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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2021**

Attendees:

Todd Smith, Commissioner (Chairman)
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:

The next Commission meeting will be held Monday, June 28, 2021.

Commissioner's Schedule:

Budget meetings with departments are set for June 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and June 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Board of Equalization will be on the agenda for meetings thru mid-July.

Discussion Items:

Commissioner Doug Smith reported on his first months on the BOCC: He grateful for the opportunity to serve and appreciates elected officials and Madison County employees who have helped him to understand the workings of the County. He has been amazed at the employee's dedication. Hard decisions have to be made and he hopes to understand the issues and to do what's best for the citizens of the County.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign the contract with Scales Unlimited for the new scales at the Transfer Station. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claim to be paid from Indigent funds in the amount of \$3,695.25 for half the cost of cleanup and removal of a condemned trailer in the Baker Trailer Court. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve Resolution #460 declaring an Emergency Drought in Madison County, Commissioner Todd Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to allow Chief Child to and sign the contract with Systems Design for a new patient payment portal through RevSpring, Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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 \$203,286.47. The grand total of claims was \$375,114.87. 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 Certificates of Residency for Devan J Buzzell and Rachel N. Doggett. Commissioner Mendenhall 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 Todd Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance: Given by all. The invocation was given by Todd Smith.

Public Comment: Bradley Peterson: Informed the Commissioners representatives from FEMA and STAR are coming to town June 16th starting at 9:00 am. They will be meeting in the Commissioners Room. Preliminary processes to start the Preliminary process FEMA will be presenting the new Flood Plain mapping for the Teton River. Bradley has put together a BBQ at Beaver Dick Park that evening at 6:00 p.m. for interested parties.

BOE Matters: Assessment notices were mailed out last week. No applications have been submitted to date.

Executive Session:

Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) employee matters. 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 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to amend the agenda to consider and discuss the proposed bridge in the Mill Creek Subdivision. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mill Creek Subdivision:

Nate Thompson representing the developer, is asking the County to pay ½ the cost of a bridge to allow access to the new proposed subdivision, connecting River Rock and Mill Creek subdivision to access this property. The access currently runs through Mr. Thompson's yard. To move the access point away from Mr. Thompson, would require a bridge costing between \$120,000.00 and \$140,000.00. This would connect all three subdivisions. He stated that previously developments (River Rock and Mill Creek) have stubbed the roads in the subdivisions, since the County accepted those road as they were done. It was discussed on whether the county can go back and make them finish out the road as required by county standards even though Madison County Road and Bridge accepted them without meeting specifications. Commissioners would like to discuss these issues with the Fire Dept. along with Bradley Peterson, P & Z Administrator at next meeting on June 28 2021 and decide.

Cindy Roberson, Madison County Road & Bridge: Acceptance Nordic Ridge Subdivision Roads: Cindy reported the Road & Bridge Department have inspected the roads in this subdivision and they meet the specifications as required by Madison County Code.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to accept the roads in the Nordic Ridge Subdivision as county roads. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Evan Wise: Fair Board Line 10 budget review:

Evan came in to discuss his Fair Ground Budget. One employee wage was moved to the Fair Board Budget. The Capital line will remain the same. The Queen contest Committee changed rules to not require contestants to solicit sponsorships to help offset the costs. Queen budget was cut from \$4500 to \$2500. There wasn't revenue to warrant the higher budget without sponsorships. Fair Grounds Line 09 budget: Capital may need to be increased, he is waiting on discussion about fixing the Indoor Arena or moving it to another location. The condition of the arena roof was discussed.

Max Palmer Estate: Land with Department of Highways, quiet title

Troy was contacted by Jerry Rigby, attorney for the Palmers. They will be starting a quiet title action on a parcel with no owner and another small parcel that states Madison County could be an owner. Carol Davis, Assessor's Office, has researched this extensively and was present to discuss. This parcel could have been part of the old river channel but existing maps make this unclear. One parcel is a piece of land leftover when ITD finished the work on Highway 20. Most was sold to the Palmer's without a legal description. The County has no interest in the parcel. The Palmer's have assumed it was their property included in the sale from ITD. A legal description will be drawn up by the title company.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to quick claim deed parcel RP 07N40E33RD01 to the Estate of Max Palmer. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. Carol will work with the title company to make sure the legal description is correct.

Aaron Dalling /Jeff Raybould: Drought Emergency Declaration:

These gentlemen did not attend the meeting but sent a letter from Fremont Madison Irrigation District in support of the drought emergency declaration.

Robert Kohler, Emergency Manager is requesting a Drought Emergency Declaration. All surrounding counties are in similar conditions and have declared a drought emergency.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve Resolution #460 declaring a drought emergency in Madison County. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Justin McCracken, concerned public regarding the Snowmobile Board:

His Committee has concerns with the Snowmobile Board's proposed bylaws. They are requesting that members of the Board not be required to live in the District 33 Grooming District area, which includes Madison, Jefferson and Teton Counties.

Commissioners will be discussing the bylaws at the next Commission Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Todd, Smith requested they submit in writing to Commissioners any concerns with the bylaws. Mr. Barney asked that the Board be able to discuss bylaws with the Commissioners prior to opening it up to public discussion.

Paul Sorensen, Broadband Discussion:

Mayor Adams from Sugar City was present for this discussion. Broadband discussion: The City of Rexburg began discussing broadband expansion 7 years ago. They recently have included Commissioner Todd Smith and Paul Sorensen, IT in the discussions, along with BYU-Idaho. The City will do the expansion in 3 phases, with a main line with the ability to branch out. Phase 2 fiber to the home and Phase 3 running and provisioning of the network. Commissioners are considering using ARPA funds for Broadband expansion. These funds are very restricted, but by broadband is one item they know for certain the funds can be used for. There are requirements to have certain speeds per household. BYU-I is taking Broadband to their Livestock Center. The county would like to see a line running to the Archer Fire Station and Snake River Elementary Also a line to the Sugar Business Park where the Search and Rescue building is located and Fire Station.

Paul recommends they make multiple redundant loops. He recommends the County establish their own the fiber lines and then let the private sector use the lines. He also recommends an independent company do a design study, using the same company the City used as they are familiar with the county and know what the city is planning to do.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to direct Paul Sorensen, IT, to hire a company to do a design study and search out funding from the State of Idaho for Broadband expansion. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commissioner Mendenhall also made a motion to direct Paul Sorensen, IT, to develop a Madison County Broadband Expansion Committee of up to five persons. Commissioner Todd Smith second and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Alliance Title, Closing Documents for the Catherine Beard Estate:

After review and discussion, Doug Smith made a motion to sign the Final Sales Agreement and quit claim deed on the Catherine Beard Estate and release the funds of \$129, 189.68 to Alliance Title for closing, located at 335 W 3rd N, Rexburg. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Executive Session:

Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12.15 a.m. Idaho Code §74-206(1) (b) employee matters, Troy Evans, Bradley Petersen. 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 1.25 p.m.

There being no further business Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk