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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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 was also in attendance.

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Pledge of Allegiance: By all

Invocation: Commissioner Elect Dustin Parkinson

Calendar Discussion:

Next Commission Meeting: September 30, 2022 to sign documents needing timely return. The meeting will be held in the Clerk's Office. This will be a brief meeting.

Sugar City Impact area discussion:

The letter was not dated in the packet requesting annexation and action has not been taken. This will likely be controversial due to the size. The committee of nine is not desirable by Sugar City, but it is required by law. Any annexation between Rexburg and Sugar City starts with a recommendation by the committee of 9. Kurt Hibbert said his opinion is the Madison County Ordinance is in conflict with State law. They would like diplomacy to work first. There will be further research with attorneys. Kurt was directed to submit the proposal to the County Clerk on or before September 29, 2022.

Discussion Items:

Edstrom Gravel Pit Extension:

A letter was sent to commissioners requesting an extension of time for Edstrom's gravel pit. Planning and Zoning will be reviewing the matter and will present the commissioners with a recommendation. This will be put off by a month.

East Parkway Corridor: This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

Contracts/Documents:

Designate Polling locations for November elections:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve designated polling locations for the November 1, 2022 Election. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Rapid SOS contract for the Sheriff's Office to enhance mapping and call handling:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Rapid SOS contract for the Sheriff's' Office to enhance mapping and call handling. This will increase data sharing. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to include approval of beer and wine licenses, that will be non-controversial and have been approved each year. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the Beer and Wine licenses listed below. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE REQUESTS:

WALMART, INC. DBA WALMART #1878

WALMART, INC. DBA WALMART #1878 STATION

SUSAN HALLIDAY DBA WALGREENS #00918

Routine Matters:

Claims, as presented by the Clerk:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The grand total of claims was \$831,329.70. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commission meeting minutes: September 12, 2022. These will be placed on the next agenda.

Personnel Actions :

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the Personnel Actions as well as the annual COLA and merit raises for County employees. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Troyce Miskin, Ambulance Discussion:

This discussion is in response to the Ambulance District's request to move fiscal agent to the City of Rexburg from the County. The county auditor is not in favor of moving forward with this matter. The Commissioners asked that the auditor come in to a meeting to further discuss.

Troyce told of a new State Statute that came out recently that gives the Ambulance Districts a separate distinction where all new Districts would be handled the way the Fire District is as a total separate fund with separate accounting. Their desire is to simplify and being managed by 3 entities creates obstacles. Doug Smith states our district is not set up this way, and he has read the statute as provided by legal counsel. It is the BOCC's responsibility to oversee it. If we aren't doing that, it is not right. There are things going on in the fire and ambulance that he doesn't agree with. He wants to see the funds that come in from Wild Land Fire. How do we oversee if everything has been paid for before it comes to commissioners? Troyce responded that the Ambulance District has been in debt in the past and they have recouped funds by providing vehicles and equipment for wildland fires. Having a singular account would help them. When the Joint Powers Agreement was signed, the City was the best entity to do the accounting. The Department is just trying to streamline the process.

Public Comment: There was no one present to comment.

Executive Session: Employee and indigent matters. Chairman Todd Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m. Idaho Code §74-206 (1)(b) employee matters, (d) exempt records - 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 9:50 am.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve Indigent Case No 2021004. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to sign and approve the non-medical Indigent Case #N2022008. Commissioner Doug Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

City of Rexburg, Shirley Subdivision approval: This matter will be on the next agenda.

Ryan Brown, Opioid settlement proposal:

Ryan presented information from his research on uses of the Opioid settlement the county will be receiving. He would like to find support from the community that would mesh with the county for required medical services. Ryan will do further research and report back to the Commissioners. The commissioners agreed with Ryan that the funds should stay within the county to improve the drug use issues that the county is currently dealing with.

Bradley Petersen, RFP Information:

Bradley was present telephonically and the three projects were discussed. Bradley is applying for grants through FEMA for the projects. One of the projects is fully paid for through FEMA and 2 of them will require grant matches that will need to come from the cities and the county.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Doug Smith made a motion to approve the RFP's presented by Bradley for FEMA projects. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Sam Butikofer:

Sam reviewed the procedures he uses in different types of deaths he attends including natural deaths, accidental, suicide, homicide, undetermined and deaths involving infants and children, as well as the time involved to do each. All cremations have to be approved by the Coroner. The only cases he doesn't get involved in are those under hospice or a doctor's care. Sam presented advantages of becoming accredited. Sam also presented information supporting the need for a space for the coroner's office to do the job. He needs a place to store the evidence and do what is required for decedents. He presented suggestions for office space. Also presented were population growth numbers and the need for his position to be a full-time position in the very near future. He presented salary increases for the deputies who are on an on-call basis.

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Doug Smith, Commissioner

Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk