

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

## **AGENDA TOPICS**

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:01 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 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign denials on Case Nos. 2014012, 2014005 and 2014011 (for EIRMC), sign approvals on Case Nos. 2014003, 2013046, 2014011(for Madison Memorial) and 2013021. Non-Medical claims: sign approvals on Case Nos. N2014007 and 2014008. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

### **County Business:**

#### **Committee & Board Reports:**

##### **Commissioner Ricks:**

- Madison Memorial Hospital had a brief hospital board meeting to provide an update on the E.R. proposals. They will evaluate proposals and make a decision in the next few weeks.
- There is an upcoming training for LEPC. There will be a demonstration of emergency procedures at Madison High School on June 6-8.
- Commissioner Ricks reported on a Judicial Council Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to review Fremont County Judge Gil Gardner and Teton County Judge Walker.
- Commissioner Ricks currently serves as president of RC&D. He attended a meeting in Gooding last Friday.

##### **Commissioner Weber:**

- The Fair Board will not meet this week because of the Farmer/Merchant Banquet, but will be rescheduled later in the month.
- The Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be this Thursday at Madison High School.
- Envision Madison met on February 26<sup>th</sup> and had a great turn out. They are looking at how schools and emergency services will handle growth.
- RPO is moving forward and will meet on Wednesday.
- DARE graduation is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Madison High School.

##### **Commissioner Smith:**

- Information Technology has received four RFPs back on the phone system. They are being reviewed by the IT Department.
- Golf Board requested 50% waiver in fees for tournaments and 100% for the DARE tournament. The Board would like to implement foot golf at the municipal course. Food services will be running again with a limited selection. Season pass and rates will remain

the same as last year. New end of season passes will be made available as well as student and veteran discounts. Season pass holders will receive 10% off if they provide a new person to purchase a season pass also at a discount. A season pass holder can also play at Jefferson and Teton Lakes for \$10. Board members with terms expiring soon were discussed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Golf Board's recommendations. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

- Airport Board had a meeting Monday discussing moving forward to do the study to relocate the airport. The snowplow is not working and will need to be replaced, and they may need the county's help. They would like the county to continue spraying weeds this summer.
- Commissioner Smith and Ricks attended the M.E.P.I. meeting.
- Commissioner Smith presented a rendering of what the Aesthetic Committee has come up with. It was quite detailed, and there was discussion as to the practicality. Changes will likely be necessary.

***Contracts/Documents:***

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve Resolution #369 proclaiming April 2014 as National County Government month. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to accept the amendment to the Searle Hart & Associates engagement letter adding the Veterans Administration to the county audit. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

***Calendar Items - Discussion of Pending Matters:***

Kim, Dawn and Commissioner Ricks will be going to a John Simmons seminar in Idaho Falls on Thursday to review compliance with ACA rulings.

***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 February 24, 2014. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve Certificates of Residency for Sarah Allred, Rebecca Eaton, Elizabeth Hardy, Alyssa Hope, Mary Ellen Kite, Hayley Nelson, Taylor Rane and Sarah Ricks. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

***Personnel Actions:***

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the personnel actions with the exception of two in the Weed Department. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

***Brent Saurey/Sherry Arnold – Tax Issues:***

Sherry presented a cancellation for Joe Kidd as it was Assessor error and has been corrected. Arden Klingler's mobile home has been scrapped. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the cancellations presented by the Treasurer for Arden Klingler and Joe Kidd. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brad Egbert's tax issue was discussed. He is seeking cancellation of penalty and interest. Commissioners would like to see a plan to catch up the remaining two years past due, but are not opposed to reducing the penalty and interest.

Varr Snedaker was present to discuss the property purchased by the School District just east of the Adams School (2 homes).

**Kirk Mace – Sign JABG Grant and Intent to Use Allocation:**

Kirk explained his use of funds, noting that the grant funds are diminishing every year. Kirk is offsetting the costs by using BYU-I interns. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the use of the JABG grant. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Tim Solomon – Rocky Mountain Power Update:**

Glen Pond retired from Rocky Mountain Power and Tim Solomon is replacing him. He can be contacted at the Chamber of Commerce. He presented a packet and invited all to attend their annual customer and community conference on April 9<sup>th</sup>. They are introducing a Watts Smart Program and are asking the County’s assistance in getting the program and information out to the public. He reported work is continuing on the Goshen substation hoping to increase transmission stability in the future. If there is a load requirement, i.e. large projects and subdivisions, they need to know ahead of time.

**Steve Fiscus – State Tax Commission:**

Matt Virgil and Deputy Attorney General George Brown were also present. Steve pointed out that the review was done by the State Tax Commission, not the Attorney General’s Office as reported by the Standard Journal. Legal counsel was provided by the Attorney General’s Office and they do the reporting. Additionally, this is not a criminal investigation and he wanted that clarified. It is a review of assessment practices and not an investigation. Recommendations were made and accepted by Assessor Brent Saurey. Over the next five years Matt Virgil will be working closely with Brent to equalize values and establish schedules taking depreciation into consideration to help determine value for residential, commercial and bare property. Brent explained his reasoning on the assessments in question. Steve emphasized that new hires need to have the ability to do a good appraisal.

Steve reported that according to other counties, Brent’s office is staffed appropriately. Matt mentioned the reason for the five years. CAI has the ability to implement the schedules, but it takes at least five years to update the whole process.

**Public Comment:**

Dan Roberts—Mr. Roberts again discussed the gun ordinance in county buildings. This is scheduled for discussion at a future Commissioner’s Meeting.

Judy Hobbs—Ms. Hobbs stated for 37 years she has owned a real estate office in Rexburg. She has worked on numerous boards and committees during this time with city and county personnel and elected officials. She was here to acknowledge and support the Commissioners and has had many occasions to see them performing in the betterment of this county, and she believes the community supports them. The newspaper has made her think about things that she doesn’t want to think about. In her opinion, good things are happening and continue to happen because of the Commissioners and other great elected officials.

**Public Hearing – Barney Towing L.L.C. Sale of odd lot property and Deed:**

Commissioner Ricks declared the public hearing open at 2:00 p.m. and verified with the clerk that the hearing was properly noticed. No conflicts were declared by the Commissioners. The question is whether or not to dispose of the property previously declared by county resolution as odd lot in excess for county use. This property consists of a small piece of land located south of the Road and Bridge Department by the fence. The Assessor declared the property worth approximately \$100. Mr. Evans reported on the legal steps taken to this point on this property which included having it surveyed, assessed, passing a resolution as odd lot property, and then publishing it and discussed the prepared deed to the adjoining property owner. The public

hearing was then opened for public comment. There were none present to speak for, against or neutral. The hearing was declared closed at 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sell the odd lot and complete this action to the adjoining property owner—Barney Towing, and accept the deed as presented for signing. Commissioner Smith seconded and the voting was unanimous. Prior to the deed being recorded, Mr. Walrath will contact D.J. Barney and make sure the name on the deed is correct as the entity that owns the property to the south of Road and Bridge.

**Dave Walrath – Public Works Issues:**

- The 1000 East Bridge still hasn't gotten underway. There are concerns for the historic nature of the bridge and moving it properly.
- Dave is currently advertising for RFP's at the Archer Gravel Pit to irrigate and landscape the berm.
- Last week Dave attended the Con Expo in Las Vegas to look at paving equipment.
- The revaluation for the interchange on the 5000 South project is nearing completion. Funding for the project is still in the works.
- Dave has the revised numbers for Val Moss and will meet with him. The odd lots were discussed and the need to get the values established. Dave will build a road and would like to install concrete blocks on the other bridge so that motorized vehicles cannot use it.
- Solid Waste – Personnel hours were discussed. Dave will get a schedule of when the hours are and how they are going to use them in the near future.
- Commissioner Ricks met with ITD on Thursday. ITD is preparing a response to the Ferguson letter. ITD feels the conditions outlined in that letter are insurmountable for the interchange project inclusion. The interchange is scheduled for construction in 2016.
- C & D and Transfer Station switched to longer summer hours.

**General Services – Findings of Fact/Rexburg Factory/Mosquito Vehicles/Sign Agreement with Noxious Weed Control ITD:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the agreement for noxious weed control with Idaho Transportation Department. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Findings of Fact for Rexburg Factory for the Property by Rainbow Lake - The Planning & Zoning Commission turned this property down. The Findings of Fact from Planning & Zoning were reviewed. Planning & Zoning stated they didn't think there was enough of a hardship to grant the variance. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept Planning & Zoning's Findings of Fact and deny the variance. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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