

Special Commissioners Meeting
December 2, 2009
Joint Meeting with City of St. Anthony
Held at the City of St. Anthony Building

Present were Commissioner Hurt and Commissioner Miller

Also in attendance was Clerk Abbie Mace

Also in attendance were Mayor Garth Rose, Councilmen Elva Powell, Woody Anderson, Bryant Biorn, Bryan Stoddard, and Rod Willmore.

St. Anthony Mayor Rose welcomed everyone here. Commissioner Romrell was excused from the meeting.

Councilmen thanked the commissioners for the work they do.

Councilman Anderson updated the commissioners on the 12th Street improvements the city is proposing. They have discussed changing the road back to the curve and not have it come to a T. The grant has been submitted to the state. The change should be a cost savings. He also updated the county that the Chamber of Commerce will be meeting tomorrow and electing new officers.

They discussed the shortfalls of the State Budget. The State is anticipating cutting \$200 Million from their budget. The city is concerned with next year's budget. They are working on being fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Hurt stated the cost of road oil is too expensive. We have had to cut back on our seal coating programs.

They discussed the cost savings the county has had with our medical insurance savings. The city will have one of the councilmen to meet with the counties insurance agent.

Councilman Biorn did not have anything to ask.

Councilman Stoddard asked about the police force possibly being taken over by the county.

Commissioner Hurt stated that the county is willing to work with the city if the city wants to come to us with a proposal.

They talked about the cities concerns with the Fire District. The city will discuss this in January.

Councilman Willmore thanked the commissioners for the help at the airport on the crack seal project there. They would like to see some help with snowplowing of the airport from the county.

The county is willing to help the city with some coordination. They directed their Public Works Director to meet with our Public Works Director for this. The city has upgraded the lighting at the

airport to save on the electric bill at the airport. They also now have fuel available for purchase at the airport.

Councilman Stoddard asked what the county is doing with their old weed building. The county is selling it to Fire District.

City Public Works Director brought up the road projects that they city is working on. They will be working on Bridge Street in the summer. They are working on East Main to 1st East this spring.

Mayor Elect Neils Thueson is happy to see the cooperation between the city and county. He wants this to continue.

Commissioner Hurt offered to help the city as we can and work together. We have a good relationship with Ashton. They gave a grant to City of Island Park. He updated them on the building programs at the studmill. We have created a fleet manager position. We are finishing a new Road & Bridge building in Ashton and a new EMS Building in Island Park. The search and rescue will be moving into the old Road & Bridge building in St. Anthony. The county is proposing an addition to that building. They all praised the Search and Rescue. The county is paying for the road and bridge improvements with Secure Rural School money.

Commissioner Miller updated the city on the sale of county property. We will be selling some property in county in the spring. He is involved in recreation programs in the area. They county is working on several projects for grant applications. We will be hiring a new groomer operator. We will be getting two new groomers this year. The county has the largest program in the state. The county has been turned down on a grant for the fair ground for ADA compliant bleachers. We will renovate the west side bleachers this summer. He stated that Commissioner Hurt will be testifying in Washington DC on the proposed closure of Mt. Jefferson. He will be representing the entire region.

Commissioner Miller stated that the golf course has the best revenue they have had in the past several years. Commissioner Miller has been working hard on promoting the golf course. Commissioner Miller updated the city on the census committee.

City Police Chief Smith updated the county on improvements to the radio repeater on the counties tower by the courthouse.

Councilman Biorn stated he is the liaison with the Lions Club and stated how the free Thanksgiving dinner went. There were approximately 450 people fed this year, the numbers have increased greatly this year.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of St. Anthony building.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk