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Madison County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 23, 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

Health and Welfare (Deputy Clerk Liz Boyce):

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 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 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign Determination to Approve Additional Treatment on Case No. 2011051, sign Determination to Approve on Case No. 2012014, sign Revised Lien and Determination to Approve on Case No. 2012007, sign Liens on Case Nos. 2012015 and 2012016 and sign C.A.T Assignments on Case No's 2010004, 2010023, 2009034, 2010006, and 2010031. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

County Business:

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Department Head Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2012. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 bid opening. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber reported on Solid Waste meetings. There is a meeting scheduled with Dynamis Energy LLC during IAC meetings. The plant went from a 350 ton plant down to a 75 ton plant. There have been other cities and counties show interest in bringing their garbage once the plant is open.
- Commissioner Weber attended a Fair Board meeting regarding the Demolition Derby. Commissioners support the derby, but the fair board voted against holding the derby at the fairgrounds because of concerns of debris left in dirt causing injury to expensive horses. The Sheriff's Department will clean the arena, and the County will provide insurance to cover the derby and fair grounds.
- Bruce Kusch gave notice that he will be resigning in March from the Hospital Board.
- Commissioner Smith reported on Tri County, Drug Court and 5C meetings.
- Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Certificates of Residency for Abby Deitz, Bradley Busby, and Jessica Navarette. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

- Judd Street Road Agreement - reviewed and signed. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the Judd Street Road Agreement. The County will plow snow, and the residents will maintain the road. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

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

Brent McFadden - Ordinance 384 P & Z Fee Schedule:

This fee has never been charged. They are requesting the fee be deleted, but add a \$200 restrictive lot covenant charge. Any fee change requires a public hearing.

P & Z City/County Board Appointments:

Terms have expired for some of the Board members. Anthony Merrill will be reappointed and was voted as Vice Chairman. Gil Shirley is working out of town, and Commissioners will check with him to see if he can still serve. Dan Hanna would like to stay on. More research will be done so action can be taken at the next meeting.

Findings Of Fact On Family Burial Grounds:

There have been residents asking if there is a law regarding burying family members on personal property. An Ordinance has been drafted that specifies that human remains can not be interred where there is a high water table or close to a river. A mortician has to attend to the burial, and a flag will be included on the deed to indicate there is a family burial ground on the property. A permit will be required and the property must be maintained by property owner. The burial ground cannot be within 20 feet of property lines, 50 feet from a well and there has to be a marker or monument indicating the site. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the findings of fact on Family Burial Grounds. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Unified Development Code Updates:

Definitions were added and wording was changed where additional instruction was needed. The geothermal application process was added, as well as family burial grounds.

There are Planning and Zoning changes with conditional use permits to show that the County does not enforce covenants. It is up to the subdivision or homeowners' associations to enforce the covenants.

Flooding Updates:

Brent met with Kim Palmer near the diversions on the Teton River. The head gates are down and water was flowing only down the north fork due to ice jams. There was flooding in some of the farmland. The canal companies do not take responsibility after irrigation season. Property owners would have to call Department of Water Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers to get permission to break up the ice jams.

Jared Bingham – Updates:

Jared reported on a financial situation they are facing at D7. In Jared's words: In the six months since I have been in the position of Executive Director we have been on a downward trend as far as comparing what we are making to what our expenses are on a monthly basis. The downward trend began before Jared assumed the position. There is cause for concern and changes to be made.

To correct the problem, Jared is increasing counselor productivity. There was one counselor that quit, and they did not replace that person.

Jared's office may need to be relocated. The basement in the Administration Building was discussed as an option. Commissioner Smith will talk with Brent and Ralph, in General Services, to see if building office space in the basement of the Administration building would be feasible.

Oma Parsons - Hardship:

Oma requested that her 2011 personal property taxes be cancelled. Commissioners reviewed her hardship and financial records. Commissioner Smith made a motion to cancel the taxes based on a hardship request. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Fair Board/Demolition Derby Discussion:

Commissioners asked Rodney Lusk to come discuss Fair Board issues. The Demolition Derby will go forward as it is in the best interest of the County. There needs to be a policy and a form to fill out for those using the fairgrounds.

Sue Bagley - Sheriff's Yearly Resolution Fees:

Sue presented changes they would like made to the annual fees and schedules for the civil process. A public hearing will be scheduled for the next Commissioner's Meeting. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Sheriff's yearly resolution fees. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Dana Izatt - Internal Control:

Commissioner Ricks asked Dana to explain the claims process and the Commissioners responsibility in this process. There was a working lunch to discuss internal control and better security to catch problems.

Brent Saurey - Property Tax Exemption Applications:

Brent presented a long form for Commissioners review, along with the Office of the Presiding Bishopric's list of properties. Commissioners asked Brent to get a letter out to the Church noting tax exempt properties are incomplete and to complete the applications.

Employee Committee - Gym Memberships/Other Matters:

Moni Havelange and Shauna Ringel were present. Moni has researched local gyms to get prices for making gym memberships available to County employees and presented her findings.

Kirk Mace - Wraparound Consulting Agreement For Review And Consideration For Signature:

Kirk explained the wraparound consulting agreement and stated it is used in Drug Court. It is run through Jefferson County and is comparable to committing a juvenile to JCC, but much cheaper. .

Kirk discussed the Drug Court decision to drop Madison County from their program. There are many kids that would be at JCC if it weren't for drug court. This decision will have a big impact on kids in our area.

Dorothy Bowen – Signatures For Applications:

Commissioner Ricks signed the grant applications for Dorothy Bowen from Shadowhawk.

Dave Walrath - Twin Bridges Design/ Public Works Issues:

Randy Johnson, from Forsgren Associates, came with Dave. Dave applied for another public lands highway grant. Construction will begin in July or August of 2013. They put together some numbers for the design portion of the Twin Bridges reconstruction and presented a project budget assessment. Dave and Randy are estimating replacing the bridge, which would be about 400 feet. They feel that the best plan is to plan for a 400 foot bridge, and it can be shortened if the reports come back showing it doesn't need to be as long. Preliminary work would be wrapped up by May or June, 2012 at which time we should know if we will receive the grant. Commissioner Ricks recommends getting the process going to get the RFP out and shorten the process as much as possible.

Dave presented a Notice of award letter to Cannon Builders, Inc. on the Texas Slough Bridge for Commissioner Ricks to sign.

Shauna Ringel/Vicki Grover – Centennial Committee:

Centennial Committee meetings are the first Thursday of each month. Sally Smith will be the new City representative. Commissioner Ricks talked to Frank VanderSloot about fireworks for the Centennial. There was discussion as to where to place a picture wall, which would be permanent, showing the history of Madison County. The Board would like a life size statue of Thomas E. Ricks. Diana Fuller is preparing a brief history of Madison County to be included on the County website.

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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