Agreement with Knife River Corporation on Paving 11000 East, landfill road. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign the contract with Knife River Corporation to pave 11000 East at a cost \$550,000.00 for a little over one mile. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. Knife River was the low bid and will pave the road in 4 days. The ITD distribution of Excess Fuel Tax to the Road & Bridge last month will pay for this project.

Hospital Board Appointments decision will be moved to the next meeting.

Routine Matters:

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 \$65,191.73. The grand total of claims was \$456,484.50. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes of June 28, 2021. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes of July 1, 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 Commissioner meeting minutes of July 12, 2021. Commissioner Todd Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes of July 13, 2021. Commissioner Todd Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Levi Lake, Sierra Pinnock and Juana Torres. Commissioner Doug Smith 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 the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance: given by all

Invocation: Troy Evans

Public Comment: There was no one present to comment.

Executive session: Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk
Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. Idaho Code §74-206(1)(d) indigent records. 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 9:38 a.m.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve Indigent Cases No's. 2021005 - Lien, 2008026 and 2018012 - Lien releases. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Hill Ranch Estates Final Plat having met the conditions of the preliminary plat review. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Copper Heights subdivision having met all the conditions of the preliminary plat review. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Angie Moffat, Madison County Treasurer and Amanda Larese, representing Shawn Boice, Madison County Assessor: Came to discuss how the Homeowner Exemption Bill will affect county tax revenues. Under the new law, there is no final date to apply for the Homeowners Exemption. It can be applied for anytime with no proration. It will be hard to budget this loss of revenues for all taxing districts.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith moved to give authority to the Treasurer's Office to cancel taxes on Homeowners Exemptions applied for between July 15th, and December 31, 2021. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. Angie will bring a report to a Commission Meeting in November with the amount of taxes to be cancelled.

Rudey Ballard Insurance renewal discussion and decision:

Rudey and Kendall Ballard presented the current insurance benefits. They presented an option to pay for the employee portion of the dental insurance as an added benefit to employees. This will also help with the health insurance because dental health affects overall health. There were no premium changes to the disability and vision.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to pay for the County employee portion of the dental insurance premiums with the employees paying premiums for their spouse and family portions. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. This will be effective October 1st for all employees who sign up for the benefit.

Mr. Ballard presented rates for various options for county medical insurance. Options were from Blue Cross Plans and Select Health Plans. He reported 19% increase for renewal with our current Blue Cross plan. Some of the options were for employee funded Health Savings Plans. He cannot make a final recommendation until after August 15, when it will be determined if Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center will be in the Blue Cross plan. A decision will be made when more information can be obtained.

Bureau of Reclamation/Idaho Fish and Game: Were unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Doug Smith will be meeting with them on August 4th, 2021 to discuss the agreement.

Sharon Pirente Hospital Grant Match: The hospital has applied for a grant from the MJ Murdock Trust. She is seeking match funds for the grant. They want to know there if there is community support. The Foundation has put \$70,000 toward the grant. Kim with checking into the use of CARES funds or ARPA funds. They need a commitment before August 20th. The behavioral health unit will be opened in early

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September. The hospital has been generous with community donations in the past. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to commit a \$50,000.

Contribution to the building of the Behavioral Health Unit in Madison Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Horrock's Engineering:

Kelly Hoopes from Horrock's Engineering was present to discuss revisions to the intersection at 3000 W and 2000 N. Commissioners approved the revisions and advised the engineers to begin talking with the property owners. They are getting ready for the transportation master plan. He will come back to discuss the preliminary results. He reports good things are happening with the RPO.

Commissioner Todd Smith was excused from the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Kim Muir: Finalization of the budget will be moved to a Special Meeting in the County Clerk's Office on August 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Executive Session: Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) employee matters. Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to go into executive session at 11:50 am. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Commissioner Mendenhall – yes, Commissioner Doug Smith - yes. The motion passed. Commissioner Mendenhall returned to open session at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Doug Smith seconded, and the voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commission Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk