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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
MARCH 23, 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

Public Comment:

Dan Roberts stated he went to the Yellowstone Coalition meeting, which was held in Rexburg last week. Regarding the MOU, he sees that we don't have to abide by anything but wanted to discourage Commissioners from signing it. He feels it whets the appetite and puts us in a position for priority for grants which Dan is opposed to.

He would like to suggest Shane Ruebush for the Planning & Zoning Commission and feels it would be a good gesture of fairness to watch zoning laws and let people decide what they want to do with their property. He feels Shane is qualified and knows sewer and septic system laws very well. He is also volunteering himself, though he has disdain for planning and zoning, he would like his voice to be heard.

County Business:

Committee & Board Reports - There were no committee and board reports

Discussion Items

New Planning & Zoning Board Member Position

There are open Planning & Zoning positions, one for the county and one for the city impact area. These positions require commissioner appointment. Commissioner Smith has received the name of Rory Kunz for the city impact area and Aaron Swenson for the County Planning & Zoning board member.

Larry Rincover Contract - 5000 South Project

Commissioner Weber stated that LHTAC is the funding source for right of way acquisition. Larry will be the general contractor per se to oversee the complete process with appraiser, Brent Thompson, and an independent review of the appraisers by ITD. Larry will then perform the negotiation process. Between Larry and the property owner, they will come up with a purchase price. Commissioner Ricks asked if 5000 South is still going to be on schedule to move ahead with the Thornton Interchange, and it was reported to be a year behind the interchange construction. Commissioner Weber stated that in a meeting with LHTAC, Dave Alvarez reports moving the Thornton Interchange forward beginning in September of this year.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the MOU for the Greater Yellowstone Consortium. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to amend the agenda to include calendar items. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

The March 30th meeting with the BYU-I Center was discussed and agenda items were decided on.

Contracts and Documents

Review and sign Resolution #389 Adopting Madison County Personnel Policy

Changes included renaming “sick time” to “personal time off”, vacation hours were adjusted to match the old policy, and a cap was placed on bereavement leave and other small changes. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #389 Adopting Madison County Personnel Policy and put in place the new personnel policy with the various changes. This replaces Resolution #385. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve and sign the Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2015. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Certificates of Residency for the following: Dustin Baldwin, Devan Berry, Zachary Belnap and Reagan Cook. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Health and Welfare – Indigent Clerk (Ann Marie Sorenson):

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(d) exempt records (Commissioner Ricks - yes, Commissioner Weber - yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case Nos. 2015003, 2007018, 2015002 and 2015004, sign Lien on Case No. 2015018, sign Amended Approval on Case No. 2014036-B, Denial on Case Nos. 2015012 and 2015009 and Approval on Case No. 2015013. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to recess Commissioners’ Meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to convene Board of Equalization for 2015. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

BOE Matters:

There have been no applications received by the Clerk or Assessor at this time.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to the recess Board of Equalization. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to reconvene the March 23, 2015 Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Shawn Boice - Ag Exemptions:

Various Ag exemptions were discussed between the Assessor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant ag exemptions for the following properties: Floyd Wilcox and Sons, Stacey Keele, Brent Gee, Christy Swenson, Bart Stevens for Valley View Estates and Hillview Properties, Harvest Heights LLC, Craig Rammell and Emery Lee Garrett. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to deny Paul Dye's exemption as this property will be reviewed further. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

City of Rexburg and Madison School District properties were removed from the annual exemption list as they are government entities and school districts are automatically exempt.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve exemptions for Presbytery of Kendall, Shumway Academy Ltd., Grace Baptist Church, Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, Upper Valley Friendship Club, Four Paws Pet Adoptions, East Idaho Community Action for Twin Pines Apartments and Development Workshop. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent McFadden – MOU with Greater Yellowstone Coalition/Budget and Weed Control:

- Brent pointed out to Commissioners that his Building and Grounds budget is over budget. He explained the court house and administration building are old buildings and are costing more to keep them properly maintained. Brent was asked to have a contractor come in and do a walk through for a 5-10 year plan of what will need to be upgraded to present at budget time this year.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the Weed/ITD Contract. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Brent mentioned that Stones can no longer get the truck ordered for the Weed Department, but they can get a truck that has \$2,000 in additional options. Stone's is requesting \$500 additional from the county, and they will pay the difference of \$1,500. Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay \$500 in additional options for a truck. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Reo/Cindy/Maxine – Update on Projects Working On/Loader Contract/Federal Surplus Renewal Application and Discuss Veteran Punch Card:

- Reo reported that road surveys are complete. They presented a current list of projects the road crews will be working on in the near future for overlays and crack seal. Overlays will begin May 1st. Load restrictions have been removed. Roads fared well this year over the winter.
- Guard rail project will begin April 6th.

- Reo ask about the Val Moss road. We are waiting for payments to come in before work can begin.
- The City of Rexburg would like to purchase chips and oil, and Commissioners approved. Road and Bridge will charge the same as H & K, but it will save the City from having to pay transportation to and from Jefferson County.
- The 1000 East Bridge work will begin in June. The old bridge is still on-site and will need to be removed.
- Western States is offering a great trade-in for a loader at Solid Waste, which will be used as the first payment. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the contract with Western States. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioners were asked for names wanted on the federal surplus renewal application. Maxine will put the names discussed on the contract and bring it in for signature.
- Maxine would like to do a punch card for Veterans for disposal of household or C & D site waste. Troy will further research this matter.
- Maxine is planning four free hazardous waste dump events between April and September.

Courtney and Gary/Archibald Insurance – Interest in Proposal for Insurance:

Courtney and Gary would like a chance to bid on county health insurance this year. They have invested a lot into value added programs and are currently servicing Fremont County and have saved them considerable money. Courtney would like permission to get our data and prepare an analysis. Commissioner Smith asked how our grandfathering status would be impacted if we switched insurance carriers, and Courtney replied it would change if you change the employer contribution towards benefits or switch from Blue Cross. Courtney will do an analysis to see what the best way to proceed would be. Commissioner Ricks stated he would like to have Archibald present a proposal. Commissioner Weber stated he likes to see good coverage for employees who travel outside the country and for missionaries. A letter granting Archibald Insurance information regarding the County’s plan was drafted and presented to the Commissioners to review. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve a letter to Archibald Insurance obtaining information to quote medical insurance. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Dee Eldridge – Teton Pit:

Dee presented pictures and maps showing his property, Madison County’s property and survey pins and explained that he purchased his property next to the County’s Teton Pit in 1992. Over the years the property pins have been switched and moved because the Garner ditch moved to the south. He has maintained the county’s ditch banks, and the county has accessed his property to get to our pit. To keep his property contiguous, he would like to purchase a portion of the property which is about 8/10 of an acre.

Luke Erickson – Cereal Specialist/New Position:

Luke introduced Wayne Jones, who is the Interim District Director. Gale Harding has been gone a long time as the County Ag Agent and finances have restricted them from hiring, until now. They are now in a position to rehire to cover all agricultural areas for the entire region. The university is focusing on area extension supervisors. The new agent will be housed in Madison County, and they are hoping Commissioners will be able to help fund travel expenses and it may require a vehicle. The focus will be on cereals and lab testing to test for viruses, etc. The

position will cover Jefferson, Clark, Fremont, Teton and Madison Counties. Funding for the 2016 budget was discussed. Commissioner Smith volunteered to sit in on the interviews.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to adjourn at 3:43 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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