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**Madison County
Commissioner Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023**

Attendees:

**Todd Smith, Commissioner Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Dustin Parkinson, Commissioner
Troy Evans, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kim Muir, County Clerk
Karen Daniels, Deputy Court Clerk**

ACTION ITEMS

This meeting was streamed electronically.

Pledge of Allegiance: By all

Invocation: Commissioner Dustin Parkinson

Calendar Discussion:

Next Commission Meeting: September 5 and 18, 2023.

Schedule of Commissioners:

IAC meetings: Sept 25–27, 2023.

Discussion Items:

County Fair Report. The Fair went well. It was well attended and enjoyed by the public. Most vendors were pleased. The Dog Show presented a problem as they rented a dog friendly Airbnb, but there was damage to the room. This expense will go back on the owner of the show. The Ambulance was called 3 different times for the Motocross and Rodeo.

Discussion regarding adult entertainment in County parks. This matter was tabled for the time being.

EZcareMD and options. Ann Marie received the report and there are 60 people using the service. We currently pay \$10,000/year. Commissioners discussed the worth of the service and if it is worth the funding. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Contracts/Documents:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Rustlers Trail road adoption. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Lincoln Court road adoption. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Parkinson made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Agreement FY2024. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Right of Way contract, Joel and Deanna Jenkins. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Parkinson made a motion to approve the D7 Rent Change Lease Amendment with Butte County. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Road and Bridge Grant Application for Landfill Road Paving.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Road and Bridge Grant Application for Landfill Road Paving. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Road and Bridge Grant Application for Salem Highway Mill and Inlay

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Routine Matters:

Claims, as presented by Clerk. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. The grand total of claims was \$1,130,693.21. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Commission meeting minutes August 8 and August 14, 2023. After review and discussion, Commissioner Parkinson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 8 and August 14, 2023. 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 Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Certificates of Residency:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency as received for Mary Alley, Jordan Brown, Sarah Mace and Becca Ward. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Taylor Carr/Altura:

Corey Child and Troyse Miskin were present with Taylor Carr. They are looking for a larger space and would like to add a second floor over the fire bays. Corey presented architectural drawings of what it would like. This would add a large training space. The County is growing and so are their needs. The County portion would be \$125,000, with the City and Fire District contributing the same. Wild land fire would be asked for \$100,000. A grant application would be submitted by Taylor at Altura for a CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000 as well as an ask from Urban Renewal of \$750,000. Urban Renewal money is not guaranteed at this point. They go to the board on September 20, 2023.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Professional Services Contract for Altura to prepare an RFP for the addition to the Fire Station. This will be separate from the Thornton project. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Troyce Miskin/Chief Corey Child:

Resolution #500. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Resolution #500 Authorizing Resolution for the CDBG grant. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Public Comment: No one present to comment.

Executive Session: Commissioner Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:02 a.m., Idaho Code § 74-206(1) (b) employee matters. A roll call was taken as follows: Commissioner Smith-yes, Commissioner Mendenhall-yes, Commissioner Parkinson-yes. The motion passed. Commissioner returned to open session at 9:27 a.m.

Budget Public Hearing: The Madison County Public Budget Hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and was recorded. There was no one from the public that spoke in favor, neutral or against the proposed FY 2023 budget. The hearing included the Madison County, Mosquito and Ambulance budgets. Ordinance #499 was discussed which will approve the budget. This will be noticed and signed on September 18, 2023 when final numbers have been received from the State Tax Commission.

Adjustments were made to the FY2023 budget to show unexpected revenue and transfer funds to cover unexpected expenses. Mosquito has \$26,200 to add from an insurance claim for a damaged drone. A move of \$200,000 was made to the Solid Waste budget, as well as \$160,000 for the Prosecutor's budget to cover the high-profile case that completed in the fiscal year. Funds

were also moved from fund balances in various departmental budgets for special projects done throughout the year.

Commissioner Mendenhall then closed the public hearing and made a motion to approve the list of budget opening adjustments to the FY2023 budget. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and the motion passed.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the FY2024 budget. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Planning & Zoning:

Final Plat for Sunset Estates Subdivision. The notice had the wrong map on the back but the new packet has the corrected map. Commissioner Parkinson had a concern about the cycles in the pond, Barry Bain, engineer, verified that it can go “up to” 3-4 cycles vs. “has to be” 3-4 cycles.

The application is to subdivide approximately 87 acres into 43 buildable lots, varying in size from 1.004 acres to 3.2 acres. The average density of the subdivision is a little over 2 acres per buildable lot. The property is zoned Trans-Ag. Lots will be serviced with private well and septic. The development will include an irrigation reservoir to be constructed in the SW corner of the development. This will provide irrigation water to each lot through a pressurized system that will pump out of the reservoir. With more than 30 proposed lots, the subdivision is considered “Large Scale Development.”

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Final Plat for Sunset Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Final Plat for Thunderbird Business Park:

The application is for the development of approximately 34 acres into 16 lots in the Thornton area off the freeway. The area is zoned Commercial. Commercial Zoning has no density requirement. The overall development will average 2.12 acres per developable lot. All the lots are at least 1.24 acres. Four lots are 1.24 acres, four lots are 2 acres, three lots are 2.5 acres, with the remaining three lots at 2.72, 3.09, and 3.47 acres. Lots will be served by individual wells and septic. With 16 lots, the subdivision is considered “Medium Scale Development” as defined in Madison County Code 101-2. No correspondence during the process.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Parkinson made a motion to approve Final Plat for Thunderbird Business Park. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Findings of Fact – Preliminary Plat for River’s Edge Subdivision for Overlook Management LLC:

The application is for the development of approximately 60 acres into 28 lots, with lot sizes ranging from 1 acre to 1.5 acres. Shared open space is included in the subdivision. Accounting for roads, the entire development allows for up to 30 lots, though only 28 are platted for development. Lot sizes may be less than 2 acres as long as the entire development provides an

average of 2 acres of land per residential lot. The average density is 2.14 acres per buildable lot. The property is zoned TRANS-AG. Lots will be serviced with private well and septic system. Additionally, a pressurized irrigation water system will provide irrigation water to each lot. With 28 lots, the proposed subdivision is considered a "Medium Scale Development" as defined in MCC 101-2. Although not required for medium scale developments, a traffic impact study has been completed and submitted as part of the application. Additionally, portions of the development are within the Sensitive Land Overlay as defined in MCC 117-61, so the applicant has prepared a Natural Resource Inventory as required. This report is included in the application materials.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve Findings of Fact – Preliminary Plat for River's Edge Subdivision for Overlook Management LLC. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Plat Amendment with Minor Changes Arnold Ranch: This was signed at the last meeting.

Vacate ROW in Salem Townsite: This was signed at the last meeting.

Gary reports there was good success with public outreach at the fair. Water, waste water and traffic were talked about a lot.

Veterans: Fence and Water issues.

The fencing and water at the Fair Grounds were discussed. Parallel parking would not allow for enough room for angle parking. Veterans would like a gate on North end and better access to garbage dumpster. Hoping removing trees could be a benefit for both sides. Evan wants to keep the gate where it is. A straight fence would be easier for snow removal. The water spicket is a good source for outside right now and Zach from Maintenance will install it. Will stub out 1-inch capped line for future for actual sprinkler system out of their building.

Jared Willmore, Tel-mate Contract:

A new phone system for visiting inmates was discussed to link inmates to the outside world through phone calls and video messages and is a more secure way. Requests for visits are sent out digitally. Video visitation was used during Covid as a safety security precaution. The new program will add to our option, mail will be mailed into central office and scanned and sent digitally to inmate. There will be no cost to jail/County. It is paid for through inmate use. We review everything. Inmates can't take tablet off wall or their video goes away.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Parkinson made a motion to sign Tel-mate Contract. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Shawn Boice, ADA Compliance review for the DMV:

Shawn reports the lack of a button to automatically open the door is the only non-compliant problem at the DMV/Driver's License Building. The requirements were noted. We could take the door system when we move from this location. Commissioner Smith said it would cost about \$3000 to add button on door. Commissioner Mendenhall said it would be an investment for

employees and community. Shawn stated that in a litigation situation, if there is a door opener, this is the best standard.

Driver's license side has had complaints about the narrowness of the hall. Jared Arnold from Maintenance was present and said the DMV partition needs to be moved about 10 feet. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve installation of door opener at DMV/DL to assist with ADA compliance. Commissioner Parkinson seconded and voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

Tim Solomon, Pacific Corp:

Tim likes to make sure we are touching base occasionally. The improvement we have made from sub-station to station up here is working very well and he thanked Commissioners for support on that. Employees have given us support. Tim reports they have to deal with wild fire mitigation, especially given recent events in Hawaii They were sued by 16 different insurance companies blaming Pacific Corp for fires and lost, but they are appealing.

He reports, We have public safety power shut offs and other measures with fires. Breakers are designed to reclose rapidly if they falter. If there is dry vegetation or lines on the ground, it will not reopen. We will manually reopen when we see it is safe. If our facilities are on that circuit, we will see a delay. We won't patrol at night since it is not safe. We don't want to put people and property at risk. Environmental conditions based on computer models trigger us setting those settings. We have a team of meteorologists giving us a weather report every day. We will identify places we can turn off, hospitals and jails have risk element, and they need backup generators and they need to be checked often. Crews are on standby, especially in high fire areas. Very systemic to make sure when something happens, we are ready to go.

They have an energy cost adjustment mechanism to forecast variable costs each year that reports if we were above or below, if we are below, we get money back, if not, we have to ask for more money. Since fuel went up, we are asking for more this year. All power companies are seeing a huge increase in the amount of power being requested. EV's and AI are adding to loads since they are highly dependent on electricity. We are having to become more competitive, having to employ unique people and having to pay additional income.

Kirk Mace, Adult Probation update:

Fremont County is pulling out of Tri-County as of October 1st. Signage in court house will be replaced October and will read "Madison County Adult Misdemeanor Probation". James has been with us for 17 years and will now move to Fremont County. We will pay out his comp time. We will transfer two cars to Fremont as well as equipment James currently has.

Clearwater Financial, Review of County Priorities:

Cameron Aerial, Christine Stoll and Jace Perry joined online. Assets were reviewed line by line and discussed and potential future projects were discussed.

The Clearwater team is asking for a point person that can attend weekly online meetings and review and get out PR pieces, etc. Commissioners will discuss further to come up with a point person for decisions and review. Capital improvement plans will be sent to Christine. Commissioners do see a need for a conference room that is big enough to accommodate the needs of the county. Cameron noted it is important to see where we are, to see where we want to be in 5 or 10 years.

Commissioner Todd Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m. Commissioner Mendenhall seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Dustin Parkinson, Commissioner

Attest:

Kim Muir, County Clerk