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<b>Madison County Commissioners</b>		
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>		
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013	8:00 AM	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks, Jon Weber and Todd Smith</b> <b>Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans</b> <b>County Clerk: Kim Muir</b>	

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Jared Bingham – D7 Treatment/Lease Agreement/Rexburg Office:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Lease Agreement for D7 to be in effect until July, 2014. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Brent Saurey/Sherry Arnold – Tax Issues/Hardship/Certify Madison Ground Water:**

Hardship was rescheduled. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Certification for Madison Ground Water. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Brent McFadden – Education & Machinery:**

Brent reported that a new employee will be starting tomorrow who will clean the Administration Building. Brent would like to buy a new mower as one has been in the shop all summer and will mow a five foot path. Commissioners approved Brent moving forward with the purchase of a mower, but for now would like him to hold off on the tractor. Fleet management was discussed.

**Ed Williams – Park:**

Carla Ricks and her grandson, Kevin Ricks, were also present. The Ricks family and Mr. Williams were present to discuss property the Ricks family owns, and Ed Williams has a blue spruce tree farm on the property. They are wondering if the land could be converted into a park for the County. There are approximately 2,000 trees on the property and it is zoned as commercial. It could be used for overnight camping or day use as there is plenty of open space and some trees could be removed. The trees removed could be used for landscaping county gravel pits. There are about 38 acres in the front parcel and 20 acres in the back and water rights are available for irrigation. Possibilities of a City/County Park were discussed. There is also equipment available that could be sold with the property. It is not included in the budget for the 2014 year, but Commissioners would like to explore the possibilities.

**Health and Welfare Indigent Clerk (Ann Marie Sorensen):**

Commissioner Ricks moved to go into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(c)(d)(f) exempt records. (Commissioner Ricks-yes, Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith-yes) Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 11:48 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign an Approval Letter on Case No. 2013045, sign Amended Determinations of Approval on Case Nos. 2013035 and Case No 2013044-A and sign a Determination of Approval on Case No. 2013044-B. Indigent Non-Medical Cases: Sign a Determination of Denial on Case No. N20213014. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

## **County Business:**

### *Committee and Board Reports and Old Business, Reports & Assignments*

- 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 the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2013. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve Certificates of Residency for Alexis Malan, Ashley Rigby, Chris Downs, Nina Rydalch, Noah Rose, Nate Hunt, Kyler Yates, Melissa Green and Shelby Yancey. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Applebee's. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Wingers. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Great Scott's #1. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Alcoholic Beverage License for Great Scott's #2. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for South Fork Mini Mart. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for Walmart. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for BDSBG&G of Eastern Idaho, LLC dba as Rexburg Chevron. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Review and sign: Precinct Polling Places for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Precinct Polling Places. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Review and sign: Limited Pathology Agreement with Ada County. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the signing the Limited Pathology Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Review and sign: County L1 Form. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the County L1 Form. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Discuss Urban Renewal. In the near future, they will be redoing the feasibility study. It was suggested to have elected officials on the board instead of the volunteer group who are responsible for the spending with a few volunteers from the community. They will look at re-addressing this issue.
- Centennial Updates. Shauna gave an update on the dedication of Centennial Park and discussed the final two events. October 12<sup>th</sup> will be the old fashioned potato harvest event and November 7<sup>th</sup> will be the history fair.

## **Personnel Actions:**

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the personnel actions presented other than the one that is on probation. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

## **Public Comment:**

Dan Roberts again expressed an interest in rolling back county ordinances with specific concerns for those placing limits on firearms. Commissioners pointed out hearings must be held for any changes in ordinances, and they would keep a record of those whose concerns are expressed and reviewed for possible hearing.

Kelly McKamey discussed Medicaid expansion and the role of the County Commissioners. Kelly is asking the Commissioners not to support Medicaid expansion.

Tom Pendergraph spoke about roles of government and the authority of county government.

**D.J. Barney – Property Discussion:**

Dave Walrath was present and D.J. was present on behalf of his father. The Barneys have improved and maintained the property for the past ten years and don't feel they should have to pay for the property. Commissioner Weber suggested that Troy proceed to prepare paperwork to transfer the sliver of property in question to the Barneys and clean up the deed. Troy will get the legal description and the County Assessor will appraise the property. Troy will be in touch with D.J.

**Dave Walrath** was asked if he had followed up with the Burton and Teton Cemeteries. He will get in touch with them.

Commissioner Weber would like to get estimates for a future project of a roundabout in Hibbard. Commissioner Smith asked about the highway off the Archer/Lyman Highway.

Maxine was notified that Solid Waste Department is out of funds as of a few weeks ago. Dave is trying to figure out how to finish paying for the building.

**Rudey Ballard - Insurance Updates:**

Rudey presented a paper showing the importance of maintaining our grandfathering clause. This is a big benefit to the county. The disability insurance was discussed and a letter to send out to employees explaining the disability insurance was drafted.

**Russ Spain - EICAP Updates:**

- Tawnya Garz-Brewer and Rose Murphy all were in attendance with Russ. They are doing well in spite of what Washington is doing. With sequester they lost 11 children from their head start program, and they have begun starting two weeks later and ending two weeks earlier. They have also lost six employees because of the sequester.
- Madison has the highest poverty rate in the state and is the reason the monthly food distribution began. The food pantry offers commodities, and they must self-declare their income. They look forward to the Boys Scout drive as it puts food on their shelves for up to six months, but more is needed. They average 220 households monthly for help with food. There is an application process where everyone in the household needs to be listed. They do refer families to other places in town: WIC, Department of Health and Welfare, PSR and Behavioral Health and Family Crisis Center.
- He also reported on the Twin Pines low income apartment complex which BYU- I students and their families make up 76% of their residents.
- Tawnya is also in charge of Energy Assistance. They served 464 homes in Madison County last year. They don't give money directly to the participants, but to the company that provides the service to them. There is a computer matrix that determines eligibility. They also offer home weatherization, and currently have a two year waiting period for this program.
- The day care was also discussed.
- EICAP has served 203 seniors this year, providing assistance for them to stay in their homes as long as possible.
- Ombudsman services have also been provided in the area.

**Sherriff's Office/Kimber Ricks - ECIVIS Grant:**

Commissioner Ricks sent **Ryan** Kaufman an email for a company that provides grant information for counties. Ryan researched and found that it is a data base of all grants and foundation funds across the country. It is constantly updated and you can apply for grants applicable to you. They will review grants you have prepared for an hourly rate and if they submit, they take a percentage. Ryan suggested purchasing two license agreements. It would speed up the process of learning about available grants.

Ryan also reviewed the costs of the shooting range. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Office moving ahead with the plans for the shooting range. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Vehicles to replace those with more than \$100,000 miles were discussed. We may need to wait until the tax drive funds come in. Bruce Bowler discussed the new county phone system which will be installed in January.

**Shane & Kirsten Ruebush - Questions about an Ordinance:**

Kathryn Price from Eastern Idaho Public Health District was also present. Commissioner Ricks explained the process of building permits in Madison County and answers regarding the permit process were provided to the Ruebush's. Kirsten was asked to provide language she would like to see added to the current ordinances for clarity.

Commissioner Ricks moved to amend the agenda for an executive session at 5:34 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at pursuant to Idaho Code 67- 6345 (1)(f) legal counsel for county conflicts. (Commissioner Ricks–yes, Commissioner Weber–yes, Commissioner Smith–yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to open session at 6:12 p.m.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

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Kimber Ricks, Commission Chairman

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Jon Weber, Commissioner

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Todd Smith, Commissioner