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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022**

Attendees:

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

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Pledge of Allegiance: By all

Invocation Commissioner Todd Smith

Calendar Discussion:

- Next Commission Meetings: March 14 and March 28, 2022.
- Hospital Strategic Planning meeting April 29, 2022, at the Hospital from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- IAC Spring Institute Meetings May 25, 2022.

Discussion Items:

Discuss meeting with Stakeholders in Madison County. This meeting will be held March 28, 2022.

Contracts/Documents:

Agreement with WHR for the Arenacross for the fair. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Agreement with Monsters of Destruction (facility rent) at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Vehicle Use Policies for Madison County employees for Greg Malstrom, Ben Mattson, James Hymas, Darby Pozenel, Ronnie S. Haws, Cindy Roberson, Reo Jensen, Evan Wise, Jared Arnold, Austin Tanner and Jeremy Johnson. Commissioner Doug Smith 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 \$46,063.53. The grand total of claims was \$779,678.81. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificate of Residency presented by the Clerk. 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.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Executive Session: Employee and indigent matters. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:57 a.m. Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(b) employee matters and (d) AnnMarie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk. 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 9:40 a.m.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mendenhall to sign a Lien Release on Case No. 2008047 Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shane Boyle/Kirk Mace, IDJC review of annual report:

Shane presented the 2021 Madison County Annual Juvenile Justice Report which highlights the past year show felony, misdemeanor and status offense totals. They stated that kids committing offenses are younger than they have been in the past. Social media has undoubtedly played into the increase. Behavior has not subsided and moving through the court system has slowed down with the pandemic. Diversion was discussed and numbers show the programming has been successful, as well as relieved recidivism rates. State revenue funds from tobacco and cigarette tax, lottery funds and Juvenile Courts was reported. The cost per day is about \$360/day for the kids in detention.

Angie Moffat, Tax refund:

Angie reported on a parcel the Assessor brought to her attention. ITD owns the parcel, but another party has been billed and have paid taxes since 1998. The children have come and said they want their money returned. Homeowners have the responsibility to review the bill and should have noticed it, but the county did not pick up on it either. Angie will look to see if there is a home that can be credited. She will come into the next meeting with options.

Sam Butikofer, Department head work meeting:

Sam gave a report on his department and updated the deputies he is currently using. Ada County was given funding from FEMA for a portable morgue trailer. Sam applied, for a 17-foot trailer used for overflow. FEMA has come back offering to pay a portion, requiring payment from other sources. Sam is looking into funding from other sources. Commissioners voiced that one of these trailers might be needed regionally rather than one in each county. Sam is also looking for FEMA funding for a cadaver lift.

Snowmobile Board, Discussion regarding road closure and radios:

Cindy, Road and Bridge and Cameron Stanford from the Sheriff's Office appeared.

Doug reports concerns regarding signage to stop people from going around the signs and getting stuck in the snow. There was discussion of the advantages of leaving signage up year-round to allow law enforcement to give citations for those going around the signs. Groomed snowmobile trails would indicate "no winter maintenance signs", be placed to leave up year-round. Road Closures were discussed. All agree it is hard to put a date on this because snow can come early, late or not at all. Cindy comments they don't clear the road past the Clements parking lot after December 15, 2022. The Forest Service would like us to clear the roads in March so they dry out by Memorial Day.

The radios for the groomers to use was discussed. There is little cell service in some areas they are grooming. Cameron had a bid for about \$3,600 to replace the current system. The old system is not working well and needs to be updated. The Snowmobile funding will purchase the new radios.

Department Head Work Meetings, County Agent:

Lance reports the 4-H program is growing. They are up to about 340 students and continues to increase. Lance is teaching classes all over in neighboring counties. Summer camp will be held this summer. They have expanded the property and have done some improvements. A crop specialist will be hired this summer. Commissioners asked Lance to keep his eye open for a building to lease for his department.

Planning and Zoning:

Gary reports on area of Impact agreement negotiations. This will go through the Planning and Zoning process but he asks commissioners to determine who should be involved as three representatives from each board will form a committee to negotiate the area. Code changes will be coming up in subdivision design standards and cul-de-sac sizes. Gary is receiving calls from people wanting to add accessory buildings and explains there will need to be criteria based to meet code. Subdivision covenants need to be updated. Commissioners state the county should never be in the business of enforcing covenants in a subdivision, but should be an issue between neighbors. Coming up there will be a large phased development the Archer area and zone changes will be presented soon.

Gary would like to see the county move forward to get a coordinated plan for infrastructure in the Thornton area. He is moving forward with updating the Comp Plan and zoning map and comments commercial development takes more thoughtful planning to include pressurized water system and fire protection. Commissioner Mendenhall asked Gary to monitor the City of Sugar City issue closely.

Flood Plain Manager:

Bradley is on national boards through FEMA. They are those that approve grant proposals and it is good they know who we are. Bradley discussed high priority river projects and explained the high priority projects which are: Storage/infiltration of Teton River Peak discharge mitigation, Teton River diversions, and the eastside setback levee/pathway project. He also listed several lower priority projects. The backup from the Teton River needs to be addressed. FEMA doesn't usually fund levee's, but they will look at this as there could be a bicycle path included.

Road and Bridge is on board to help with some of these projects. Bradley encourages commissioners to look into this with the 2023 budget on the Lyman Creek levee and spillway. The Army Corp of Engineers would be partners on this for funding. . The Heise/Roberts levee and the south fork of the Snake River were also discussed. Economic Development is setting up a non-profit for alternative funding. We need to do community education to let the community know what we are doing. Bradley is giving a long-range projection for upcoming projects. Mapping of Moody Creek will be another project.

Commissioners discussed Bradley's role as Flood Plain Manager with him, and their expectations from him.

Building Inspector:

David has been busy inspecting residential homes. He is doing about 200 building inspections annually. They are currently working on updating the code. Kristy has the permits on-line and this will streamline the process. David reports \$225/ square foot is the average price currently and said demand is there, but supply is still a problem. He has 10-12 homes on his desk right now to approve for permits.

Soil and Water Conservation District, Budget request 2023:

Robbi Taylor is the District Manager and introduced the board members with him which included Joe Jeppesen, Rob Robison, Susan Hymas, Greg Blaser, and Jacob Owens- NRCS.

Robbie is asking for continued funding for next year at the same level (\$6500) as the past few years. Robbi reported the District is keeping their doors open with the money from the counties. They also get match funding from the NRCS, as well as Federal funding. He invited commissioners to attend a meeting March 16, 2022, in St. Anthony with their local working group comprised of 4 conservation districts and priorities for the upcoming years are set. The District is doing education classes including field trips for kids in 4th grade on the significance of water conservation.

Jacob explained projects and how the priorities are set and how funds are allocated. They are involved in a project on Hwy. 33 on the way to Sage Junction with BLM and ITD to develop a plan to mow both sides of Hwy 33 as a fuel break for fires. This has been completed on the Red Road in the past.

Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to adjourn after executive session at 1:38 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Approved:

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

Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk