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<b>Madison County Commissioners</b>		
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>		
MAY 12, 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 was excused, Deputy Clerk: Brenda Stoor</b>	

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**Public Comment:**

None. Mitch Powell and ShaeLynn Merrian with a BYU-I class, along with Bruce Bowler were present.

**County Business:**

***Committee & Board Reports:***

***Commissioner Ricks:***

- RDA meets tomorrow morning in Idaho Falls at 9:00 a.m.
- There was a board retreat for Madison Memorial Hospital. The dominant discussion was relationships within the medical community and that the traditional career of medicine is changing. The ER contract with University of Utah is going forward.

***Commissioner Weber:***

- MEDCO had their board meeting a couple of weeks ago. There is a micro loan process available, and there are lots of projects in the works.
- Emergency Services met about the fire station and the remodel. They received their community block grant. They are looking at a remodel to make their living area better and separate. There is a great training for fire fighters in the state. There is a work shop at the City on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and Commissioners are invited to attend.
- Upper Snake Wildfire Group will meet on May 21st, and all emergency responders and administration are invited.

***Commissioner Smith:***

- Farmers' Market does not want the City/Ace Hardware parking lot this year. They have reached an agreement with BYU-I for their grass area.
- Ace Hardware has been told they could have this season for their green house and then it will have to be taken down.
- A discussion was held about the garbage cans between the County, City and Ace Hardware. Commissioner Smith will talk to each party and see if a deal can be made.

- There is an addendum made to the golf course contract. Revenues are up, and Duffy will take care of the concessions. They have not had to have any money from County or City.
- The airport board received an invoice from the city to fix the sidewalk and fence, and the County's share is \$18,000. Some chip seal needs to be done for approximately \$14,000.00. Commissioner Smith will need to talk to Clerk Kim Muir about the budget.
- The airshow and Teton Dam Marathon will be on Father's Day weekend.

***Contracts/Documents:***

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign Madison County Resolution #371, Declaring Real Property as Odd-Lot Property. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the Thornton Interchange Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Courtney Ferguson was present. Deputy Processing Attorney Troy Evans has looked over the ITD contract, and Commissioners and Courtney from Bear World signed the contract.

***Discussion Items:***

- Personnel Policy update
- November PRIMA is on roles of Boards
- Rocky Mountain Power Green Projects and Economic Development

***County Boards and Committees:***

- Road Abandonment. The Road on 4300 West takes a jog to the east in front of the office of Bear World. This is not being maintained by the county. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Troy Evans stated there needs to be a public hearing to abandon a road. Commissioner Ricks would like to properly take care of this if, in fact, the county has abandoned it.

***Calendar Items:***

Discussion of pending items

***Routine Items:***

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the claims presented by the clerk. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2014. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve Certificates of Residency for: BreeAnn Gardner, Olivia Redd, Michael Woolf and Alex Blaser. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to appoint Bruce Bowler and David Davis to the 911 Taskforce. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Idaho Emergency Communication is discussing the next generation of 911. This is being funded with taxpayers' money. The commission is organized and a sub commission is being organized. He is asking for a nomination from the Commissioners for himself and Dave Davis as they do have radio experience. There are 37 centers of 911 that are run under the County Commissioners. No additional funding for this is going to be needed. Fremont, Clark and Madison are

looking to join together in the case that one or the other fail at a certain time. Larger counties have their own services. Bruce was asked to prepare a letter for commissioners' signatures, and the deadline for the letter is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Actions:**

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

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1)(b, d) exempt records. (Commissioner Ricks–yes, Commissioner Weber – yes, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to Open Session at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign a Lien on Case No. 2014020, sign approvals on Case Nos. 2013046, 2013003, 2014016 and 2014015, sign a Determination of Denial on Case No. 2014017 and sign a Denial on Case No. 2014018. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Brent Saurey/Sherry Arnold – Tax Issues/Lowell Parkinson/Carolyn Brizzee:**

This was cancelled by Lowell Parkinson on Friday afternoon, and Sherry Arnold was notified.

Exemptions were reviewed for LDS Churches, BYU-I, Development Co., Gwen Lee, Thomas Nichols and Nick & Justin Wyatt.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the tax exemption for LDS Church properties. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to accept the tax exemption for BYU-I Properties. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agricultural exemption for the Wilcox property that was continued from April 28, 2014 Commissioners' Meeting (Parcel Nos. RPRWLCX0000030 and RPRWLCX0000040). Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to deny the tax exemption for Gwen Lee (Parcel No. 5POALDO0000030). Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to amend the agenda for the agricultural exemption tax for Ron Walker. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the agricultural exemption for Ron Walker (Parcel Nos. RPOSDLCE020100 and RPOSDLCE020120). Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve the homeowners' tax cancellation for Tom Nichols. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Nick and Justin Wyatt's sister, Jody, was killed in a plane crash, and they were deeded the home. It was deeded to them without the homeowner's exemption. Further details are needed to determine this case.

Brent Saurey, Ted Hendricks, Beverly Miller and Bobbie Tews (Apple Tree Daycare) were present. Ted Hendricks led a discussion on why these businesses should be tax exempt. These fall Under C-4 Economic Development driven business. Commissioners felt some of these businesses need to be on the tax rolls. The 2<sup>nd</sup> East property is up for sale.

Ted Hendricks has invoked a graduation policy, and anything over five years will not get their leases renewed.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept a 50% property tax exemption for Apple Tree Daycare (Parcel No. RPRARBP0020010A) and a 50% property tax exemption for the 2<sup>nd</sup> East building owned by ECIPDA (Parcel No. RPRXB10175951A). Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the property tax exemption on 299 East 4<sup>th</sup> North for ECIPDA (Parcel Nos. PRP00W2010030A, RPR00W1030010A). Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

There is an agreement with the Apple Tree Daycare. They do have the one year lease and an option to buy. They are requesting a tax exemption as they are a 501 C-3 and a daycare/pre-school. They take children for Health and Welfare when they need to place a child immediately. They have been there for almost 17 years, and the arrangement between Apple Tree and Artco is very minimal.

Karl Lewies will move out of the building this summer. Ted is willing to help his tenants find new locations. State Probation and Parole and D-7 have been approved by the state for this location and have agreed to a five year lease. If these go in the building, Ted could probably put half on the tax rolls. He also stated there have been a few people interested in the building but there have been no offers. Commissioners do not want to take a good solid tenant out of the building. With Probation and Parole and D-7 going in this building, Ted does not want to heavily market it.

**Brent McFadden – General Services/Surveyor Discussion/Teton South Fork Status Volunteer Projects/HUD Grant Report:**

This is a regional comprehensive plan on transportation, schools, recycling waste and essential services. Brent would like to come out with a joint plan. Fremont County is the facilitators with Tom Cluff and Jan Brown leading. Scott Johnson, at the City of Rexburg, is also involved.

The surveyor position with the City of Rexburg was discussed.

Test holes were being dug for the Corps of Engineers to study the wetlands at Teton South Fork. They should be going through Brent, and he did have a conversation with them. They did build a dyke without a permit.

Kiwanis Club is interested in knowing of any volunteer projects.

**Dave Walrath – Public Works/Updates on Roads and Bridges/RPO and Horrocks Engineering:**

*Val Moss Project*

Brent McFadden was also present. Paul Wright, Dick Harvey, Val & Kathy Moss and Shane Ruebush were present for the Val Moss Neighborhood Agreement. This project removed the bridge over the Texas Slough, 160 feet right of way was deeded to the county and 80 feet was deeded to a private owner. Madison County has maintained the 80 feet from the bridge to the mailbox, and private property owners have maintained the rest. This road has never been mapped as a county road.

Dave's proposal is to create a new 60 foot county right of way and establish a 100 foot emergency turn around. He would then like to deed the rest to the property owners. The Commissioners would like families to come to an agreement on where they would like to be. If this can be taken care of, then the county can move forward with maintaining this road. The two accesses that are 75 feet apart is not a desirable situation. The representatives are a little upset because they have paid taxes on this for years. A letter with a legal description and amount of money to be paid will be sent to all parties. Dave and Commissioners are in agreement that a meeting needs to be set up next Monday evening with all parties involved.

Odd lots require a licensed appraiser to assess this property. Dave has been trying to come up with a solution to the problems that have evolved over the last 30 years.

*Twin Bridges*

Gary Wilcox was present and has an alternative idea for building a longer bridge and a deep channel. This has been discussed and there aren't any endangered orchids on this side of the river.

Bridger Bowen was present and stated he took some elevations. The South Channel is three feet lower than the North Channel, and the road could be the diversion. All of the problems could be accomplished with this deep channel. This could be done a lot cheaper than building a new bridge. Parking places to get cars off the road is needed. This channel would be roughly wider than 100 feet. Building the parking area will take care of the gravel that comes out of the channel.

The *5000 South* project does not have final right of way plans, but should in the next month.

Landscaping is complete at the *Archer Pit*. The high winds have created difficulty in keeping the trees standing. It has been hydro seeded as well. Dave would like to see chip crushing late fall and winter when the winds are calmer and trees need trimmed.

#### *Transportation Plan Refresh*

Kelly Hoopes from Horrocks Idaho Falls Office was present and will be the contact person. This week and the remainder of the month they will have tube counters and bodies counting intersections.

The process for this job will be data, preliminary findings, input from community and then graphs, and this will happen between now and the end of the year. They will be identifying the hotspots in town and in the county. The city has identified 16 major intersections.

Paul Sorensen brought in pictures and landscape ideas for the Thornton Interchange.

#### **Cameron Stanford – Homeland Security Update/Flood Report/LEPC Training Calendar:**

##### *LEPC*

Cameron brought in maps from the Weather Service on the reservoir capacity. Snow pack was above normal, and Palisades is expected to come close to being full this year.

##### *Homeland Security*

There is a work shop invitation to BLM and Fire Department to discuss what happens in case of a fire.

On June 6-7 there will be a Stagin -Ragin (show and tell) in the front parking lot of the Madison High School where different departments will bring their equipment. There will be scout camps there to stay overnight, and INL will be present.

The Baptist Church from Salmon will cook. They will practice cooking food for large crowds, and the tickets will be \$16.50 per plate. The helicopter will practice landings and reserve officers will patrol. There will also be a table top for duties of public officials and what their duties are in an emergency.

#### **Luke Erickson/Ann Marie Sorensen – Allowable Expenses for Establishing Medical and Non-Medical Indigency:**

##### *Income/Expenses/Medical Bills*

Commissioners are asking Luke to analyze the 2006 resolution for indigent expenses and update it.

Rent allowance needs reasonable guidelines, and they would like a break down by family size. Luke will also get some good averages on heat, power, internet, food and one cell phone per family.

Luke and Ann Marie will talk to other counties and see what their numbers have been.

**Roy Klingler/Brent McFadden – Jail Repairs and Maintenance:**

Bids have not come back yet and right now \$38,000.00 is the bid for the air handlers in the jail. Camera wires and cables for computer and phones need to be run. The control panel will be about \$300,000. The camera system includes the court house as well.

They are on schedule to have the new phone lines and system done by mid-June, and there is some grant money. Commissioners would like to look at jail bond fund, current budget and budget for next year.

**Craig Rindlisbacher – GIS/Surveyor Position:**

Surveyor Job description was discussed. This work load will be split between the city and the county. The expenses will be run through the GIS budget and shared with the city.

Voter polling is on the web site and up and running.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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