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<b>Madison County Commissioners</b>		
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>		
NOVEMBER 10, 2014	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>	

**Public Comment:**

Dan Roberts asked when a decision would be made on the ordinance he suggested amending. He also had questions of how write-in votes are counted.

**County Business:**

*Committee & Board Reports:*

***Kimber Ricks***

Kimber reported on an Urban Renewal board meeting he attended. Discussed were the streets of the Downtown and Highway Districts. Richard Horner, Urban Renewal Chairman, anticipates that the North Interchange District will be expanded. They asked about the County's position, and Commissioner Ricks responded that we want to make sure it fits the Transportation Plan and that a 5<sup>th</sup> West bridge needs more discussion. Kimber feels the scope of the district should be well defined and when the scope is complete, the district should be disbanded. Doug Hancey and Tim Solomon are the new board members. The Fire Department building was discussed. They expressed appreciation and would like to include the shortfall to also be funded by the Ambulance District. Urban Renewal, City and County are also being asked to pay additional money.

***Jon Weber***

Jon and Todd attended the MEPI meeting. Scott Johnson gave a presentation on a conference he attended.

***Todd Smith – Airport Board***

The first public meeting for the Airport Advisory Council is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Ricks made a motion to appoint Todd Smith to the Advisory Council for the Airport Board. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to re-appoint Mark Jensen to the Airport Board. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

***Calendar Discussion Items:***

- Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the canvass of votes. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was approved.
- There will be a Commissioners' Meeting (executive session) next Tuesday (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>) evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Hospital Board Room and a regular Commissioners' Meeting on Wednesday (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>) at 8:00a.m. in the Commissioners' Room. These meetings will replace the regular 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting.

- Courts have to remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, but other offices will close at noon.

***Routine Matters:***

- 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 sign the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2014. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Personnel Actions:**

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

**Dave Walrath - Horrocks Engineers/County Transportation Plan Update:**

Kelly Hoopes and Steven Lord were present. Horrocks presented paperwork representing access management which controls how the roadways are treated. The access management guide shows what would fit well for Madison County and Rexburg. There has been a general survey completed showing how roadways are now used in the county. There will be congestion during peak times, but in normal traffic it show flow well. Traffic count studies were reviewed and discussed. Most roadways counted were in heavily congested arterials. Adding capacity is the most expensive fix.

Also analyzed were accidents reported over the past five years to see if they can minimize the number of crashes. If there are geometric issues that could cause accidents, there is grant money available to correct these issues. They not only look at fatal crashes, but where there are high incidents of crashes to be able to mitigate them also. This includes accidents with pedestrian involvement.

Population growth was also reviewed to look at trends showing anticipated growth. They see that growth is happening northeast and southeast of town. This will be input into the model they are creating. Past years development has shown the growth area changing several times in Rexburg. The model they are developing needs to include ITD, Rexburg and the County. We are hoping ITD will buy-in soon, but an agreement is needed before they can proceed. This modeling is the key to find out where roads need to be built.

Horrocks model will go public when the Commissioners are ready and feel comfortable with the plan being presented. The model will help determine when the changes need to be made. The model will give timing on a bridge at 5<sup>th</sup> West and when improvements need to be made on Second East and the East Parkway Corridor.

**Resolution #382 – Review and Sign Thornton Overpass Property Declaration of Odd-Lot Property in Madison County:**

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign Resolution #382 Thornton Overpass Property Declaration of Odd-Lot Property in Madison County. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous. The roadway will be cleaned up and mag chloride will be placed. Motor vehicle traffic will be suspended on the bridge, but will remain open to bike and pedestrian traffic. The next step in this process is to publish the matter in the paper requesting written public comment, then decide it at a future commissioner meeting, and issue deeds.

**Brent Saurey – Tax Issues/Jeffery Wynn/Erick Wills/J & D Pocock and My Nojo:**

- Commissioner Ricks made a motion to credit the amount of the homeowner's exemption for Jeffery Wynn. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Smith made a motion to deny the Ag exemption on the Erick Wills' property as they missed the deadline and the property doesn't meet the criteria for Ag exemption. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the correction to the acreage listing for J & D Pocock. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Ralph Robison – P & Z Building Fee Schedule Review/Review and Sign Project Agreement for Beaver Dick Park:**

- Ralph presented paperwork showing other county comparables for Planning & Zoning fees. For the past six years, Madison County fees have remained the same. In the past few years, impact fees have been added by many counties. When the use of the property is changed, a building permit is required. Anything under 200 square feet does not require a permit. Commissioner Smith commented that it is not the price of the permit for a house that he receives complaints about, but for the accessory buildings on their property.
- Commissioner Ricks asked for Ralph's thoughts on discontinuing the current inspection laws. Ralph feels we would be negligent if we didn't continue to inspect as we are now and that it is a good program to protect the ultimate consumer of homes and buildings. Ralph was asked to review the policy at a staff meeting to look at how the overall inspection is set up, to see if there are ways to make it better.
- Ralph believes it will be next fall before improvements can be made to Beaver Dick Park to get environmental studies, etc. The maintenance would be shared 50/50 between the County and Idaho Fish and Game.  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign the Project Agreement for Beaver Dick Park between Madison County and Idaho Fish and Game to replace the boat ramp and docks. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

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

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1)(d) exempt records (Commissioner Ricks – yes, Commissioner Weber, Commissioner Smith - yes). Commissioner Ricks returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign Lien Releases on Case Nos. 2013027 and 2012037 and sign a Suspension on Case No. 2014036. Non-Medical: An approval was signed on Case No. N2015001. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Rudey Ballard – Insurance Update:**

Rudey gave an update on the medical insurance. As a matter of interest 2014 is complete and Madison County is one of very few who received a negative renewal. Our Grandfathering status is saving us incredible amounts of money and will run for an indefinite period of time. As a rule renewals are going up, so we were lucky to have premiums decrease this fiscal year.

**Luke Erickson – Presentation:**

Luke was recognized for an award received as JCEP Professional of the Year. Commissioners wanted to thank him for his service and congratulate him. JCEP Professional of the Year award

recognizes Luke's excellent programming in the area of family finance education over the last eight years. His leadership and vision were recognized, and he has reached many with his classes.

**Commissioners' Decision On My Nojo Properties:**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the cancellation of taxes on the My NoJo property based upon the developer's site improvement exemption found in Idaho Code § 63-602W. The taxes on the property in question would be reduced by approximately \$8,500, part of the motion is that this decision will be placed in writing and mailed to the property owners and is not final until review of the final letter that is signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous subject to the terms herein. It is anticipated that the letter to the property owners will be completed by the next Commissioners' meeting.

**Walk Through and Discussion for Madison County Courthouse and Jail for Security Upgrades:**

Commissioners, Kim Muir, Troy Evans, Bruce Bowler, Ryan Kaufman and Cameron Stanford from the Sheriff's Office walked through the courthouse and jail to review needs to increase security to these buildings. While viewing the courthouse issues, Deputy Clerk Angie Wood, Judge Greg Moeller and Bailiff Mark Backstein joined the walk through.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to adjourn at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

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