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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
January 24, 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: Troy Evans

Public Comment: None.

Calendar Items:

The next Commission meeting will be February 14, 2022.

IAC Midwinter Conference will be January 31 – February 3, 2022

Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, January 27, 2022, 7:00 a.m.

A work meeting was scheduled February 7, 2022 to discuss capital improvement projects at 9:30 a.m.

Opioid Settlement:

There was discussion on what the effects of opioids can be and what the funding can be used for. Commissioners discussed making a recommendation to withdraw funds from tobacco cessation program and put funding towards opioid funding

Solid Waste District financial:

The Idaho Bond bank rejected our application, but they have come back with an additional option to sign an interceptor agreement if the district fails to make the payment. They will have the right to intercept our sales tax to fund the payment. There are no conditions conceivable that the counties would not make the payment. Commissioner Smith is talking to Fremont County Commissioners at 10:30 today to discuss this matter further. USDA funding has been sought which offers a lower interest rate, but it would be another 15 weeks before we could get funding. IDL will not wait 15 weeks to complete the land swap. The other option would be to deed the

Parkinson property now in Madison County's name, place a lien on the property and go ahead and do the land transfer. This would save 1% interest.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 14 to keep garbage generated in Madison County in the county landfill and a resolution will be signed.

Legislative updates:

Commissioner Mendenhall reports IAC priorities were discussed in a Legislative Zoom meeting last week.

Fair Board Meeting report:

Commissioner Smith reported on the Fair Board Meeting. There was discussion regarding a professional rodeo. The Fair Board would like to move the fireworks back to the last night of the rodeo. Also discussed was changing the name of the Fair from Whoopee Days

Contracts/Document:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Searle Hart & Associates, PLLC Engagement Letter. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the TAP Grant Application for a bike trail. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Polling Place locations for the March 8, 2022 Election. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Good Time Rentals, fair entertainment Agreement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Artists & Attraction: Dangerous Feats of Comedy, fair entertainment Agreement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to ratify signature of the Local Match Commitment Letter for the TAP Grant for Road and Bridge. 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 with the exemptions of two invoices that will be further discussed with Jared Arnold. The General Fund total claim amounts were \$154,130.60. The grand total of claims was \$874,402.58. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Certificate of Residencies. 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: Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) Employee Matters. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(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 9:51 a.m.

A motion was made by Todd Smith to amend the agenda to include signing a Forensic Panel Retainer Agreement. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve signing a Forensic Panel Retainer Agreement for the Prosecutor’s Office. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Tim Solomon, Rocky Mountain Power update:

A rate case increase has been filed with the Utilities Commission for a 1.4% price increase and the pricing schedule has changed. They are offering “time of use” pricing which makes off peak power use cheaper. The winter pricing is cheaper than summer and they are moving May into the winter pricing. Street lights were discussed and are now billed on a flat rate basis. A credit will be offered for customers choosing online billing. They do offer energy cost adjustments if they have anticipated more power than what was needed. Smart meter roll- out is ongoing. A door tag will be hung on residents’ doors when the upgrade has taken place.

Paul Weekes, Hibbard Speed Limits:

Paul and friends in attendance with him disagree with the slower speed limits. Every road coming into the area is 50 MPH. They feel there is more traffic in Archer/Lyman than on the Hibbard roadway. Most of the Hibbard area was changed to 40 MPH. These people feel the speed limits are all over the place in this area and feel it should be congruent. Also, they feel there are more houses in the areas that are currently 50 MPH. Commissioners commented there are traffic studies that were done in the area. They feel it has been difficult for farmers and it is pushing more traffic to the areas that have a 50 MPH zone.

Commissioners would like to discuss this matter with Road and Bridge and review the changes requested. It is not the number of calls or the criticism, it's the concerned citizens it will take to make a change. There were reasons the speed limit was lowered and we will get with Cindy and Reo to get the reasoning for lowering the speed limit. Trees blocking intersections were discussed that may have been the cause of some accidents that have occurred in the past.

Department Head Work Meeting: Clerk, Review Quarterly Financial reports:

Clerk Kim Muir presented financial statements for the first quarter of the FY 2021- 2022 and the reports were discussed. Kim also reported on personnel and upcoming events in the Clerk's Office and the Court Clerk's Office

Jared Arnold -Report on Twin Bridge trail: Jared was out of town. This meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Define decision for ARPA funding in regards to the 911 update request:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the amount of \$ 374,165 from the ARPA funds to update the 911 system. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed. \$374,165. Doug

The following employees were recognized and thanked for their years of Service to Madison County: Lori Lewis (Courts) – 30 years; Ed Buchta Road and Bridge) - 25 years; Paul Sorensen (IT) – 20 years; Rick Henry and Bart Quayle, (Sheriff) – 5 years.

Department Head Meeting:

Discussion on Behavioral Health:

Commissioner Mendenhall reported on a meeting held with Department Heads regarding Mental Health. This will be further explored in upcoming meetings.

Employee Handbook matters:

Those present were asked to put together a list of items they have run across that are not currently addressed in the Employee Policy. We will be doing an update in the near future, but input is needed.

Procurement Policy Discussion:

Troy asked department heads if they felt a Procurement Policy other than Idaho Code 67-2806 was needed? Most felt Idaho Code would cover their needs. Coroner Sam Butikofer was asked to include the County Procurement Policy on a FEMA grant he is applying for. Troy will discuss this matter further with Sam.

Departmental updates:

Assessor - Shawn has been here 7 years and this year has been the worst blood bath he has ever had. Increases for next year will be 10 – 25% and it will be another wild and crazy year. We need to be proactive on the tax increase and our budget to be prudent to homeowners and keep them informed. We are meeting today with the City of Sugar City. We are held by Statute and we have to hold the standards set by the State Tax Commission. School Bonds were discussed.

Treasurer - Tax collection went well and they are sending out second sub roll notices.

Clerk - Upcoming Election, year-end reporting and gearing up for budgets

P&Z - Code was changed. Anyone changing their property boundary, will need it to be professionally surveyed to help in property disputes. There were 189 building permits applied for last year.

IT - March continues on with getting fiber to the community. Feasibility study is complete and engineering is beginning. The new fiber will impact about 60% of homes in the community. Broadband funding will come from the ARPA funds

Ann Marie - Working on year- end reports

Sheriff - Having issues with losing staff and getting new people in. Wages may need to be looked at

Solid Waste - They have the ball rolling on the scale house. The new scales will be installed next month.

Road and Bridge- They are plowing snow and keeping busy.

Drug Court - No issues or concerns with Drug Court. He appreciates the county personnel and the great county we work in.

Judge Boyce - Court jury trials are at a standstill right now because of Covid. They are doing other hearings via Zoom. He loves working in Madison County.

Prosecutor - Appreciates working with Bart and Rick in the Sheriff's Office. Things in our community are changing and there is crime is increasing.

Probation - Appreciates new siding that was replaced on his building last year. He has been working on signage for the buildings to help the public find the correct office.

Executive Session: Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) Employee Matters. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. 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 made a motion to end executive session at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Approved:

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

Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk