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Madison County		
Commissioners Meeting Minutes		
		
MAY 9, 2016	9:00 A.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir, Deputy Clerk: Ilene Palmer	

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance: Clerk Kim Muir

Invocation: Commissioner Weber

Public Comment: No one present to comment

County Business

Committee & Board Reports:

Commissioner Weber, Fair board Committee

Commissioner Weber explained the Populous Plan that has been created for the Fair Grounds and a lot of work has been put into this plan. The Board would like to have the Commission pay one-half of the Plan's expense. Commissioner Ricks expressed interest in supporting this plan. This may eventually need to go out to a Recreation District for funding or have citizens and/or businesses give large donations. Commissioner Smith suggested that \$50,000 used on a plan would go a long way to fix up a building or make improvements to the grounds, however that planning needs to be done. Some people will always oppose spending money; however the County needs something that we can be proud of in 20 years. Commissioner Weber and Commissioner Smith attended a meeting with the Fair Board, Live Stock Committee and 4H. There are funds needed to expand 4H. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to commit to pay one-half of the expense for the Populous plan in the amount of approximately \$25,000.00. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. The Fair Board will be responsible for the other half of this plan's costs. Comments were made to commend the Fair Board for their forward thinking and the great job they are doing to improve the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Smith, Golf Board and a discussion of County sponsoring teams in events

The golf course is having a great year. There are tournaments coming up and they are asking if the County would sponsor a team. The City of Rexburg already sponsors a team; Commissioner Smith asked if the County should also sponsor a team for the tournaments. Commissioners are concerned about taxpayer money being used to sponsor events, and declined to sponsor a team at this time.

Commissioner Ricks mentioned that the Community Partnership met last week. Shelley from BYU-Idaho would like information on any County events that the community should know about such as the Fair, golf tournaments, election information and major events. She asked if these events should be on the

website and if they could be included on the community calendar as well as linked to the County website.

Discussion Items

Tri County discussion regarding Teton County decision

Ryan and Shay were present to explain that Teton County has decided to stay with Tri-County through 2017, subject to conditions. The minutes from the April 25, 2016 Teton County Commission meeting were read concerning this topic. Tri County has expressed that there will be conditions to this decision. These conditions have not been received yet by Madison County. The Tri County governing board will then meet to discuss the conditions and options.

Calendar Discussion Items

Challis May 25th – May 26 Commissioner Smith cannot attend, Commissioners Weber and Ricks will tentatively attend.

Commissioner Ricks may go to WIR in Jackson May 26 and 27.

The Hospital Retreat begins this Friday, May 13th and will last through Saturday May 14th.

Budget meetings will be held June 1st and 2nd.

Health Board meeting is scheduled Thursday May 12. Commissioner Smith will attend in Commissioner Ricks absence.

Budget and Levy Training May 10 at EITC in Idaho Falls.

Contracts/Documents

Review and sign: Third Addendum to Professional Services Agreement

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign and approve the Third Addendum to Professional Services Agreement with Negotiation Services. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Larry Rincover was present to explain the addendum to the Professional Services Agreement which will process the Mortensen paper work. This needs to be done in case of any audits in the future. Funding for this roadway is likely two years out through LHTAC, but may be moved up depending upon other projects and monies. Larry suggested that we stay in touch with Scott Ellsworth.

Review and sign: Change Order #12 for the 1000 E Bridge

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign and approve Change Order #12 for the 1000 East Bridge.

Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Review and sign: Fair Board Contract with Populous per the earlier vote to approve.

Review and sign: Grant proposal Family Decision Making, Millennium Grant Program

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve the Grant Proposal for Family Decision Making and the Millennium Grant proposal. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

Commissioner Ricks 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 Commissioner Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions

Commissioner Ricks motioned to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Agenda Items

Gary Wilcox: swearing in for Flood District (1) Commission

Mr. Wilcox was sworn in to serve on the Flood Control District #1 Commission by Clerk Kim Muir.

Tri County Probation & Health & Welfare Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1) (b) employee matters and (d) exempt records, Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk, Brent McFadden, General Services.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:37 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1) (b) employee matters and (d) exempt matters.

Commissioner Ricks—yes

Commissioner Weber—yes

Commissioner Smith—yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign Liens on Case No's. 2016029, 2016030 and 2016031 and sign Amended Approval on Case No. 2016017, sign Approvals on Case No's. 201600221, 2016022 and 2016026. There was a discussion on case No's 2014003 and 2014011. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent McFadden

Odd lot survey discussion Gary Mackay Hibbard discussion.

Brent reported the property has been surveyed. Gary Mackay is not interested in paying for the property. The County considers this waste property because it is swamp land. Civil Attorney, Troy Evans, reviewed this further and found in statute that the property has to be sold at market value. Where the adjoining property owner does not want to pay the current market value for the property of \$1,500, the County will act no further on this matter, and it will be considered closed.

Findings of Fact: Septic System Ordinance

Public Hearing in June

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to hold a Commissioners Public Hearing on the Septic System Ordinance. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Legal counsel was asked if County P & Z Commissioner members could testify at this upcoming public hearing, and the answer was yes if they wanted to make public comment at that hearing.

This matter will be noticed for a Public Hearing in the evening on a Wednesday or Thursday, June 15 or 16, 2016. This date will be set and published.

Tile bid for Adult Probation

Brent presented two bids and mentioned the bids are for different grades of tile. The Gunderson bid will match the existing tile. Commissioner Weber made a motion to accept Gunderson's original bid. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Boiler at the Jail

The boiler is original equipment and needs to be replaced. Brent said there is a bid for replacement coming, however, he is looking at another engineer for specifications. Commissioner Weber asked to

have more bids. The Commissioners agree that it makes sense to replace the boiler when the weather permits.

Cindy Roberson, 5000 Grant match discussion

The County cost is \$86,300 for the grant match; however, the County can continue to make payments. Funds have been set aside for this match.

Scott Ellsworth with LHTAC would like to know if the County wants to move forward on the frontage road. The next step in the process is to get a construction bid. This is still being considered.

Shawn Boice, Becky Miller Home Fire Tax Cancellation

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the tax cancellation for the Becky Miller Home where a fire occurred. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Rich Dickman/Dawn, VEBA benefit

Dawn presented information that was received from HRA VEBA. Remaining funds not spent are put into the employee's account based on the following: 20+ years with the County receive 100%, 15+ years receive 75%, 10+ years receive 50%, 5+ years receive 25%. At retirement, in order to roll all the funds that are left in the account into the VEBA account, the County must have 100% participation by all employees. The use of VEBA insurance was discussed; many employees don't understand how it works and how it benefits them. Rolling over these funds will help employees pay for medical premiums during the interim after retirement and when Medicare pays the employee's health insurance at age 65. Commissioners would like to set up a retirement seminar to assist employees to better understand all of the insurance benefits offered to County employees that would include Social Security, PERSI, VEBA, and DOL. Dawn will put together a list of employees that are 58 years and older to discuss at the next department head meeting. The department heads will solicit feedback from these employees. We will also send out an email asking potential retiree's in the next year what they would like included in this seminar.

Jeremiah Cochran, Final report on wages and salaries

Jeremiah met with the Commissioners to report on where he is at with the Wage and Salary project. He thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work with the County. He had hoped to have a final proposal; however, he is not there yet. He would like to meet with supervisors one or two more times to get feedback. Today, he would like to talk philosophically about the project and get feedback from the Commissioners. He explained that a project like this is tough to deliver because there are so many variables. The project will help fulfill the desired improvement in employees and ultimately the correct compensation for the work they perform. Jeremiah would like to meet with all department heads before June 24th to assist them in better understanding the plans he is creating. A lunch has been scheduled for Department Heads on June 13, 2016 from 11:30am – 1:30pm; this will help to solidify the importance of the Step and Grade scale and newly created job descriptions.

Jeremiah presented a new proposed pay schedule. He commented that most Supervisors said they did not agree with nor understand the current Step and Grade Scale that Madison County currently uses. A new Step and Grade scale was presented and discussed. This scale will be presented to Department Heads and Elected Officials first by Jeremiah and then as a group on June 13.

Jeremiah will return to the next Commission meeting during lunch on May 23rd to discuss this further.

Lunch Break

Stephen Zollinger, Rexburg P & Z Commission Conditional Use Permit, 100 foot monopole

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the recommendation for the 100 foot monopole. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

The proposed pole is on the Dean Kunz property. Verizon is recommending installation of a 100 foot monopole. This is recommended by the City of Rexburg planning and zoning and was done by them because the property is within the impact area, and has been approved by the FAA because of close proximity to the Airport. This is a 2nd proposed location; the first proposed location did not work out. New technology is requiring more poles with less height in the future. Steve will bring over findings and documents for the Commissioners to sign.

Tim McGarry, Damage to Cattle Guard at Lyman Creek

Reo and Brent went to the property and took pictures of the fence and cattle guard. It is actually the fence that is damaged and will be an easy fix. Randy Horman with the grooming board needs to be alerted that we are aware of the situation and ask him to let us know in the future when there is damage. It appears the damage occurred during the winter with a groomer, and this was not reported. Repairs will need to be billed to the snowmobile grooming budget. Reo will follow through with Randy to make sure this is resolved.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner