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Madison County
Special Work Meeting with the City of Rexburg Council and Madison County Commissioners
September 2, 2026

Attendees:
Todd Smith, Commissioner Chairman
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Dustin Parkinson, Commissioner
Karen Daniels, Deputy Clerk

ACTION ITEMS

Review draft of the West Highway Urban Renewal District plan:
Meghan Conrad, Corporate Attorney from Boise, presented an update on the proposed Urban Renewal District plan, which remains in draft form with a target completion date of December 31, 2026. She reported that projected tax revenues should be sufficient to fund the proposed public infrastructure improvements and reviewed the priority projects identified in the plan.

Commissioner Mendenhall asked for clarification regarding what the Commissioners would be agreeing to. Meghan explained that the action would recognize the establishment of the Urban Renewal District plan and the flow of designated revenues to the agency. Commissioner Smith clarified that the plan does not address land use decisions but rather determines where the generated tax revenues are directed.

Review of America250 event:
Matt Nielson presented the expenses and revenues from the America250 event held July 3, 2026. A total of 5,339 tickets were sold, with estimated attendance of approximately 6,000 including promotional tickets. Based on final revenues and expenses, $49,300 is needed in County and City subsidies, and it was noted that the County has already contributed $50,000.

Discuss the parking lot at the Nature Park:
The Commissioners discussed a County-owned parking lot near the Nature Park that is currently used by the public without a formal agreement with the City. With the future relocation of the Fairgrounds, Commissioner Smith suggested discussing whether the City would be interested in purchasing the property to preserve parking and access to its shop. Mayor Merrill also suggested providing nearby residents with written notice clarifying the intended use of the property.

CERT Support:
Mayor Merrill moved to amend the agenda to include CERT support. Council Member Colin Erickson made a motion and Council member Bill Riggns seconded. The motion passed.

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Commissioner Mendenhall highlighted the value of the CERT program, noting its significant volunteer response during the recent Thornton and Hibbard fires. He explained that the Fire Department donated a trailer to CERT, but funding is needed to outfit it and support the teen camp and other community events. Madison County currently contributes $1,000 annually, and the City Council was asked to consider contributing as well. Mayor Merrill noted CERT also assists with City events and agreed to place the request on a future agenda and invite Jon to provide a brief presentation on the program.

Mayor Jerry Merrill adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Approved:
Todd Smith, Commissioner
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner
Dustin Parkinson, Commissioner
Attest:
Kim Muir, County Clerk