

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2009

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Paul Romrell, Skip Hurt, and Lee Miller.

Also attended by: Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi, Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert, Public Works Director Marla Vik

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Miller offered the opening prayer.
Commissioner Romrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Sheriff Len Humphries:

Sheriff Humphries reported 12 inmates in custody. He also presented a Mutual Assistant Compact between Madison and Fremont Counties for signature.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion for the Commissioners to sign and approve the Mutual Assistance Compact between Madison and Fremont Counties. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Sheriff Humphries also reported that they are wrapping up the investigation on the accident with involving the Waddell kid. They are still waiting for the labs and medical information. Everyone is back to work and healthy.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy:

Ms. McCoy stated that they are in the process of preparing the tax notices. There have been bugs in the new system and they are approximately two weeks behind. She provided a brief overview of the county investments. The interest income for 2009 totaled \$447,600.54.

Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi:

Ms. Hirschi stated that there is nothing to report from their office.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh:

Ms. Lookabaugh reported that she attended prosecutor's training in Myrtle Beach. She said that this was a great training and networking opportunity with other prosecutors' from across the nation.

Commissioner LeRoy Miller:

Commissioner Miller reported that he attended a PRIMA meeting last week. There was a great deal of information on employees and how we conduct interviews etc. He met with Marla and she is in the process of announcing the fleet manager position. The Board also had the opportunity to meet with the Island Park City Council. They had the opportunity to talk about different topics and what we are doing there.

Commissioner Skip Hurt:

Commissioner Hurt stated that the EMS building in Island Park is currently under construction. The fuel station is approximately one week from being completed. The

studmill office remodel is complete. Commissioner Hurt provided a brief update on the Tri County Probation meeting that he attended last week.

Commissioner Hurt questioned Ms. Lookabaugh on the status of the Home Occupancy and Fire Ordinances - she stated that they are on Blake Hall's desk for review.

Commissioner Paul Romrell:

Commissioner Romrell gave a brief report on Five County Detention. There has been a remarkable turnaround in the facility. They now have fifteen (8 federal and 7 state juveniles) paying customers and with the increase in numbers they have eleven new hires. They signed a new refinance contract on the loan on the facility with no payments until 2011.

Commissioner Romrell attended a grizzly bear meeting in Jackson, Wyoming last week. The grizzly bear has been re-listed. Almost 100% of the public comment was in favor of re-listing the bear. The committee was very disappointed in the outcome because they have worked hard to de-list the grizzly bear. He has also spoken with the BLM on the Tri County bear meeting and not having one consistently – he also thinks that they need to include wolves as well.

Representative Mack Shirley, Representative Dell Raybold, and Senator Brent Hill will be here for a town hall meeting Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00p.m.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert RE: Work Session on Gravel Mine

Deputy Clerk Jody Flores recorded work session on gravel mine to be included as part of the record for the public hearing on this matter.

Mr. Hibbert provided a handout on this matter with the changes being highlighted in yellow. The Planning & Zoning Commission made a motion to go to public hearing. They also liked the idea of holding a joint hearing for both Appendix J and Appendix K. Ms. Lookabaugh also thought this was a good idea.

Discussion was held regarding noxious weeds. Commissioner Romrell questioned if it would be a significant to change Appendix J to include noxious weeds. Mr. Hibbert stated that we could include a small statement to this effect and that there would be no need to go back to public hearing.

Discussion was held regarding the solid sound reflective wall. Mr. Hibbert stated that this needs to be defined. Commissioner Hurt stated that the 6-10 ft is arbitrary and feels that we need to state the height upfront.

GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore & Eric Smith RE: Rural Addressing

Discussion was held regarding rural addressing. This had fallen under public works and then was moved to the GIS department – GIS now handles rural addressing and they have encountered problem after problem. Ms. Moore asked Eric Smith to put together a presentation on his solution to address these issues.

A copy of the slide show will be included in the record.

Rena Young & Mark Calonge (Desert Oasis Owners) RE: Desert Oasis Issues

Commissioner Romrell stated that he appreciated the owners coming to the meeting today and voluntarily active in resolving the issues. There seems to be no control at the campsite. People

know this as the party spot – people are doing Sobe bombs, use foul language, and can party as late as they want. The owners say that there are rules against these issues and that they sign a paper acknowledging this rules and that there is a sign stating them 50 ft inside the gate. Discussion was held.

The owners agreed that in order to satisfy the neighbors, they would patrol more often or hire more help, especially on big weekends.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report

Road & Bridge:

Discussion was held regarding pulverization process for Fish Creek and Box Canyon roads. HK quoted a price of \$2.50/sq yard. With the given dimensions, Fish Creek would equate to approximately \$67,760 and Box Canyon \$28,333. The asphalt zipper cost is \$129,950 plus \$4,000 for the Zmag head and \$9,950 for the grind box for a total of \$143,900.

Cannon Builders will be pouring footings on Bridge #1 (Salem Road) this afternoon. Bridge #3 was demolished last week. They will begin working on the bridge on the landfill road next week, but will keep one lane open. Construction will begin on the "Twin Bridges" November 16th. Cannon will begin construction on the last three bridges in January.

Justin Wickham has been selected as the fleet manager. We will need to hire a replacement for his position.

They have interviewed three Island Park residents and have selected Chuck Waters for the Road & Bridge position there.

The adjacent property owner to Gary Marsden, Doug Siddoway, has agreed to grant a 20-foot easement for the new road Mr. Marsden wants at 4875 East. Mr. Marsden will grant the remaining 40-foot. The easement agreement has been reviewed by those involved. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve and sign the right of way agreement in this matter. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Landfill:

Ashton has asked Ms. Vik to meet with them this afternoon regarding recycling.

Miscellaneous:

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new pup trailer. Grover's will pay \$13,000 for the old truck – it will cost \$24,900 for the new trailer. This pup trailer would be the one that would have come with the truck that is budgeted to be purchased this year. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the pup trailer. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams RE: Executive Session IC67-2345(d)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho code at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting 1:17 p.m.

Commissioners signed one release of lien.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny cases #M2009-50 and #M2009-52 (due to reconsideration). Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Rick Byrem & Pat McKenna RE: Road Abandonment Petition (City of Drummond)

Mr. Byrem stated that this road was created by deed in 1955. The County does not know why this property was deeded to them. The question was raised on what it would take to declare it as an odd lot. Commissioner Romrell would like to talk to Ms. Lookabaugh. Declaring it as an odd lot would take less time and would not cloud the easement. Commissioner Romrell questioned Mayor Ellis on how he would like to proceed. He stated that he would like to see this addressed thru the city.

Commissioners further discussed property that was bought for an easement in Drummond. The road was never built. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to give it back to the City of Drummond. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Amy Taylor, Dave Rydalch, and Larry Reese / Dale Swenson Fremont Madison Irrigation District RE: Risch Amendment

Commissioner Romrell stated that he had the opportunity to talk to Wendy Reynolds on this issue. The monies would be shifted to the South Fork. Ms. Taylor stated that the Risch amendment solidifies that those allotted monies stay in Idaho and was written to provide maximum flexibility.

Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi RE: Sale of County Property

Ms. Hirschi came before the Board to discuss property owned by the County. One piece is attached to property owned by Art Fullmer. The property is the south five feet of lots 4, 5, and 6 of block 71. No decision will be made until after they discuss it with Mr. Fullmer. Also discussed was .08 acres in Marysville and a small portion by the Grandview Subdivision that is surrounded by Park and Recreation and the Department of Transportation. No decision was made concerning these two properties.

Carlos Aponte & Human Resource Director Cindy Skoy RE: HRA-VEBA

Mr. Aponte and Ms. Skoy came before the Board Concerning the HRA contribution to new employees. The decision was made to prorate their contribution per employment date. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to prorate county contribution per employment date for new employees. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Parks & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga RE: Snowmobile Concerns

Ms. Cikaitoga met with the Board concerning two snowmobile issues. Readjusting the trail to accommodate the extended traffic and loss of access at Macks Inn was one. To do this they need to adjust the trail so the bypass Macks Inn Resort. Portion of that road goes through a housing area making it possible to join a forest service road. Commissioner Miller made a motion to give approval to have 8/10 of a mile on the old Highway 191 to be used as a dual use road. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Executive Session IC67-2345(f)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement at 4:10 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Items to Discuss

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes for May 6th, June 1st, June 25th, July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, August 3rd, August 5th, August 7th, September 29th, September 30th, and October 7th. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-01 Standard Safety Procedures for All Personnel who operate Fremont County EMS Vehicles. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made the motion to sign the Fuel Station Agreement with the Fremont County School District. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Jody Flores, Deputy Clerk