

Madison County		
Commissioners Meeting Minutes		
		
AUGUST 8, 2016	9:00 A.M.	COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
ATTENDEES	Commissioners: Chairman Jon Weber, Kimber Ricks and Todd Smith Deputy Prosecuting Attorney: Troy Evans County Clerk: Kim Muir, Deputy Clerk: Ilene Palmer	

AGENDA TOPICS

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Weber

Invocation: Clerk Kim Muir

Public Comment: none

County Business

Committee and Board Reports

Jon Weber – none

Kimber Ricks- Soil & Water Conservation District- Commissioner Ricks attended the annual tour. It was informative and went well.

Todd Smith – none

Calendar Discussion

ITD Meeting Thursday August 11, 2016

County Party August 11, 2016 at Rexburg Rapids

County Fair August 17-20, 2016

Discussion Items:

Contracts/Documents

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Security Discussion – Troy and Kim reported on a pre-construction meeting for security upgrades in the Courthouse. They will begin in the next few weeks and finish by November 6. Construction dates were discussed to ensure the best security possible during construction.

Contracts/Documents

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the Agreement with Guardian RFID (Jail Inmate Tracking System). Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

The Agreement with AlSCO Rental Services will be reviewed further.

Commissioner Weber made a motion to sign the First Amendment to Inmate Telecommunication Location Agreement. Commissioner Ricks seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to sign the County Extension Agreement/Budget. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

Routine Matters

Commissioner Ricks 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 and sign the Commission meeting minutes for July 25, 2016. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and sign the Hospital Announcement Ceremony/Commission meeting minutes for July 27, 2016. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Commissioner Ricks made a motion to approve and sign the City of Rexburg/Commission meeting minutes for August 3, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded and voting was unanimous.

The Public Hearing minutes for July 26, 2016 will be signed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ricks motioned to approve the Personnel Actions. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous, with the exception of postponing Road and Bridge until the new fiscal year.

Agenda Items

Dr. Jeff Hancock, Hospital and cancer care

Dr. Hancock thanked the Commissioners for their service; he knows it is a thankless job. He asked for a contact at the Thornton Interchange project.

Dr. Hancock expressed concerns with the merger of Madison Memorial Hospital and Huntsman Cancer Institute. He feels that there are physicians here in Rexburg (oncologists) that are providing good care for the patients who come here.

Commissioner Weber commented that Madison Memorial Hospital did reach out to Dr. Dixon and Dr. Hancock before they partnered with Mountainview Hospital.

Dr. Hancock would like to see a proposal to change the bylaws to make doctors voting members of the voting board. Physicians will have a different prospective to offer that others may not know. Commissioner Ricks commented that this is State law and will require legislative changes. The issue of doctors on the Board has been debated for a long period of time. There are physicians on the Board, however they are not voting members. In addition, Dr. Hancock said it would be nice to have a public accounting of the negotiations leading up to partnerships. He feels it is silly to be in competition, it should be cooperation. He feels the decision is a product of group thinking and no dissenting opinions were heard, however he doesn't know because it was behind closed doors.

Commissioner Ricks commented that Mountainview's interest may not be the same as here locally. Commissioner Ricks understands that Mountainview's representation was there and would have no negative impact on ancillary cases however that has not been the case.

Dr. Hancock feels that level of care is important and he would like a chance to have an open forum. Troy Christensen from Madison Memorial Hospital commented that he has put the numbers together and they have seen less in patient admissions and outpatient registrations are one-tenth of what they were before their office affiliated with Mountainview. This was a reason why Madison Memorial joined with the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

The Commissioners appreciated Dr. Hancock's comments; they will be passed on to the hospital by Troy Christensen. They also fully support Madison Memorial Hospital and its joining with the Huntsman Cancer Institute that is already in place. No further action is needed at this time.

Ann Marie Sorensen, Indigent Clerk Executive Session Idaho Code 74-206(1) (d) exempt records. Commissioner Weber made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206(1)(b) and (d) exempt matters. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Weber-yes

Commissioner Smith-yes

Commissioner Ricks - yes

Commissioner Weber returned the County Commissioners to open session at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Smith made a motion to sign Liens on Case No's. 2016039 and sign an Approval on Case No. 2016036. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Brent McFadden, Flood plain study, fire alarm monitoring service

Brent presented the Commissioners the floodway map. He explained that the floodway is a place of high velocity and suggested that the County keep what is right along the river however opt out of the yellow area. Brent pointed out the much of Sugar City is in the new floodway area. Residents that live in the new proposed floodway area will need to buy flood insurance; they will however receive a lower rate if they were previously in the flood area. Brent requested a written decision from the Commissioners. Commissioner Weber told Brent that they would discuss further and get back to Brent. Commissioner Smith asked what kind of liability the County would have if the area was removed and flooding occurred.

The Fire Department asked the County to have a 3rd party to monitor alarms.

Sherry & Brad Archibald, Trailer Court, E. Moran Drive

Sherry presented a signed petition from her neighbors to the Commissioners. The petition cites safety concerns because the trailers are so close to the road. In addition, she reported that the residents have placed their trash cans very close to the road. The police regularly visit the area to tell the residents to move their cars parked on the road, she feels this is an accident waiting to happen. Commissioner Weber asked how many trailers are in the area. The Archibald's report that trash is being thrown into their ditch and they think putting up a fence would help solve the problem. Brent reported that Shane Miller from Idaho Falls runs the Trailer Court and said we can send a letter to Shane asking him to come to the next Commissioners meeting to discuss the situation. In previous conversations, Shane said he can't put up a fence because he is on the right of way; Brent will go to the Trailer Court site to measure and verify. Commissioner Weber said it would be less expensive to put up a fence than to move the trailers. Brent will send Shane a letter stating he has permission to put up a fence, that will allow the residents to park in the back.

The Archibald's said they want to be neighborly, however they have had enough. The Commissioners asked the Archibald's to keep in touch. Sherry said they came to the Commissioners because they have gone to the owner twice and nothing has changed.

Jared Arnold, Public Works Discussion

Solid Waste

Jared reported that Solid Waste has passed the State Inspection however the scale repair has not been completed because it needs a sensor replaced. The County paid \$30,000 not long ago for a major overhaul. The Commissioners asked if he could look into a potential warranty from the past repair. The bid to fix the sensor is \$2000.

Jared reported that the department does not have enough operational big trucks. Two of the trucks need repairs. He sourced a used truck for \$49,900 that fits into the equipment budget. He will keep the old truck as a backup since it is not worth selling.

Jared asked the Commissioners if the County would pay a flat rate for the employee's cellphone usage while working.

Jared would like to move his secretary into a fulltime assistant position. Commissioner Weber will discuss the hiring however asked Jared to make sure that the position is productive on a regular basis.

Commissioner Ricks would like to have Jared explain the weed plan next meeting.

Jared would like to have a departmental BBQ, including Road and Bridge, and have the Commissioners attend.

Commissioners would like to tour the area in the fall.

Rachel Gonzalez, Troy Christensen, Madison Memorial Hospital 2017 Budget Approval

Troy Christensen presented the budget. The hospital has set specific goals to ensure their future and provide quality care while finding ways to reduce expenses. Troy discussed what comprises an exchange patient and reimbursement from the insurance company.

The Hospital directors have been challenged to reduce expenses by 10%. They have implemented staffing targets and have made some progress towards that goal. They wish to achieve at least a 3% net margin while still continuing to build reserves and meet the needs of the community. Troy reported that a new OB provider is coming to Rexburg next year and that this will help drive the increase in deliveries. The Hospital is planning for a 5% revenue increase; however labor costs are budgeted for an increase of 3% for overall achievement of the strategic goals. Troy discussed the turnover and how this is related to nurse's salaries.

Troy reported on the Hospitals other ventures, Rexburg Medical Clinic, Surgery Center, Teton Imaging, Carriage Cove and Season's Medical.

Rachel thanked the Commissioners for their support and the relationship they share.

Cindy Roberson, Hartcrest Estates Subdivision, update on seal coat

Hartcrest Estates Subdivision

Cindy reported they did not get the slopes done. In addition, she said the County did not receive the grant for the bridge to Moody. The County has reapplied for the grant; it is now 8 years out. Road and Bridge will also put in a grant for the warm slough bridge. Cindy presented the Commissioners a transportation plan project list.

Seal Coat

Cindy reported that Road and Bridge has seal coated 31.5 miles, 5 miles of sand seal and the Burton cemetery. They will consider doing more if she can fit it in the budget.

She also reported that Forsgren has put a transducer on Twin Bridges and will have information from that soon.

Commissioner Weber asked Cindy if Road and Bridge can help the Fairgrounds move a few loads.

Kim Muir, Budget Review

Talk to Dana about ending the year with Ambulance in the red. Do we need to transfer funds to cover or can we run in the red one more year.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn Commission meeting at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Weber seconded and voting was unanimous.

Approved:

Jon O. Weber, Commission Chairman

Todd Smith, Commissioner

Kimber Ricks, Commissioner