

## FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2009

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Five County Detention Director Trent John, HR Director Cindy Skoy, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

### **Executive Session IC67-2345 (b)**

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 (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 9:15 a.m. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Miller voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 9:36 a.m.

### **Buffalo River Association President John Laird (Elk Creek Water Issues)**

Commissioner Romrell gave a brief overview and history of the central sewer system in Island Park. Fremont County is the only county in the state of Idaho that has this type of system, and we have two systems. The Board is committed to having annual water sample testing to ensure water quality in the Island Park area. Buffalo River has been the hot spot of contamination for the last four years. Commissioner Hurt echoed the sentiments as stated from Commissioner Romrell. He stated that it is encouraging to have the homeowners from the area to help solve these issues.

Public Works Director Marla Vik reviewed the map with the water sampling sites. She also gave a brief overview of the logarithmic graphs with the testing results of the different testing sites. The Board wants to be "pro-active" instead of "reactive" to the water issues.

David Lamplugh of the Elk Creek Association wanted to hear the updates of the water testing results. He would also like to know the exact sites on which they are testing. He questioned what indicator was used to determine that it was human contamination. Brian Phinney of Keller and Associates indicated that they used a human bacterium test with specific human DNA markers; therefore they determined on a molecular level that the source of contamination was human. Mr. Phinney gave a brief overview of the testing times and the reasons on why they test at the different times of year. Mr. Lamplugh questioned that if they have discovered any evidence of underground flowing water that would carry or move these contaminants. Mr. Phinney stated that he does not know of any at this time. Discussion was held. Keller & Associates would like to find shallow, private wells in the Bill's Island, Elk Creek, or Buffalo River area as well to test. Different tracking options were discussed. Jim Staggs (Buffalo River) questioned if they have noticed any outhouses, buried barrels, or dry campers that were illegal. The meeting today was to bring the issues forward and to overview sampling sites. It was stated that the associations may contact Keller & Associates or Public Works Director Marla Vik for any further questions or concerns. Different options and issues were discussed.

### **Social Services Director Debbie Adams (Indigent Claims)**

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 2:37 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Miller voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 3:02 p.m. The board signed on new lien. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve cases

#G2009-54, #G2009-58, #G2009-63, #M2009-14, #M2009-15, and to deny case #M2009-13. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**IT Administrator Lisa Turner (Costs to the City of St. Anthony for Access to Computer Arts Inc. software)**

Discussion was held regarding the costs to the City of St. Anthony for Access to Computer Arts Inc. software. The advantage would be one database that all law enforcement would be utilizing. They would pay \$100 for licensure. Commissioners agreed to allow the City of St. Anthony access to the software. IT will put the city on today and notify them of the cost.

**GIS Administrator Bonnie, Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert, and Public Works Administrator Marla Vik (GIS Proposal) – IC67-2345 (b)**

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**HR Director Cindy Skoy (Per Diem Policy)**

HR Director Cindy Skoy presented a draft copy of the policy for per diem rates. Discussion was held regarding changes and/or amendments to the policy. Ms. Skoy will update the Board when changes are made and completed.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-06 regarding travel reimbursement/per diem with the amended changes to be effective today. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**IT Administrator Lisa Turner (Copy/Printer Machine Policy)**

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the proposed copy/printer machine policy by Resolution 2009-07. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

**Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler (Ordinances)**

Discussion was held regarding different stimulus money opportunities. Mr. Fowler presented two draft copies of ordinances: 1) Boat Wash Ordinance 2) Nuisance Weed Ordinance. The board and Mr. Fowler held discussion regarding different possible problems and hurdles of these ordinances. There is a need to deal with the weeds so that the county can spray the weeds and charge the land owner. A public hearing will be scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hurt and Bryce Fowler had a meeting with the railroad. They will repair five of the railroad intersections of the county's choice. We will haul their asphalt and waste. They will move the railcars back from the intersections and out of the Parker townsite. We will spray a total of 37 miles along the tracks with two ATV's at \$35 per hour, herbicide (Milestone & Tellar) at \$40 an acre for an approximate total of \$10,150.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign the RAC grant application. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the new truck. The Board encouraged Mr. Fowler to continue to work with Cleve Richards of St. Anthony Motors as they would like to keep business within the county.

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#### **Items to Discuss**

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh came before the Board to present amended draft copies of the "Livestock Running At Large" and "Ordinance Enforcement Officer" ordinances. Discussion was held regarding different options and changes.

Shane Boyle with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections gave a brief update on referrals for placement of juveniles in the Five County Detention Center. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the current hiring freeze and possibly lifting the ban. The Board felt that we need to continue to leave this hiring freeze in place.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to release one 1997-01 Mack's Inn Sewer LID lien, and one 2002-01 Last Chance Sewer LID lien. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to support the proposed beer and wine tax increase and to send letters of support to representatives in our area. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the proposed new members of the Public Health District Board of Health. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to state that elected officials will be eligible for benefits effective immediately with the exception of life insurance. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the RBOG grant. There is \$32,000.37 still available to be utilized. If we are not going to use these monies, a letter should be sent stating that those monies will be turned back. Commissioner Romrell stated that we should visit with Mayor Tom Jewell of Island Park to see if he has any ideas for utilization of these funds.

Clerk Abbie Mace read a letter to the Board from Commissioner Cope of Lemhi County regarding the development of an Idaho Youth Conservation Corp. Commissioner Miller will take the lead on this. Commissioner Romrell will send Commissioner Cope a letter of interest.

Thus being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk