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MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 9/1/2010-1

MEETING AGENDA

September 7, 2010 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS ROOM

Madison County Commissioners

Kimber Ricks Robert Hansen, Chairman Jon O. Weber

4:00 p.m. Closing Documents for Co-op Property  
or 60 day due diligence extension

5:00 p.m. Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget

Adjourn at close of Public Hearing

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THE ABOVE NOTICED MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE  
MADISON COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.  
IT IS ASSUMED THESE SCHEDULED TIMES ARE CORRECT.  
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE SCHEDULE WILL  
BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY  
MADISON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES  
September 7, 2010 4:00 p.m.  
COMMISSIONERS' ROOM

Present: Commissioner Robert Hansen, Chairman, Commissioner Kimber Ricks, Commissioner Jon O. Weber, Attorney Troy Evans and Clerk Marilyn Rasmussen

Closing Documents for Co-op Property or 60 day due diligence extension:

After discussion regarding the closing documents for the Co-op property, Commissioner Weber made a motion to authorize Morgan Construction a 60-day due diligence extension to November 5, 2010, Commissioner Hansen seconded and voting was unanimous.

Public Hearing for 2011 Budget:

Commissioner Hansen opened the Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget at 5:12 p.m.

2011 Budget Hearing and information were published as required by State Law.

Changes in Budget:

Prosecuting Attorney: \$500 is being moved from C Budget – Expenses to A Budget – Salaries

Planning and Zoning: \$7,520 is being moved from C Budget – Expenses to A Budget – Salaries

Snowmobile: Administrative Fee is being reduced from \$6,000 to \$1500 and the remaining \$4500 is being added to the Contingency Account

Commissioner Hansen made a motion to approve the above stated changes as they did not increase the budget, but made changes within the budget, Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Jeffrey Hochstrasser stated that he was concerned with the budget increases from 2008 to 2011 being approximately \$5.1 million. The Governor has asked the State Legislature to cut budgets, school districts have cut budgets and so he asked why Madison County feels that they can increase their budget when other areas in the State are holding the line with their budgets.

Commissioner Hansen stated that it is within the explanation of the line items.

Marilyn Rasmussen, Clerk explained that there were significant changes with how grants and stimulus funds were being accounted for in the 2011 Budget. Each grant will now be shown as an individual fund and stimulus funds received from the federal government will be shown in a line item within a fund. Each department was asked by the Commissioners to stay within the same budget as during the 2010 year. GIS was moved from the General Fund to Re-evaluation so the increases in benefits could be budgeted within the General Fund.

Mr. Jeffrey Hochstrasser asked if this budget would increase his property tax for 2011. He stated that his City of Rexburg tax was lower than the County tax. He realized that he did use County facilities, but did not understand why their tax was so much higher.

Marilyn Rasmussen explained that the County was responsible for the Ambulance District, Mosquito Abatement District, Welfare, Transfer Station and Courts for the entire County and these were items the City of Rexburg was not responsible to maintain.

Mr. Jeffrey Hochstrasser asked again if his property tax would increase for 2011.

Marilyn Rasmussen explained that would depend on the value of his property, the entire County Market Value and each taxing district request.

Under Sheriff Kaufman explained that the grants for the Sheriff's Office are for specific equipment or personnel and these grants are instrumental in maintaining quality of service to the community.

Bill Moss 410 Partridge Lane, Rexburg, ID, asked to have the term re-evaluation explained and why GIS was changed to that department.

It was explained that it was the financial levy given by the Legislature for the Assessor's Office to appraise property. The budget for the GIS Department was placed in this budget as they are instrumental in assisting with the parcel data control, mapping and addressing.

Mr. Moss wanted to know why with the grant funding, the County had not cut back in departmental spending.

Sheriff Klingler stated that if you would look at where they were eight years ago, the grants have helped reduce what it is costing them to operate through the General Fund.

Commissioner Weber explained that it is important to keep our County employees and that revenue to help maintain services to the community is coming from grants and stimulus funds. The grants and stimulus funds have specific auditing criteria that the County must meet and these funds have been instrumental in upgrading roads and purchasing equipment. The Commissioners have asked every department/office to be careful in their spending and hiring and they are asked to justify the need.

Commissioner Hansen noted that last year there was a tax shift to Agricultural land.

Commissioner Hansen made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget for Madison County, Commissioner Hansen seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget for the Mosquito Abatement District, Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget for the Ambulance District, Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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Robert Hansen, Chairman

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Kimber Ricks

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Jon O. Weber