

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2009

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores,

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Skip Hurt:

Commissioner Hurt provided a brief overview of his trip to Washington D.C. He stated that it was interesting to see how it all works. He visited with Senators Crapo and Risch and they seem supportive of Fremont County. He felt that it was of great benefit to the County. This travel expense will be taken from the regular commissioners travel budget line.

Commissioner Paul Romrell:

Commissioner Romrell provided a brief report on the annex building. At some time, a service truck hit the building where the electricity goes into the building. Tuesday night there was smoke in the building – they had an electrician come and they found a burnt black wire. Wednesday after the P&Z Commission meeting, the electrician cut the power to the building. On Thursday, he replaced a new conduit box and wiring. The cost was \$6800 – ICRMP will cover all but \$1000 deductible. Commissioner Romrell stated that he has spoken to the Chief of Police of St. Anthony about closing the alley. Chief Smith told Commissioner Romrell that he thought this was an easement. Discussion was held.

Executive Session IC67-2345(b)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public school student at 9:28 a.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 9:42 a.m.

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 11:24 am. 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 11:30 a.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve cases M2010-10, M2010-11, M2010-12, and G2010-34. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Human Resource Director Cindy Skoy RE: Personnel Policy

Discussion was held regarding the proposed personnel policy. Some changes will need to be made prior to final approval of the Board. This has been placed on the agenda for the Commissioner meeting on January 4th.

Public Works Director Marla Vik: Asphalt Zipper Purchase

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the asphalt zipper. A letter of intent will need to be sent to Roger Comstock at Asphalt Zipper Inc. outlining the basic price and the breakdown of various items.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to purchase the asphalt zipper AZ600, 6 foot cutterhead, with the Tier 3 Cummins 6.7 liter engine for the purchase price of \$129,950 to be termed for five years. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Commissioner Hurt opposes the motion. This motion is approved by 2/3 majority vote.

Search & Rescue Director Brett Mackert RE: Search & Rescue Building

Mr. Mackert stated that they are presently in the building and have changed the locks and keys. They will wash walls and begin painting at the first of the year. Discussion was held regarding the work to be done on the building such as plumbing and electrical etc. A public works license will be needed in order to do this portion of the improvements. Search & Rescue members will still be able to do the drywall, cabinets, and painting etc.

Discussion was held regarding the second addition of the building. Funding options were also discussed. They will begin the design or drawing phase for the second addition.

Mr. Mackert stated that Sid Keller from the fairboard had contacted him and would like Search & Rescue to give up \$1 from each ticket sale to the fairboard. Discussion was held. As a good will, Mr. Mackert stated that they will give the fairboard \$761.50 next year.

North Fremont Fire District Ted Sturm RE: Proposed New Building

Discussion was held regarding the property at the Hwy 20 and Cave Falls Road corner for the new proposed fire station. Mr. Sturm stated that according to the county assessor the property was given to the county in 1996. The assessor says she has the document. We need to check with the prosecutor and find out who really owns the property. If the county does own the land, they would like to further pursue the fire station.

Amended Agenda Items:

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to amend the agenda to include:

- 2:00p.m. Search & Rescue Director Brett Mackert RE: Search & Rescue Building
- Ted Sturm of the North Fremont Fire District RE: Proposed New Building

Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Items to Discuss

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve and sign the agreement for oil changes to Les Schwab, The Lube Bay, St. Anthony Motors, and Bucks Auto Repair II. Gas engines will be \$30 per oil change and diesel engines will be \$55 per oil change. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the JABG Project Award with the Department of Juvenile Corrections in the amount of \$8,800. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

EMS Director Bob Foster presented an application for a federal application grant for provision of emergency medical services at the St. Anthony Sand Dunes. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the application for a federal grant for provision of emergency medical services at

the St. Anthony Sand Dunes. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding snow plowing in cemeteries.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF THE WEED BUILDING TO THE SOUTH FREMONT FIRE DISTRICT

Commissioner Romrell opened the public hearing at 10:00a.m. on the sale of the weed building to the South Fremont Fire District. Also in attendance from the South Fremont Fire District were Chairman Bob Fisher, Blair Crapo (Fire District Commissioner), and Paul Siddoway (Fire District Commissioner).

No conflicts were noted. No public comments were submitted.

This public hearing was held to satisfy state requirements on the sale of county property between two public entities.

\$15,000 was the sale price of the property.

The hearing was closed at 10:03a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON OPEN BURN ORDINANCE

Commissioner Romrell opened the public hearing on the Open Burn Ordinance at 11:00a.m.

No conflicts were noted.

The following public comment was submitted as follows:

Dale Swenson:

Mr. Swenson stated that Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh asked if he had any input to offer. He also stated that the Southeast Idaho Canal and Egin Bench Canal currently did not have any burn policies and that it is up to private property owners to maintain their canal banks. In his opinion, permits are something that owners have not done in the past and would be a huge change. Permits would not go over well. Weather conditions have to be right and there is a small window of opportunity making it difficult to plan ahead and purchase a permit.

Chan Atchley:

Mr. Atchley stated that he echoes what Mr. Swenson had said. He also does not agree with issuing permits.

Commissioner Paul Romrell:

Commissioner Romrell stated that this ordinance was created in part to address situations such as the one in Chester where one individual has almost burned a shop, home etc. with uncontrolled burns three years in a row. Currently there is no way to prosecute when these situations occur. Somehow the message needs to be sent that individuals need to be responsible when burning ditches and/or canal banks.

Commissioner Skip Hurt:

Commissioner Hurt stated that he does not think that there is a need for a permit or fee. Possibly there could be a process where people could call to dispatch and notify.

Commissioner LeRoy Miller:

Commissioner Miller stated that if people were to make calls to dispatch that this could create conflicting reports. Sherrif Humphries stated that he was not thrilled to regulate this.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh:

Ms. Lookabaugh stated that she would like an opportunity to redraft this ordinance and get input with the fire chiefs and reschedule the public hearing. She would like all three fire districts to provide input.

Clerk Abbie Mace suggested that Emergency Management Director Keith Richey be involved as well.

Mr. Swenson further stated that he felt that the permit process would punish those few who are negligent.

We will advertise again for public hearing when suggested changes are made.

Commissioner Romrell closed the public hearing at 11:22a.m.