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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022**

Attendees:

**Todd Smith, Commissioner Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Douglas Smith, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk**

Commissioner Elect Dustin Parkinson

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Pledge of Allegiance: By all

Invocation: Commissioner Doug Smith

Angie Moffat, Hardship Tax Cancellation Consideration, Tax Cancellations for HOE, Solid Waste charges for Madison County:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the hardship tax cancellation for Mrs. Yanez in the amount of \$595.42. Mrs. Yanez is blind and just lost her husband. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the HOE cancellations of taxes as required by legislation and Solid Waste charges for Madison County in the amount of \$11,753.88. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Discuss correction of the Homeowner exemption with Legislators when we meet with them next week. The funding is deducted from the property taxes. The intent was to have the exemption pro-rated, but legislation was not written correctly. It is a bookkeeping nightmare and effects taxing districts negatively.

Willie Twitchel, Hope Estates Road:

Willie Twitchel was not present.

Amanda Logan, CEI funding, other municipalities invited:

Present were: Rick Aman, President, Chuck Bohleke - Dean, Amanda Logan - Director of External Affairs, Penny Lyon - Director of new East Idaho Work Force Training Center, Angela Hays -

Executive Director of Work Force. They would like to discuss what those present would like to see at the campus in Rexburg. CEI does have a footprint here in Rexburg and currently have CNA and English as a second language classes. Bonneville is the only county that is in the district.

CEI can provide the first two years of a degree and in some cases, an Associate's Degree. Nursing is immense for them. They can provide training for municipalities. Focused on work force needs. Students in High School have open access to affordable education and can graduate with an Associate's Degree. CWI was the third Community College and this is the fourth. Not every student needs a Bachelor's Degree and they are able to move students on with little or no debt. Students jump two years into their Bachelor Degree and it costs families nothing.

At five years old they have had 147% increase in enrollment from the previous Eastern Idaho Technical College. Enrollment has not been down during Covid and they are up 8% in Fall 2022. They went from 35 nursing students in 2017 to 200 in 2022.

As a brand-new college, they are touching 21,000 students and employ 350 employees and have worked with the Development Company where their primary focus is the Workforce Training Center that is coming online. Out of the four Community Colleges in Idaho, CEI educates more non-credit workforce students than any other. They are funded by property taxes, tuition, fees and state appropriation. Compared to ISU costs at \$406.44 per credit and Boise State at \$380.45 per credit, the tuition is \$140.00 per credit. BYU-I is approximately \$250.00 per credit. BYU-I students that are off track can take some classes during that time at CEI. They have received national recognition and are one of the top Community Colleges. They are working with other colleges to develop a zero-cost textbook program.

The College is focusing on not so much a degree, but skills. Seeing higher education is shifting. We can't have high school students dropping out of school, but this plays into engaging with students and helping them gain skills. Students can take online courses in higher education as part of high school and workforce training focuses on construction and career pathways. They want to encourage local students to go to CEI. Students that spend time gaming are encouraged to look into studying IT or cyber security.

Bonneville County transferred a 32,000 sq. ft. building on 8.47 acres to do trades training. The building is used for industry training and has eight bays and includes heavy equipment training. Students train in a classroom then walk next door and get in a machine and go out and dig. An Industry Counsel tells CEI the skills they should be teaching. Idahoans can get \$7500 for trades training and 90% is given to the student. CEI offers a range of courses that qualify for this funding including CDL training. They try to align students to get a variety of skills. Construction training classes have trained students to build sheds, including electrical installation and will be auctioned to the public upon completions.

A new building is being constructed to offer further options through donations from local businesses in the Idaho Falls area. They have asked the INL to let them know the skill set needed.

There was discussion on what classes and skills could be brought as satellite in Rexburg to be helpful in this area? They want to help people who are out of the workforce, come back in. They work with the Department of Labor. Their student population is 60% female, 40% male. Males are not engaging in this and this is their big outreach.

Cindy Roberson from Road and Bridge stated that the young people being hired are green and any training we could give them would be great, especially CDL training. They would come out trained and certified and their entry level salary would be higher if they are trained and have earned a certificate.

Commissioner Doug Smith asked how do we get a positive vote to join with CEI? They educate, they don't advocate. We would have a trustee on the board and would help guide them if we belong.

Calendar Discussion:

Next Commission Meeting: December 21, 2022, breakfast with legislators at 8:30 a.m., meeting will start at 10:00. This is the final meeting before the end of the year. The next meeting will be January 9, 2023 to swear in newly elected officials and January 10, 2023 for a commission meeting at 8:30.

The Joint P & Z meeting was moved to Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Reports and Schedule of Commissioners:

Commissioner Todd Smith's schedule: 5C meeting, December 13, 2022; Teton Regional Solid Waste meeting; ITD Thursday in Boise; LHTAC meeting Friday in Boise.

Discussion Items:

Takeaways from County Officials Institute, and discussion on amending the agenda to sign contracts. This is done very rarely in the county and should be avoided.

Next Department Head Meeting will be held January 23, 2023.

Transfer of Grant Administration:

Commissioner Mendenhall reports it is time to move the SHSP grant for Office of Emergency Management. Commissioner Mendenhall has discussed this with the Sheriff's Office. Currently emails have to be forwarded and the process would be easier if it were kept with Emergency Management. It will be fully administered by the Office of Emergency Management from now on.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to move the grant to the Office of Emergency Management rather than the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Appointment of Fair Board Member:

Brett Bagley would like to be on the Fair Board. Brett has always had animals in the fair, was born and raised in Rexburg and would like to give a new perspective to the fair. He would bring new ideas and would like to get more community involvement.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of Brett Bagley to the Fair Board on a three-year term. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Contracts/Documents:

Review and sign: County Vessel Fund Report

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve County Vessel Fund Report. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Review and sign: FY2023 Indigent Defense Expenditure Report

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve FY2023 Indigent Defense Expenditure Report. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Review and sign: Accept Hope Estates Lane as a County Roadway

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve Hope Estates Lane as a County Roadway, Reo Jensen, Road and Bridge, was contacted by phone and gave final approval. 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 grand total of claims was \$281,477.84. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 14, 2022. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. November 28, 2022 meeting minutes will be on the next agenda.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency as received for Echo C Bell, Shandrie Henry, Drew R Cannon, Sigly S Larsen, Cami M Nessen, Megan E Quinton, Alayna D Radford, Pepper R Smith, Ryan W Stutz, Rieley A Telford. 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 Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Executive Session: Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 2:53 p.m. Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) employee matters. 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 3:12 p.m.

Shawn Boice, Tax Cancellations:

Conn Crapo, Sugar Taxing District is on both sides of the house, but paying Madison County taxes. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for Conn Crapo in the amount of \$1,108.30. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Madison County (two different parcels):

Madison County 5000 S new road going east – Road that is county owned and should have been exempt. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for the 5000 S roadway in the amount of \$653.94. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

North side of the hospital where old hospital is in Madison County’s name. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for ground behind the hospital. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The county will look at this further and perhaps have it transferred into the hospital’s name.

East Central Idaho Development:

Request includes 1 building and 3 empty lots. The building is the business incubation building and has been exempted in the past. They have purchased 2 other lots on the east side of the incubation building and one across the street. There is also an empty lot in Sugar City. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for East Idaho Planning and Development incubation building and the lot to the east of the home office in the amount of \$5,037.71. The tax will remain on the lot across the street from the home office and the Sugar City lot. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Andrew Sharp:

The deed was recorded removing co-signers. HOE was removed and not added back. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for Andrew Sharp in the amount of \$1,554.55 due to an administrative error. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Kevin Brown:

Administrative error. HOE was removed when mobile home was removed and didn't get reapplied to the new parcel. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for Kevin Brown in the amount of \$566.27 due to an administrative error. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Development Workshop:

They normally get a mail copy and have been tax exempt over the years or a percentage. They claim they mailed in the 2022 application but we didn't receive it in time.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for The Development Workshop in the amount of \$22,174.68. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Bruce Baxter:

The mobile home was deemed non-livable and has been gutted. Currently unlivable.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for Bruce Baxter in the amount of \$449.34. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Bigelow Properties LLC Motel 6:

Changes agreed upon during June BOE were not made. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for Bigelow Properties LLC Motel 6 in the amount of \$6824.00. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Zane Schneider:

Father died in 2021. The house has been in probate and is not livable. The burden falls on the taxpayer to come in to let them know. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to deny the tax cancellation for Zane Schneider. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Don Dayton:

In Pine Brook Estates, taxable amount included 1880 sq. ft. of finished basement, but is currently unfinished. This was reported after BOE season. After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the tax cancellations for Don Dayton except for the \$336.24. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Executive Session: Employee and indigent matters. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session 4:27 p.m. Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) employee matters. 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 3:12 p.m.

Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Todd Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner

Doug Smith, Commissioner

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk