



## Madison County Commissioners

### Meeting Minutes

**OCTOBER 1, 2012**

**8:00 AM**

**COMMISSIONERS ROOM**

#### ATTENDEES

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

## AGENDA TOPICS

### **Darrin Burrell - Information Regarding Medical Marijuana Legalization In Idaho:**

Darrin presented information on Monte Stiles' visit and explained that the group hoping to legalize medical marijuana are very organized and hope to put the issue on the ballot in November, 2013. Mr. Stiles will be presenting several forums to discuss and inform the public on this issue. A public presentation at the tabernacle for the community will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He will be presenting to the high schools in Madison and Fremont Counties. Darrin would like our help get the community out to the event at the tabernacle. Elisha Fieguiero will also be giving a presentation on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fremont County Annex Building.

### **Paul Sorensen, IT - Review And Sign/Computer Arts Contract:**

Paul presented the Computer Arts Contract. There is a slight increase over last year. Technology in the next ten years was discussed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the computer arts contract presented by Paul. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

The legislature has passed legislation to exempt law enforcement officers and others from being listed on public documents, provided they sign a form in the Clerk's Office. The public website would allow a search by name. We need further information before allowing personal information on the internet. Title companies, appraisers, realtors, etc. are about the only people who would use it.

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:19 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 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign a Lien on Case No. 2012045, sign Determination to deny on Case No. 2012043, and sign a Determination on Final Denial on Case No. 2012039. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Rudey Ballard - Insurance Update:**

Ballard Insurance Group has completed a routine policy analysis. They found a few issues in the review process that he wanted to review with the Commissioners. Grandfathering status

with Blue Cross needs to be maintained or it would cost the county in the future. This change to the policy could result in losing Grandfather status.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to align the Blue Cross policy with our Madison County Employee Policy and sign the letter stating that full time is defined as 32 hours and above. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

#### County Business:

- Old Business: Reports and Assignments
- Committee and Board Reports
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2012. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Resolution #353 City/County Resolution - adopting a new rate schedule for certain fees. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the increase for certain fees outlined in the Resolution. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Precinct Polling Place Approval #8 - Precinct #8 was moved to the high school. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the polling places for the November election. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

#### Personnel Actions:

County employees received a 1% cola and a 0-2% merit raise county wide. Specific details can be obtained from the Clerk's Office. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 1% COLA increase to be effective today. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioner Smith made a motion directing department heads to get pay change requests to the Clerk by October 11<sup>th</sup> to be considered on the October 18<sup>th</sup> paychecks. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve a 2% increase to elected officials effective with the October 18<sup>th</sup> paycheck. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to accept the personnel action for Joseph J. Palmer. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the personnel actions presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

#### Public Comment

**Lynn Smith** lives in Teton and owns property in Salem. The County has abandoned a road adjacent to his property. He would like to acquire the property.

#### Twin Bridges Update:

Randy Johnson, from Forsgren & Associates, was present to discuss Twin Bridges. Commissioner Ricks mentioned that obtaining federal grant money is not looking too good right now. Options are: bonding up to 4 million countywide or a toll bridge. The Army Corps will help a year from now. We are only addressing abutments, but not doing anything on the pier. Dave would like to put sheet piling around the pier, and feels we need to armor the bank

to save it, as the flow is slamming into the bank. Commissioner Ricks feels we need to plan to be on our own financially and not plan on any grants or federal or state funding. Randy Johnson suggests doing the preliminary environmental work. Pile driving records from 1998 need to be obtained and we need to have a plan, architectural drawings and preliminary plans. Considering property owners close to the bridge is a concern. Randy will come back with firm numbers and a recommendation of what needs to be done to start the process.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to amend the agenda to include the fair board and related committees at 5:00 p.m. today. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **Fair Grounds Update:**

The newly elected livestock committee members and Fair Board members in attendance were: Lorelee Stewart, David Parker (Heritage Parade), Bob Carlson (Chairman), David Rail, Josh Bingham, Candy Boyce (Madison County 4-H), Nadine Sutton, Kate Palmer and Troy Spratling.

Commissioner Ricks thanked those present for their work. Reasons for this meeting are:

1. Commissioners would like a clear vision of how the committees work together.
2. To inform the Fair Grounds Committees of the Centennial celebration.

The events planned for the Centennial were explained and the Commissioners stressed the importance of getting the fair board excited to help out and be willing to make the fairgrounds available and looking nice. Nadine mentioned that Fort Hall is bringing in headliners and wondered if we could fly on their coat tails to arrange to bring bigger name entertainment to Madison County. Parking was discussed for the possibility of a large crowd. The possibility of parking downtown and busing people to the fairgrounds was discussed. The Fourth of July rodeo would still be the same, but they would change nights to accommodate entertainment shows. Ideas of getting more people to the fair were discussed.

Members were invited to come to the Centennial Committee meetings to help coordinate activities. A wagon train association has been contacted to bring a team in for the parade and rodeo. Commissioner Ricks mentioned the theme for the centennial is '*Madison County - The First 100 Years*'. We will focus on "*Madison County - the next generation*". He also let them know that they are looking at relocating the fairgrounds. We are landlocked at the current spot and parking is an issue. Commissioner Ricks also mentioned the possibility of a Recreation District being put on the ballot.

Nadine showed a sharp piece of metal that had gone into a horse's hoof left in the arena from the demolition derby. She pointed out the expense that would be the County's liability if it hadn't been noticed right away.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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