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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
AUGUST 24, 2015	8:00 A.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks, Jon Weber and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir	

AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Ricks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

County Business:

Committee & Board Report

Todd Smith: Twin Bridges Discussion: Todd met at the Twin Bridge site with Kelly Hoopes from Horrocks Engineering and Eric Miller who works for Geo-Tech, an engineering firm. Eric lives in the Archer area, drives the Twin Bridges daily and wanted to know what the county's plan was for the bridge. He noticed there is more water running through the south channel. There are companies that would do extensive studies and research and the cost would be about \$200,000 (similar to an environmental study). He feels that the County will have to do it at some point and that grants may be available with this paperwork in place. We could start coming up with the funds and he knows of other partners that he could pull in to help us with the project. When Twin Bridges becomes an issue with a high water year, we put a Band-Aid on it and never really fix the problem. Randy Johnson with Forsgren also called Todd and would be interested in helping us with the surveying. The previous Road and Bridge administrator had some preliminary work done and Cindy will be asked to locate the research and grant history completed so far on the project. Research suggests that this could be a big El Nino year with a heavy snowfall. The study would encompass whether digging a channel south of the bridge to connect the two bridges would make a difference. The Sheriff's Department also may have some information regarding studies that have been done in the past.

Jon Weber:

Fair Board Budget: The fair board would like to hire a full time employee to help Rodney. Nothing has been finalized yet.

Calendar Items

Kristine Lund contacted Commissioner Ricks regarding the November 12, 2015 meeting that was selected for a District 6 meeting which falls the day after Veterans Day. They would like to move it so more people could attend. The date was changed to November 19, 2015.

Contracts and Documents

Review of agreement. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the agreement with Fremont-Madison Irrigation District on the Madison Bridge Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2015. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Commissioner Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2015. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Certificates of Residency. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks motioned to approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Madison Memorial Hospital Executive Session, Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to consider deliberation for an interest in real property, and subsection (d) regarding exempt records.

Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Health and Welfare, Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:32 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(c) to consider deliberation for an interest in real property and subsection (d) regarding exempt records. (Commissioner Ricks -yes, Commissioner Weber-yes, Commissioner Smith – yes). Commissioners returned to open session at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Liens on Case No's 2015028, 2015029 and 2015027. Sign Denials on case Nos. 2015027, and 2015026. Sign CAT Assignments on Case No's 2015-00001, 2015-0002, and 2015-0003. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent McFadden Easement for Beaver Dick back Parking Lot and general services matters.

- The back parking lot at Beaver Dick Park is complete and Road and Bridge did a great job. They will put up a sign indicating day parking only on the new back section.
- The new mower was wrecked and the employee was terminated. It can and will be fixed.
- Brent will return at 11:00 a.m. for a meeting with Dee Eldridge.
- Moving the monument at Beaver Dick Park was discussed. A lady in Minnesota owns the property that it currently sits on. They are in the process of getting an agreement to relocate the monument.
- Commissioner Ricks ask Brent about a call he received from Greg Blaser. A committee was formed and they have permission from the Plano Cemetery Board to build a

monument on cemetery property as a Veterans Memorial recognizing area residents who have served in the military. Rather than going through the process of obtaining a 501 (C)(3), they can go on the County's back. This would run through the county books and a line will be set up on the Clerk's trust.

- Planning and Zoning is working on septic system re-write with EIPH and DEQ.
- A Public Hearing needs to be set up on the detached garage/accessory building issue.

Reo/Cindy/Maxine Sand Shed, Change Order 1000 E Bridge, Archer Gravel Pit House

The owners will be put on notice that the truck traffic pulling onto 3000 North has chewed up the roadway there.

- The Twin Bridges was again discussed and Cindy was asked to look for information regarding past grants that have been applied for. Cindy has discussed this with LHTAC and they feel that the grant could be improved and resubmitted. The rating for the bridge is not low enough at this time, but could change at any point in time. Commissioners expressed that we don't want to duplicate work that has already been done. There are hydrologist studies completed.
- The change order for the 1000 East Bridge that was expected to be signed today has not come through at this time. Reo believes this was for the striping. This will be set in an upcoming agenda.
- Reo would like to purchase a Sand Shed and presented bids for this purpose. It would be situated on the northeast corner of the Road and Bridge shop property. They are currently using property at the Fair Grounds, but it is wearing out. The building is open ended and there are no windows, doors or utilities to be included. The building will need to go out for bid and be published as specified by Idaho Code. The building has been engineered.
- Final Household event September 9 and 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The State will pick up pesticide and herbicide from the last Household event on Monday the 31st of August.
- Archer Gravel Pit House. Todd met a property manager at the home and believes it can be rented out. A contract will be presented at the next meeting to turn it over to a property management firm to lease out. It would be better to have it occupied throughout the winter. Power and water will be included in the agreement.
- Reo reports over 18 miles of seal coating completed, this is a large increase over what has occurred in years past.
- Maxine would like to update the Solid Waste Carolina Software to the new version. It was last updated in 2005. This is the Waste Works program for the scales and is estimated at \$4,500. This was approved by Commissioners. Maxine will wait until October to purchase.

Kandee, Jon, Luke and Wayne Jones, Interim Eastern District Director, Update on Programs

Luke introduced John Hogge - Area Crop Specialist who was just hired as the area educator, Wayne Jones and Kandee Boice. They wanted Commissioners to meet everyone and do an update on the Extension Office. John was hired to provide training on cereals (mostly barley and wheat) crops. He serves Bonneville, Jefferson, Teton, Clark and Madison. There is also 5%

4-H in his contract to attend 4-H camp, schools and the fairs. He has been getting to know Madison County and meet with growers. Commissioner Weber asks how his reception has been with the farmers. John reports it has been really good, as he worked with them in his previous position with forages and crop rotation before he was employed by Madison County. He has many specialists he can draw from through the University. John has been very busy in the month he has worked for the County.

Wayne reported on Master Gardening classes, and weeds in grasses were also discussed. The County Agent does not own his County. Agents work in many counties and they are becoming more specialized to deal with specific needs. The hope is that when the public has specific needs, there will be a specialist in the area to help them. Commissioners asked what classes take place in Madison County: Classes in QuickBooks, beef schools, estate planning, 4H, research plots, horticulture, and master gardener classes, Family Consumer Science Educators come from surrounding states to teach some of these classes. There are many counties and states coming to teach classes in our county and our employees also serve other counties. We do receive a lot of benefit for the funds provided to the County Extension Office.

Kandee was complimented for a successful fair. The livestock sale went well with more participation than in the past. Sewing numbers were down slightly, but there was a sewing camp that was offered earlier in the year. They have done a few large project camps this year and had great success. There were more kids involved in Livestock, Archery, Rocketry, Lego and Lego Robotics, etc. Kandee had a great intern helping her this year, especially with the fair.

Luke added that Kandee has turned the 4H program around in the past few years. New project areas have been added and more kids are interested in the livestock portion. Wayne also complemented our County and the great job Kandee has done and said that our fair is head and shoulders above the other counties.

Commissioners mentioned the finance side, and also the programming and delivery side of the services offered by this office. There are many needs of community members being met through the County Agent's efforts. They would like them to get the word out to community members about the many services offered by this office so they are utilized to the fullest extent. How to get the word out was discussed. They are on Facebook; they participate in blogs, fair booths and ads. They will continue to try to get the word out.

Dee Eldridge Review and sign Quit Claim Deed/Easement for Access

One deed between the County, and Dee and Mary Eldridge were explained by Troy and the legal description was prepared by Harper Leavitt. An easement agreement was also explained by Troy, for the county to access its gravel pit through the Eldridge property. The gravel pit is on the south and the access easement would allow the county access to the gravel pit. Mr. Eldridge argues that the agreement takes in the whole corner piece and he would like 20 - 22 feet specified in the agreement. He has paid for several surveys and would like this corrected. He does not feel the county needs the entire corner. He has talked to Clint at Harper Leavitt. A normal easement is 20 feet and Dee told him to take 22 feet. He asks commissioners why they

need that much just to go in and out on the roadway. It was agreed to go 25 feet on the easement and Mr. McFadden and Harper Leavitt will accompany Mr. Eldridge this week to get another legal description to the property to place in the easement agreement. This will be put on the next meeting agenda. The County has used this property with full agreement of Mr. Eldridge.

Lunch Break: Lunch with Jim Archibald to discuss Public Defender Contract: Jim Archibald was tied up in a jury trial in Bonneville County today. This meeting will be rescheduled.

Matt Nielsen, Corey Child, Mike Walker, Review of Ambulance District Budget for FY 2016

Matt explained a spreadsheet he created showing the Ambulance Districts revenues and expenses. There was a discussion on ways to bring in additional revenue. Medicare/Medicaid issues are currently being looked at by legislature as payments are discounted by at least 50%. There is legislation currently being reviewed to have this changed. Commissioners and Clerk's will discuss this further at the Idaho Association of County meetings in September. This is a long term fix, but Commissioners would like to focus on this year and how to fund the budget for the upcoming year.

The Ambulance District is funded by the Ambulance District proceeds, Fire District, property taxes and the City of Rexburg. Personnel are 50/50 between the City and County. Questions were ask about how they determine when funds come in, which fund the proceeds go into. Corey believes that the splits are fair. They also believe that 75% of the calls they receive are for Ambulance, so they feel that contributions to the building are tipped on the side of the ambulance. The original formula was established in 2000 when the combined districts were formed. Commissioner Ricks wonders if there should be a population or property value in the formula. The percentage split is fire 38/62 ambulance – this is taken from the census based on population and property value. If the ambulance district were by itself without the fire, it would be a greater burden on both entities and all agree that it is a great blessing to have the three entities together.

One of the problems stems from the L2 from last year, wherein the wrong levy rate was used to compute property tax revenue, which has resulted in less money being collected. They are also changing billing companies and hope to collect additional funds in a faster period.

Commissioner Ricks asked if there were any assets that could be liquidated. Chief Child comments that there are no ambulances not being used and they are pretty worthless once they are used and then donated to County and City entities. Heart monitors are all being used at the current time. They do rotate ambulances to keep mileage down on all of the vehicles. Mike Walker commented that ambulance rates could be increased slightly. They are currently competitive with the market, but will do comparisons with other counties and see if other ambulance districts are subsidized by the counties. They participate with Blue Cross and MBNA and others on contracts. No one wants to see services cut, but funding is an issue that will be further researched.

Commissioners Discussion for Recreation District:

Those present: Matt Nielsen from the City of Rexburg, Joe Woodcock Co-Chair of the Fair Committee; Scott Smith interested citizen, David Rail and Tara Rail Members of the Fair Committee.

Over the past few years a recreation district has been discussed and it was put to the voters, but turned down. The matter has come up a few times in the past few years and Commissioner Weber wondered if it needs to be discussed further. The Fairgrounds is driving this discussion. The fairgrounds are landlocked and we are receiving complaints for noise and parking problems by surrounding residents. This would not just be a community building, but soccer and ball fields and new fair grounds. We want to preserve our agricultural heritage and the 28 acres the fairgrounds are on is prime real estate. Do we want to form a committee to look at options and costs? It would begin with Commissioners and they would need some people to study every aspect of it to make an informed decision.

Commissioner Smith struggles with further taxation to citizens, but likes the idea of getting a committee together to research all areas of a Recreation District. Commissioner Weber states that he has no idea where this would go. We would brainstorm to find the best location at the best cost.

Commissioner Ricks stated that he is not sure it would start with the commissioners, but clarified that they would have to initiate the vote. A majority vote would be required after 20% of the certified voters sign a petition. He also asked; do we want to move the Fairgrounds? Does that need to be established first? If we move the fairgrounds, does the committee go as far as to name a location before it goes to a vote? What to do at the new location will need to be defined. Is it just a fairgrounds or will there be more? He is in favor of pursuing, but would like a committee to answer these questions first.

There was a committee formed several years ago just before the Envision Madison was started. They ask Matt Nielsen, from the City to head up the task force, as part of the Rec district. They have a study that was completed by Envision Madison they would be happy to provide.

Scott Smith would like clarification on what a recreation district is. It was explained as a taxing authority and would have provision that a Board would manage it. The County commissioners would appoint the first board and they would provide bylaws that would govern the board. It would operate independent of the county, and the city or the county would be their fiscal agent. Scott comments that if it is an additional tax, he probably would not vote for it. He asks if there can be some fundraising done, in place of taxation.

Joe states that there may be grant money and fundraising opportunities. This is a long term goal and it may not happen for years. Commissioner Weber would just like to start the process. Commissioner Smith commented that the 4H program has doubled over the past few years. Commissioner Ricks asks Matt if he could prepare a 15 minute summary of the findings from

the past committee and the results of the Envision Madison surveys. Commissioners would like to start the process. Commissioner Ricks expressed appreciation for those in attendance taking time out of busy schedules to come into the meeting.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 3:38 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Kimber Ricks, Commission Chairman
Jon Weber, Commissioner
Todd Smith, Commissioner