



# Madison County Commissioners

## Meeting Minutes

**JANUARY 9, 2012**

**8:00 AM**

**COMMISSIONERS ROOM**

### ATTENDEES

**Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks, Jon Weber and Todd Smith**  
**Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans**  
**Clerk: Kim Muir**

## AGENDA TOPICS

**Invocation:** Troy Evans

Commissioner Ricks thanked the County for the plant received while in the hospital, reported that his surgery went well and the prognosis for the future looks encouraging.

### **Health and Welfare (Deputy Clerk Liz Boyce):**

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:13 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 8:34 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign lien release and closing notice on Case No. 970518, sign lien release on Case No. 2012004, sign liens on Case Nos. 2012011, 2012012, 2012013 and 2012014, sign decision to deny on Case No. 2012010, sign decision to reconsider and approve on Case No. 2012005 and sign decision to approve on Case No. 2012008. Non medical cases: sign determination to approve on Case No. 2012007. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **County Business:**

- Commissioner Ricks talked with Roger Christensen and Tracy Sessions. They are working on an application for a Federal HealthCare Innovation Challenge Grant for District 7. They would like Madison County to participate by being on the Steering Committee and submit a letter of support. The letter has been mailed.
- Ron Wilcox called Commissioner Ricks. He lives out by the Butte and is involved in the shooting range. A trailer that sits on the range is in terrible condition, and they would like to haul it to the dump and have it burned. Treasurer, Sherry Arnold, verified that the trailer has been removed from the tax roll. Commissioners and Dave Walrath will look into their options with the trailer.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk, including demand totaling \$710,206.29 (general fund - \$98,049.69). Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2011. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks talked to Jim Mullen regarding East Parkway Corridor and told him that based on our memory the route approved either ended at Cemetery Road or

- continued on the existing road to Highway 20. The Sugar School District is okay with these options.
- Commissioner Ricks reported on Centennial Committee happenings. Fundraising is going well. Commissioner Ricks would like to meet with Shauna and Vicki and whomever else they would like to bring on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for 30 minutes. Commissioners would like to see a campaign for community members to be involved.
- Commissioner Smith reported on Tri County meetings regarding the drug lab. Bonneville County has pulled out and taken their business to California. The decision was made to keep the lab open in Madison County.
- Personnel issues: Prosecutors Office/Public Defender. Prosecutor, Sid Brown, is putting requests together.

**Public Hearing – Recreational Vehicle & Waterways Improvement Funds Grant:**

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:43 a.m. The following were present in addition to those listed above: Dorothy Bowen, Shadowhawk Enterprises, Grant seeker and writer; Bruce Bowler, Sheriff's Office and Brent McFadden, General Service Director. There are two applications that will be submitted to the State of Idaho, Department of Parks and Recreation. We are requesting grant assistance of \$34,398 with an in-kind match of \$23,200. The stated purpose is to make improvements at Twin Bridges County Park, provide for RV sites, and upgrade tent sites and restrooms to establish it as a better use park. Commissioners signed a letter of support.

The Beaver Dick Park request is \$27,645, with an in-kind match commitment of \$8,746. The stated purpose is to replace a restroom and install lighting at the boat dock. The restroom is currently in a low spot and during spring flooding times is under water, which is a potential health hazard. The restroom needs to be removed, ground filled in, re-constructed on higher ground and made handicap accessible.

We should know by mid spring on the two grants. We applied for the same grants last year, but were denied and would like to try again. Representatives came out and went through Twin Bridges Park with Dorothy and have a clearer understanding of the needs. Dave Walrath is aware of the projects as there was a requirement to have an engineer on the project. The Department of Parks and Recreation wanted to know if there was an opportunity for the public to hear about the project and have a chance to comment. The public hearing provided the forum for the public.

There was no one in attendance to speak in favor, against or neutral. Dorothy Bowen retained the attendance records. Commissioner Ricks declared the public hearing closed at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Weber would like to acknowledge the importance of a public hearing. Appreciation was expressed to Shadowhawk for their work on county grants.

Bike and pedestrian trail grants were discussed. Dorothy is planning to attend a meeting for possible grants. She asked if there was a specific trail in the near future the County is planning. Archer and Salem Highways and Pole Line road pedestrian trails are needed, but it was unsure if they would fit the scope of a trails grant project. Commissioner Ricks made a motion that we support the grant. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

A Courthouse grant was discussed. The Commissioners' Room could be set up as a Homeland Security base. The improvements could include installing a sound system, replacing windows, installing sound board equipment, a digital recording sound system and setting up as a command center. If we include security as part of the grant, we would have to commit personnel. We will continue to look into this possibility.

**Brent Saurey – BOE 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub Roll:** There was no one present to comment.

**Dave Walrath – Public Works Issues:**

Randy Johnson and Husk Crowther, Forsgren Associates, accompanied Dave. There was a grant application submitted for North Twin Bridge. Randy Johnson helped write the grant and was in contact with LHTAC. There is a very compressed schedule, and money would have to be committed by July, 2013. Dave would like to start with design work. He is quite confident that we will get the grant. The old bridge would be removed and replaced with a new one. Madison County is requesting \$3,500,000 from the grant and our match would be \$450,000. Dave would like to split the design into phases and put out an RFP. Design is estimated at \$570,000 with \$100,000 for LHTAC to manage. They would start now with the survey, geo technical and environmental studies. Everyone knows this work eventually needs to be done and Dave feels this is the way to proceed. Commissioner Weber asked for a proposal outlining price and scope of the work on the design. Dave presented the scope of work. It was stated that the shut down period would be one year. Dave feels this is something we should do, and preliminary work will have to be done regardless of how it will be paid for.

Executing grants was discussed. County Attorney, Troy Evans explained that they need to be signed by the Commissioners as they are the binding force of the County.

**Safe Haven Health Care – Psychiatric Hold Contract:**

Scott and Melissa from Safe Haven presented literature and explained that Safe Haven is another option available for County psychiatric holds. They are about half the price of BHC and Portneuf and can assist with transportation. If we sign a contract with them, it is not exclusive and they have no minimums. They contract with Bannock, Jerome, Gooding, Minidoka, Bingham, Bear Lake and other counties. They will bill Medicare or private insurance companies directly. They are a 14 bed facility and are seldom full. Commissioners will take under advisement and talk to the Sheriff. Melissa will meet with the Sheriff and hospital.

**Jeff Cook – Blood Drive And Update:**

Deputy Clerk, Dawn Holman, and Jeff Cook, Medical Health Insurance Agent, were present. Jeff presented updates on how the County is doing health wise and let Commissioners know the annual blood draw is scheduled for February 6-10. Madison County statistics have been improving every year since the blood draws began. He will be here during the blood drive to answer any questions.

Dawn Holman discussed a call she received from Ken Hart at the Senior Center regarding delivery of meals to residents of the County. There will be follow up phone calls made to the City of Rexburg and Reed Sommer, who is on the Senior Center board.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Robert Wells – Hardship:**

Mr. Wells has kept in touch with Sherry and has made payments. He is on social security disability. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to match dollar for dollar on taxes Mr. Wells pays in the next 60 days. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Sherry Arnold will follow up with a phone call and letter.

**Personnel Actions:**

Employee Name	Current	Position	Propose	Salary/ Wage Change
<b>Tri County</b>				
Dan Allen	Resignation			
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>				
Adele Smaellie	\$15.17	Dispatcher		\$14.81
<b>Mosquito/Weed</b>				
Ty Burnside	Layoff			
Joe Rasmussen	Layoff			

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the personnel actions as presented by Department Heads. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Eva Nebel – Hardship:**

Eva's daughter filled out paperwork given to her by the Assessor's Office for the circuit breaker on April 15<sup>th</sup> (she had been in the hospital earlier). The Assessor's Office is saying they did not complete the necessary forms.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to cancel the 2011 tax in the amount of the circuit breaker. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. See attached cancellation from the Treasurer.

**Craig/Sue – Approve Changes To Precinct and Commissioner Districts:**

Commissioners like using names for the precincts rather than numbers and expressed appreciation to Sue and Craig for the numerous hours put into reconfiguring Commissioner Districts and precincts.

Following research by the Clerk's Office and GIS based on current census numbers, Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the new precinct boundaries, which include changing from precinct numbers to names and Commission Districts as presented by the Clerk and the GIS offices. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The Clerk's Office will notify voters of the changes.

Commissioner Weber moved to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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Kimber Ricks, Chairman

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Jon Weber, Commissioner

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Todd Smith, Commissioner