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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
February 7, 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 Doug Smith

Calendar Items:

The next Commission Meetings are scheduled for February 14 and February 28, 2022.

Contracts/Documents: Action Items

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Fair Entertainment contract with Hypnotist Corrie J, in the amount of \$4,400 + 4 nights stay in a hotel. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the State and Local Agreement regarding 5200 S Safety Improvements. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Assessor Commercial Appraiser Contract. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Paid time off for Covid was discussed. The county originally paid employees for 2 weeks of Covid time off where employees didn't have to use paid time off and this time was reimbursed by the Federal Government. Since that time, Commissioners agreed to pay up to 5 days off with proof of a positive test result. Beginning today all Covid pay will end. Employees will use PTO for any time off.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve ending the Covid policy. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. See the amended motion below.

The motion was amended: After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve ending the Covid policy today that allowed employees up to 5 days administrative paid leave

when a positive Covid test is presented. 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. These claim totals will be included in the next regularly scheduled meeting totals. Commissioner Doug Smith 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 the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Joe Law, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3012. Capital improvement project work meeting

Paula Rail and Joe Law were present for this discussion. Commissioners expressed interest in moving the County Extension Office into the Veteran's Building. The thought is that someone would be in the building all day to help Veterans coming into the building.

Both Paula and Joe are here as Commanders and want to present to make us aware of the Veterans purpose. Their service extends to all Veterans whether they have served in foreign wars or not. They have provided many services for Veterans such as Santa for families, Christmas meals with stockings and gifts for the children, homemade quilts and blankets, kitchen and bathroom supplies, furniture, etc. They also donate to Hero's on Wheels, the National home for Children in Michigan and the Veteran Home in Pocatello. They visited and provided a little Christmas for Vets in the Homestead and work with other community services such as the Red Cross Blood Drive, and provide scholarships and awards for students and 4-H, as well as provide the building is used funeral services for Vets, Boy Scouts groups, elections and many paper products for events and supplies are stored in the building.

Paula feels this is a complete takeover by the county and states the proposal is not acceptable. They provide all services possible to Veterans and feel the space needs to be available for this use. Office space, storage space and confidential information need to be stored in the building. The county does provide funds for the building which they appreciate, but this building represents Veterans and they would like to keep the space as it currently stands.

Commissioners explain this matter has been discussed informally and the intention was never to take over the building. If it was a win, win situation for both parties this could be mutually agreed to, but this is just in the beginning stages. Commissioner Smith asks how many days they are actually in the building. A plan was presented by the county which was a rough draft to start the conversation. The Veterans feel like they are being put in the garage space for their needs and don't feel it is acceptable.

Joe Law mentioned the many events and services that are currently held in the building and he believes the building should be available to the Veterans. This matter will be discussed further by Commissioners.

Discussion regarding Hibbard speed limits

Commissioner Smith explained the plan at this point is Cindy has asked Horrock's Engineering to do a complete traffic study which will take about a month to complete. Paul Weekes would like to raise the speed up and get it back up to where it was and let the community get used to it again. Commissioners explained that we don't change speed limits without something to back it up. We haven't had a speed

study done and Cindy said it's on Road and Bridge. This is an arterial road. The Master Transportation Plan is what they go off. Ben Burke with Horrock's was present and said the posted speed doesn't have a lot of effect on the data. He explained the data they will begin collecting will come from 16 roadways in the Hibbard area and further details about the study. They borrowed tubes to get the study in the beginning stages. The speed limits were lowered in the best interest of the community.

Suggestion from Cindy is to leave the speed until the study is complete. Data being collected will determine the 85th percentile and the 50th percentile. Ben's study will say what the speed limit should be but the Commission sets the final speed limit. They are hoping to have the study complete by March 14 for the commission meeting.

Fire Department Staffing

Troyse thanked the Commissioners for meeting with him. They would like to add one more person per shift for a total of 3 new employees. Once trained some employees are getting job offers from other agencies and are leaving. If the current group of hires leave it will put them two to three years behind. Matt at the City was approached and the spreadsheet he prepared was presented. If they move the hiring up to this year \$165,000 would be needed this year. Troyse feels they have enough in their operating budget to fund extra employees this budget year, but the budget would increase in future budgets. The Board and City have agreed to this increase and are now coming to the County for approval. Commissioner Mendenhall comments he is in favor of approving, if the funding is found. The department currently have employees who are almost trained to the paramedic level.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the \$80,000 for additional hires and move funds from capital to wages and allow Fire Dept. to decide when to do the hiring. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Gary Armstrong, Sugar City annexation

Gary explained the City of Sugar City failed to meet the required 28 day noticing requirement for a public hearing to consider annexation. Madison County is requesting Sugar City delay any decision until a public hearing can be held.

In Gary's review of the three most easterly parcels located around the Highway 20 and N 2nd East (Salem Highway) he noted are not within the Sugar City Area of Impact. Annexing land not within an area of impact is not in compliance with Madison County Code. Gary's recommends these three parcel changes be delayed until the Area of Impact Agreement can be renegotiated.

From a county perspective Gary is not in favor of, nor opposed to. Mayor Adams was present and said he would be happy to abide. Once the notification and meeting date are corrected Gary suggests we move forward with those properties in the impact zone. We will need to renegotiate those parcels that are not in the impact zone. Mayor Adams would like a legal opinion on this matter to make this defensible in court. Troy will review the letter and Gary will send it to the City of Sugar City.

Sonnie Haws, Solid Waste Lease Agreement (914)

Sonnie gave an update on Solid Waste. They have increased substantially in the last three years. The scale house is under construction. There was a DEQ inspection and they passed with no write-ups. They would like to purchase a loader to keep up with the demand. The purchase will go out to bid and a bid opening will be scheduled. The scrap metal price has gone down and they will hold on to it until the price goes back up.

Long term capital improvement projects prioritization and discussion,

Intended for the growth of Madison County: Items discussed were:

Transportation:

Round about
Frontage roads
Bike paths/trails
West of high school

Fairgrounds

Relocate
Improve where we are
Building lot near fairground

Solid Waste

Scales
C & D site

Extension

New office - immediate

Parks

Park around State pit
Teton Dam
Fishers Pasture

Sheriff's Office

Redo or bigger admin
Increase employees
Jail Maintenance

County Software

Replace CAI

Impact Fees

FEMA

\$200,000

Admin Bldg.

Carport
HVAC

Prosecutor

Emergency funds

Road & Bridge

Emergency funds

Ambulance

Additional employees

Courthouse

Upgrade windows

IT

Broadband

Priorities:

Solid Waste
Hibbard round-about
Fairgrounds moved
Teton Dam, Fishers Pasture
Fleet – Todd will get list
Car port added at Administration Building
Sheriff expansion
FEMA Find out what is needed

Commissioners would like to dedicate reserve funds for future budget needs.

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 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