

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

Madison County Commissioners		
Meeting Minutes		
FEBRUARY 10, 2014	8:00 AM	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Kimber Ricks and Jon Weber and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir	

AGENDA TOPICS

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

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 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case Nos. 2014001 and 2014004, sign Determination of Approval on Case No. 2013021, sign Determination of Denial on Case No. 2014010, sign an amended Determination of Approval on Case No. 2014005 and sign Indigent Non-Medical Case No. 2014006. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

An individual seeking aid from the county for relief of property taxes hardship case was heard. The decision was made to wait and see if they qualify for the circuit breaker. Commissioner Smith made a motion to issue a letter stating we will wait until a decision is made on the circuit breaker for a final ruling. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

County Business:

Contracts/Documents:

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve Resolution #368 (Declaring Property of Madison County Odd Lots) relative to the DJ Barney property and the property of the county. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a follow up motion to Resolution #368 to approve the pending sale of the adjacent property owner. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous after considerable discussion.

Discussion Items:

- Commissioner Smith met with the Aesthetic Committee and they would like to have someone from Idaho Transportation Department come to their next meeting. They discussed possible welcome signs and possibly placing the county seal on the overpass with wildlife scenes.
- Scott Anderson, Greg Little and Emmilie Whitlock from Standard Journal were present. Standard Journal was not on the agenda, but requested that the agenda be amended to hear their concerns. The Commissioners determined the matter was not urgent and declined to amend the agenda, rather they were put on the next agenda on February 24th. They submitted records requests asking for information on county employees yearly salary for 2013 and property tax abatement, cancellation and waivers granted for 2013. They indicated they will be printing articles about commissioners' activities.

- Commissioners received an informative email from operations of test safety. There are seismic tests being done at the former Teton Dam site.
- Information brochures were picked up at the NACO booth at IAC. We can do a proclamation in April for National Government month.

Routine Matters:

- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2014. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2014. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve Certificates of Residency for:

Rebecca Black	Caden Dodson	Rebecca Eaton	Tobyn Layton
Bethany Larson	Margaret Mcombs	Ellie Nelson	Mikenna Nelson
Anna Packard	Xela Smith	George Strobel	Tyler Summers
Dallin Thueson	Sydney Webster	Courtney Weekes	Josh Winn
Stanley Wood	Vyktoria Wood		

Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Personnel Actions:

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

Brent Saurey/Sherry Arnold – Tax Issues/Brad Egbert and Mike & Heather Allen:

Mr. Egbert was not present. Mike and Heather Allen’s issue was discussed briefly. They will meet with the Treasurer to work out details.

Rudey Ballard – Insurance Review and Updates:

Courtney Jones and Gary Archibald were also present for this discussion. The different elements of long and short term disability insurance were discussed. It was decided that department heads will be called into the next meeting and the matter will be discussed.

The current PERSI benefits were also discussed and how they would work with disability insurance.

Hospital Board – Hospital Updates:

Ken Burt, Chairman of the Hospital Board, was present. He reported that Rachel Gonzales, CEO of the Hospital, has been recognized as one of the top 50 rural hospital administrators in the United States. Mr. Burt discussed current issues involving the hospital, including emergency room issues and ongoing contract negotiations.

Commissioners asked that greetings be taken back to the board and express every confidence in their decisions. The board members are required to do online training once a month and attend offsite training once per year. The Board members are all volunteers and receive no compensation for their services.

Veterans Board – Update:

Bob Jones, Shirley Woods (secretary), Wills Kortwright and Robert Judy were present. They are here representing the Madison County Veterans of Post 34.

The county will submit payment for the LID charges to install curb and gutter and road work. Commissioners are wondering about the county tax money that they receive twice a year and who takes care of the property tax distributions. They stated anytime there are public funds available, there should be an annual audit.

The Board reported that officers are not elected. The new commander is nominated by the Veterans in the post. Minutes are kept and sent to Boise, and Shirley keeps the financial records. The county disburses about \$13,000 annually from levied funds. They save and have to be very frugal on their expenditures. They are saving for a new roof in the near future.

There are strict limits on tax increases as with all County budgets. Commissioners informed them they will be included in the county audit this year. Both sides expressed appreciation for a good working relationship.

Dave Alvarez with ITD:

Dave Alvarez came at this time as he is unable to be here for the meeting this afternoon and had some information to share. The Aesthetics Committee will meet on February 20th, and he is trying to set up a meeting with the committee. It was thought that the Thornton interchange and the 5000 South were one project and it was creating some problems.

Jared Bingham - D-7 Updates:

Ted Hendricks, The Development Company, was also present. Jared is looking at options for D7 and the Second East building is an option. Ted has space in the basement of this building. If the building sells, they can only facilitate Jared until then. The Commissioners asked Jared and Ted to pursue a possible lease arrangement.

Public Comment:

Dan Roberts gave a draft copy of an Ordinance Elimination Proposal to Commissioners. This proposal relates to County Ordinances regarding firearms. Dan Roberts asked for deadlines for Commission meeting agenda items and was informed the deadline was Wednesday before the meeting. The agenda will be amended only if the item is critical. Dan asked about WIFI for this building and was told that it was a firewall issue.

City/County Luncheon:

There was a luncheon with City and County officials. Councilwoman Sally Smith mentioned roadways throughout the City that will be improved in upcoming months. Commissioner Ricks discussed the Certificate of Residency Program.

Dave Walrath – Public Works Issues/Corp of Engineers (Mark Mendenhall):

Dave reported on a pre-construction conference for the 1000 East Bridge in the Sugar City limits. David Mendenhall, from the Army Corps of Engineers, was present to explain why funding has been pulled on the Twin Bridge project. They agreed that it doesn't make good use of funds when there is too much water trying to go under the bridge, and the benefits weren't there for the cost. The current bridge is not sufficient for water flow and will need to be replaced. Mark will prepare an executive summary on this project and make suggestions of where we go from here. A Tiger Grant and a Public Lands Highway Discretionary Grant were submitted, but we were turned down for both. When the current bridge was designed and reconstructed it was designed to hold 6,000 cubic feet per inch, but we are seeing approximately 16,000-20,000 cubic feet per inch go thru the bridge.

Blair Kay Letter of Commitment:

The grant application that Blair was asked to work on for matching funds covers Teton County, Wyoming, Teton County, Idaho, Fremont County and Madison County. The project would cover a 150 day testing period in 2015. Blair is contacting businesses in the City and County to come up with additional funds. Mr. McKamey commented that it is very speculative and that we could continue to throw money at the project for years. Commissioner Weber stated if we want public transportation, the City and County will end up subsidizing and we need to serve those with special needs and the elderly. Tourism is a big part of our economic base and Commissioners feel it is up to the City and County to provide infrastructure, including transportation. Commissioner Smith moved to support the project and that we provide a letter of commitment with the stipulation that it is a one-time pledge of \$2,500 for the 2015 study. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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