

Abbreviated Minutes: Complete Set Of Minutes Are On File In The Clerk's Office

Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
AUGUST 25, 2014	8:00 AM	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks, Jon Weber and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir	

AGENDA TOPICS

Public Comment:

Shane Ruebush asked the Commissioners to look at ways the county can protect our cash and our employees.

Dan Roberts discussed Open Meeting Law.

Kirsten Ruebush agreed that we should follow open meeting law and asked Commissioners to wait for the next meeting to place things on the agenda instead of talking about items not specifically placed on the agenda.

County Business:

Committee & Board Reports:

Jon Weber –

- Janet Goodliffe received a four year funded grant to hire a full time administrator for the Community Council. Youth alcohol and drug prevention will be the main focus.
- Celebrate Youth is tomorrow and they would like a Commissioner present. There is also a Blackfoot Fair meeting.
- Chamber of Commerce's campaign is to shop local first.

Discussion Items:

- Bob Schneiter, Rodney Lusk and Bob Carlson were present to discuss the County Fair. They felt the fair went good, and the carnival vendor said it was their best fair of the summer. The hypnotist and the talent show brought people in and kept them there. Charging an arena fee for the night shows during the fair was discussed. A letter to the editor was read regarding tracking funds more closely. The fairgrounds are landlocked and parking is a problem. There was a discussion of long term planning and development. Adding the option of using debit cards and better tracking the cash to protect the county and employees was discussed.
- Commissioner Ricks asked for input to share with the Public Defense Commission at his meeting on Wednesday, August 27th in Boise.
- Troy is working on the Board of Equalization appeals to the Board of Tax Appeals legislative resolution, and will have it ready to go by next Tuesday for IAC to review.
- A transportation meeting was held last Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. The new District Engineer, Kimbol Allen, was introduced. The Thornton Interchange was discussed and the schedule was presented beginning spring of 2016. There may be some pipe work beginning in the fall of 2015. ITD will need a letter from the county and the school

district stating approval of moving the cul-de-sac to the west. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the ITD Office in Rigby.

Routine Matters:

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign and approve the personnel actions. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Roscoe & Gary Orton:

Roscoe and Gary stated there will be no fee increases in the dental insurance for FY2015. They informed Commissioners they could get better rates, but Delta Dental has not increased rates for several years and we have been happy with their service. Other carriers come in with lower rates, but increase steadily the next few years.

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (d) exempt records and 67-2345 (b) employee matters (Commissioner Ricks – yes, Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Weber returned to open session at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign a Lien on Case Nos. 2014032, 2014033, 2014034 and 2014031, sign a Denial for Case No. 2014033 and sign Approvals for Case Nos. 20140030, 2014029, 2014024 and 2014025. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent Saurey/Sherry Arnold – Tax Issues/Nick & Justin Wyatt:

Brent Saurey was not present and Angie Allen was present for Sherry Arnold. Nick and Justin moved back into their home in December 2013, but didn't know to apply for the exemption until May of 2014. There were renters in the home from January 2013 until December 2013. They are asking for a tax cancellation of all or part of the homeowners' exemption for 2014, due to stress from their mother passing away. Commissioner Weber made a motion to cancel \$600 of the 2014 tax. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mikel Walker/Fire Department - New Ambulances:

Mike reported they have received the new ambulances and he has one of them in the parking lot for the Commissioners to tour. They have a 2004 Ford ambulance that will be stripped of its emergency equipment and supplies and will be used internally by the Pipe and Drum Brigade. They would like to transfer a 2001 Ford Ambulance to EITC. A review of the pertinent state statute was had on what the county can and cannot do with surplus property. Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow the Fire Department to transfer by surplus to EITEC the 2001 ambulance and the other ambulance to stay with the fire department for the Pipe and Drum Brigade. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Kelly Hoopes to give an update on the Transportation Plan. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous. Kelly had called the Clerk's Office to be put on the agenda, but it was mistakenly omitted. Kelly gave an update on the status of the Transportation Plan.

Dave Walrath – Public Works Update:

- It was noted in public comment earlier today that our Agenda needs to be more detailed and Dave will make sure specifics are included on future agendas.
- They are out chip sealing a segment of a city street and have started chip sealing Airport Road, but the rain started and they have water on the roadway.
- Road and Bridge reported that John Adams, an operator/truck driver passed away over the weekend after a battle with cancer where he quickly failed following his diagnosis. John has been with Road and Bridge for many years. He is appreciated for his good service.
- Bridge inspection ratings have increased to 20' from 10' which is good news for county bridges. Lower sufficiency ratings and load limits will show bridges like Texas Slough, 5500 South and the Moody Road no longer structurally deficient. Twin Bridges is not included in this study.
- Dave sent water quality testing results, and DEQ wants to install another monitoring well at their expense. They will use our level measuring data to install.
- Kelly from Horrocks Engineering is doing the Transportation Study. He came in to report on an RPO meeting. Traffic data counts have been completed, and they will begin populating traffic area zones. Kelly went on a tour to look at the Thornton Interchange and wanted to show what the interchange project would do for the businesses close to the interchange. They will be relocating parking for fisherman access near the Lorenzo Bridge, which could take a few years to replace. There was discussion on how the roadway will connect with 5000 South. The property owner has expressed interest and might consider donating some property. When the study is complete, there will be good evidence of whether the 5th West Bridge will be a good fit for the Urban Renewal District near the new Walmart. They are talking with the Cities of Idaho Falls, Rigby and Pocatello in hopes of building a regional communication model. Kelly assures Commissioners that we can grow from the complete plan without having to start over.

Brent McFadden – General Service Issues/Field Trip to Mosquito & Weed Building:

Brent was encouraged to get items he is hoping to discuss listed on the agenda and will make sure specifics are included on future agendas. He is running short on his buildings and grounds budget do to extensive repairs in the jail and will need additional funding to replacing the boiler in the jail. This will be taken care of when the budget is open next week. Commissioners attended a field trip with Brent to assess the condition of his Mosquito and Weed equipment.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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