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MADISON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 8:30 am. Brent will be excused. October 4th, 2021. This meeting will be held to conduct a Tax Deed Sale.

Commissioners Schedule:

IAC Meetings in Boise, September 27-29, 2021.

Chairman Todd Smith will be going to Boise to meet with Departments of Lands for Land Swap for new Solid Waste Site.

IAC Fall County Institute will be held in Island Park, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Brent meeting this afternoon with Brad Richey, Director, Idaho Office of Emergency Management, and Robert Kohler Madison County Emergency Management
Community partnership meeting.

Madison County MAC --Agency's Fire Station 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to sign the Computer Arts contract. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded. The motion passed.

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to approve the Computer Arts contract in the amount of \$73,175.30 and \$10,600. for software support to be billed monthly. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Discussion Items:

Fair Board Member: This item to be added to the next agenda. Chairman Todd Smith would like to meet with the fair board to discuss possible candidate.

Letter to Editor concerning Property Tax: A letter from a group of state legislators wrote a letter to the editor blaming counties for high property taxes. It was published in the Statesman newspaper in Boise

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and Coeur d'Alene Press. Commissioner Mendenhall has prepared a rebuttal letter and would like all elected officials to sign it and submit it to our area newspapers. The letter to be signed addresses

opposition with is the use of the AARP funds to lower property tax. Those funds are to be used for specific things and property tax relief isn't one of them. Kim was instructed to send the letter to all elected officials. They will hold onto the letter until it becomes an issue in our area.

Opioid Litigation settlement: Chairman Todd Smith reported he had talked to Seth at IAC and learned that the County has to submit their claim to their share of the settlement. Counties will receive 40% of the proceeds, based on population. More information on this will be forthcoming.

City of Rexburg Planning and Zoning member: The Commissioners had appointed Jeff Egbert. He has since declined. Commissioners need to appoint a new member in the impact area. Names were discussed and Commissioner Mendenhall will check into this further. This is to be added to the agenda for next meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall reported that the interview had been conducted for the new doctor to set on the Public Health Board. Aaron Gardner, M.D. was chosen by the board. This will need to be ratified by each county in the Public Health District.

Contracts/Documents:

Review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #461 to reserve the Forgone Amount for Madison County. 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 #462 to reserve the Forgone Amount Mosquito District. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After Review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #464 to approve the FY 2022 budget amounts included to reflect receipts of unscheduled revenue. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to sign the agreement with University of Idaho Cooperative Agreement for Idaho Extension Programs. 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 designate the Polling locations as listed for the November 2, 2021 Elections. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall moved to sign the Beer and Wine Licenses for FY2022 for the following businesses: Fresco's Kitchen and Grill, Nine Iron Grill, Hacienda Event Center. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Commissioners tabled the signing the contract for the Teton Dam recreation site until they could consult with Jared Arnold, Madison County Parks Director and Cindy Roberson, Madison County Road and Bridge supervisor. They will discuss this at the next meeting.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Levy Certifications for L2's for Madison County, Mosquito and Ambulance FY2022. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. Kim Muir, County Clerk is waiting on other counties on joint districts. She will certify and bring them to the next meeting.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Big Hole Range Snow Grooming Advisory Board Bylaws as amended by Teton County with the changed to the original wording by Madison County in section 3.1.2. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. These will be sent to Jefferson County and Teton County for final review and signature.

The Idaho Public Safety Communications Commissioner Grant Award agreement was tabled until the next meeting so that the Commissioners can get more information.

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 \$80,688.15. The grand total of claims was \$859,278.44. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioners meeting minutes of August 18, 2021. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioners meeting minutes of August 23, 2021. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

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The minutes for the September 20, 2021 were tabled as the recording is being transcribed for the public hearing.

Personnel Actions

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

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for Bryce . Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Invocation: Doug Smith

Public Comment: Max Radford was present to inquire on the current status of the Snowmobile Grooming maps and the correctness of them. Sponsors are wondering when they will be released. Max would like to see parking lots and bathrooms at the Madison County trail heads. He recommends Search and Rescue review the maps before printing.

Richard Roberson was also present and is also concerned about the maps being correct. Forest Services has a map for motorized use for summer. He recommends a map be made only for District 33 Snow Grooming District trails and suggests putting a group together from the Snow Grooming Board , GIS and Search and Rescue to insure the correctness of the maps. He complimented Commissioners in all counties in their work to get the bylaws in order.

Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session Idaho Code §74-206(1) (b) employee matters at 9:15 a.m. according to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (b) employee matters. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Todd Smith-yes, Commissioner Mendenhall-yes, Commissioner Doug Smith-yes. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:15 am

Chester Bradshaw parent and Sugar Salem School District #322 Superintendent along with Janelle Klinger came to speak to the Commission about the use of the indoor arena at the Madison County Fair Grounds. He has been in rodeo's in every county in the state. Madison County has a great facility. It is tough to rodeo in spring because of inclement weather, so for the safety of the kids, he is asking to use the arena more this spring. They have not used the arena as much as they would like in the past because it has been cost prohibitive. Mr. Bradshaw appreciates the condition Mr. Wise keeps the facility.

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Mr. Bradshaw and Mrs. Klingler are requesting that the Commissioners allow District 7 High School Rodeo use the facility for seven rodeos at a cost of \$5000.00 or about \$714 per rodeo. They would like an additional three Saturdays to practice and to extend the hours of the practices—instead of 11-2 they are asking for 11-6 p.m.

They offered to perform service in exchange for the lower rate. Parents will be there to help supervise. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion hold 7 events for \$700 each to equal \$4900 and to schedule with Evan Wise. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Jared Ricks from the Public Defense Commission was not available.

Brad Lindford, appraiser for the West Side Frontage Road properties asked to be moved to the next meeting

Ryan Brown, Drug Court Administrator for District 7 Judicial District presented a slide show explaining the Drug Court program, as well as the benefits of the program. Commissioner Todd Smith told of his experience at one of the graduations for an individual. Commissioners thanked Mr. Brown for the information.

Gerald Stucki is applying for a Small-Scale Development called the Texas Slough Estates. Gary Armstrong from planning and Zoning asked that this hearing be postponed.

Christopher J. Mann, director of Chamber of Commerce and Jeanine Williams Administrative assistant presented an update on tourism in the area. The Yellowstone Teton Territory received a grant in the amount of \$730,000 given by State of Idaho from 2% hotel tax. They produce brochures and maps to send out to draw in tourists, including snowmobile, rodeo and county fair information. Mr. Mann reports this could bring 1 billion in tourist dollars to the area. He wanted to make sure the commissioners were aware of what they do and how the grant is working.

Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commission Chairman

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Douglas Smith, Commissioner

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk