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Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
MARCH 30, 2015	9:00 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

Presentation of Project by BYU-I E-Center:

The meeting was joined by the following six students telephonically, who are on the research team: Natalia Zurita-Quintana, Chris Campbell, Spencer Thomas, Sam Garrett, Ray Lauritzen, and Shawn Sears. Most of the students on the project are taking the class online. Corey Smith, Will Jensen and Wyatt McGregor were in attendance.

Phase I of the study is complete. The front end work was done to see if it was worth County funds to continue.

There are no previous records showing how interchanges impact the economy. The team found 15 specific interchanges to focus on and about half were rural or semi-rural. Satellite imagery was used to go back to 1992 to identify where an interchange was newly constructed and view the lay of the land before and after the interchange was built. The team viewed each area over a 25 year period to see the change that had occurred. Interchanges have changed the economy more than anything else, both commercially and residentially. The average interchange costs \$30 million to build and takes approximately 20 months to construct.

They did show an interchange in Shelley (Shelley-Firth) where no growth has taken place. Wyatt showed samples in Colorado where interchanges were 1.5 miles apart as would be the case if there was a Bear World Interchange. Over the 25 year period, there was significant commercial growth at one and more residential growth at the other. Graphs were shown which reflect increased revenue received from property tax payments.

The study showed seven specific interchanges which indicate growth occurred in a 10-15 year period. Most showed substantial growth, with the Shelley interchange being the only one reflecting no growth. Commissioner Weber feels if there were a few businesses/services at the interchange site, it would attract others. Commissioner Ricks commented that the Shelley Interchange is hardly a comparison as it wasn't intended to attract growth. At the time it was built as part of the freeway. Also shown was an alternate idea to building an interchange.

Phase II will show the economic impact and would cost approximately \$15,000, but they feel there would be a match coming from the USDA and RDA. Will is in the process of completing paperwork for a grant which is due by mid-April. Bear World committed to contribute to the

grant match. The time frame for the next phase would include a team that would begin April 20th and would be completed near the end of July. Will, from the E center, would then generate the results of the economic impact, which would take about six weeks.

County Business:

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

Contracts and Documents

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign and approve the contract with Negotiation Services, L.L.C. for Right-Of-Way Appraisals and Negotiation. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Bureau of Federal Surplus Property Authorization to Bid Contract. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claim presented by the clerk for the Fair Board, but the invoice will go in front of the Fair Board for approval. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Community Council (Madison Cares) mental health letter of support. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve the letter of intent to the E-Center Grant Application and the \$3,000 payment to continue the study. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Discussion Items

The agenda for the department head meeting was finalized.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Rory Kunz to the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and appoint Aaron Swenson to the County Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Field Trip to Teton Gravel Pit/Dee Eldridge Property:

Commissioners and Mr. Evans visited the County gravel pit in Teton and the adjoining Eldridge Pit with Mr. Eldridge, and Mr. Eldridge explained the property transfer that he proposes to the County. The proposal involves less than an acre total and will serve the purpose of straightening a boundary line and clarifying access to the Eldridge pit.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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