

Special Commissioners Meeting
October 22, 2009
At Ponds Lodge in Island Park

Present were Commissioners Romrell, Hurt, and Miller

Also in attendance was Clerk Abbie Mace.

Present from City of Island Park were Mayor Tom Jewel, City Councilmen Kevin Phillips, Brian Caldwell, Torry Anderson, and City Clerk Dena Burns.

Mayor Tom Jewel welcomed everyone in attendance.

City Council conducted some of their city business.

Mayor Jewel reported the City of Island Park would like to form a Cemetery District to maintain the cemetery there. They will petition the Commissioners to do this.

The city has written a letter of support for the grant to fund a bridge across Henry's Lake Outlet.

Commissioner Romrell declared our meeting open. He thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Romrell introduced the other Commissioners and Clerk Abbie Mace. He reported that over \$300,000 of road oil and chip sealing was done in Island Park. He also reported on awarding a grant of \$3000 to the City of Island Park for landscaping around the new city building.

Commissioner Hurt reported on the buildings that the county has built and or are in the process of building in the county, a new Road & Bridge building at the Stud Mill, Conversion on the old Road & Bridge building to Search and Rescue, a new Weed Control Building at the Stud Mill, a new Road & Bridge building in Ashton, a new fuel station in St. Anthony for county and school use, a new EMS building in Island Park with a meeting room has just started, and a new storage building at Macks Inn Sewer to house the sewer vac truck. We are also going to rebuild the fuel station in Ashton for county and school district use. Next summer we are looking to build a new Road & Bridge building in Island Park. The money has come from the sale of county property and Secure Rural School money, and a bond that was passed years ago to build the EMS building. He also explained that we did not take all the property tax the county was entitled to by about 4%.

Commissioner Miller reported he is happy to be here. He reported on the change of the Road Supervisor to Dave Gregory in Island Park. He reported on the boat program in Island Park. He displayed what the quagua muscle looks like that we are trying to keep out of Henry's Lake. We washed over 6000 boat this summer. The snow machine committee met last week and discussed the needs in Island Park. There has been a small change to the trail system to make it easier to get from Elk Creek to Macks Inn. We are creating a waterways committee for issues in Island Park. He discussed the bridge proposed on the outlet. He reported on the RAC committee which he is a member. He has put together a committee to put together projects to apply for. He reported on the golf course committee and reported on increased play on the County Golf Course.

He reported on the Fair Board. We are working on enlarging and improving the bleachers at the fair grounds, along with a grant for ADA bleachers.

Mayor Jewel finished up their City business. He thanked Bill Smith for the PA system. He thanked the county for the change in the covered load ordinance and the \$3000 grant. He reported they will be building a new city office here south of Ponds Lodge. They will go out for bids next week. He thanked the county for helping with the turn lane at Red Rock Road.

Commissioner Romrell thanked the city.

There was a question from the audience about bridge crossing grants. She is concerned with other river crossings. Commissioners reported that they are working on the grant and will work on the bridges as they can.

Bill Smith reported that there is no crossing in the outlet area. He stated it is a concern with safety in that area. That is why it was chosen first.

Mr. Winegar questioned if there was a possibility of floating bridges. The commissioners are not aware of where we are with that proposal.

Commissioner Romrell mentioned water quality and the need for a Planning & Zoning member in the Island Park area. He discussed the need for landfill expansion or closure within the next few years. There was a proposal to take our garbage to Clark County to an incinerator which could also take sewer sludge and other things.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk