

## FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2009

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Sheriff Len Humphries, Treasurer Pat McCoy, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert

### **Department Heads & Elected Officials**

Sheriff Humphries reported that work has begun on the outside lighting around the sheriff's office. The storage shed has arrived and will be set up this week. They are working to fill the position vacated by Deputy Troy Kaaiakamanu with HR Director Cindy Skoy. Discussion was held regarding the ammunition order and supply. There are currently 18 inmates in custody with four being housed outside of the county.

Treasurer Pat McCoy stated that there was \$2,737.24 in tax cancellations for January 2009. She gave the title companies 64 parcels to be researched in which 2005 taxes were not paid; to start the tax deeding process. Discussion was held.

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported that the circuit breakers are beginning to come in. She expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for talking to the Tax Commission. Discussion was held regarding compliance. Appraisers were out all of last week working on new construction.

Clerk Abbie Mace stated that she also enjoyed the conference that they attended in Boise last week. Brief overview was given on different topics such as election consolidation, budgeting, etc. Clerk Mace also attended a roundtable session with counties of similar size and issues. She hopes that they continue this because it was beneficial to those involved.

Commissioner Hurt stated that his favorite part was also the roundtable with the other similar counties. Brief overview was given.

Commissioner Romrell gave a brief overview of the conference attended in Boise. He appreciated the opportunity to meet with the other Commissioners to share ideas, issues, etc. Brief overview was given. He had an opportunity to visit with the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Director Larry Callicutt while in Boise. Director Callicutt indicated that contract bed numbers at Five County Detention would not decrease any further. Commissioner Romrell stated that he also visited with the federal representative and he was very complimentary of the Five County Detention Center and the program at that facility.

Commissioner Miller stated that the biggest topics of discussion at the conference were the budget and wolf depredation. He also enjoyed the roundtable with the counties of similar size.

Attorney Lookabaugh stated that Gil Gardner began work this week. She has met with Blake Hall twice regarding the civil cases. She has done a great deal of work in preparing these cases for Mr. Hall. She has met with several citizens regarding different issues. Horses are a big issue at this time. She will be informing the public on several different prevalent issues that the county has and the fines and penalties associated with those issues.

### **Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler (Henry's Lake Boat Wash Rules & Proposal to Purchase New Truck)**

Discussion was held regarding milfoil. Mr. Fowler would like to trade in the Ford Ranger and purchase another used vehicle. Discussion was held. It may be possible to switch outfits with Marla Vik as she would like to downsize, then we could trade it in. The Board would like Mr. Fowler to keep shopping for the best deal.

Discussion was held regarding the milfoil project. He is meeting with Steve Smart from High Country RC&D regarding the RAC grant. He questioned the board as to what they would like to see from this grant. They would like to see purchase of a small camp trailer. They have also requested additional employees. Mr. Fowler would like a tour day up there with Commissioners and some legislators. Henry's Fork Foundation and other groups need to become involved. If we commit to doing this, we need to ensure that we do it right. He would like to purchase 1-2 more boat washes in the next couple of years. These washes would be placed on all of the incoming highways. He would like to see it be mandatory that all boats be washed.

### **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 10:28 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 11:04 a.m.

### **Fremont Madison Irrigation District Secretary Dale Swenson (Flooding in the Chester Area Caused by Ice Jams in the River)**

The Irrigation District is looking for assistance to remove the dam that was put in to stop flooding in the Chester area this winter with the county hoe and also a dozer. The Board is in support of this. Discussion was held. Ms. Vik questioned when there is not water in the canal as there are several bridges that need to be replaced. They stated that they would prefer this to be done during the fall. In the future in these types of situations, Emergency Response Administrator Keith Richey needs to be contacted as well.

### **Dirk Mace (Courthouse Signs)**

Mr. Mace presented several examples of signs for the courthouse. Commissioner Hurt will work with Mr. Mace on the final decision. The cost will be approximately \$55 per sign.

### **City of Ashton – Archives – (Jane Daniels Computer Equipment Donation)**

Mrs. Daniels presented a letter requesting that the county donate a computer to the Ashton Archives Organization. The Board supports this decision. The county has a computer and a printer that could be donated.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to donate a computer and a printer to the Ashton Archives organization. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

### **Social Services Administrator Debbie Davis (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 1:02 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 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny case #M2009-11 and to approve case #M2009-12. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all in favor.

#### **Human Resource Director Cindy Skoy (Miscellaneous)**

Discussion was held regarding per diem rates. It was felt that going with the in state rate is good, but she recommends going with the GSA out of state rate when traveling to other states. Discussion was held regarding gym memberships and wellness campaigns. The wellness campaign the first is "Fizz It". It is not a pass or fail situation. She requested to have Darlene Woodcock work for her eight hours a week. This decision is tabled until the 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held regarding the VEBA trust.

#### **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 1:54 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 2:52 p.m.

#### **Public Works Director Marla Vik (Department Reports)**

Ms. Vik presented the reports on her departments:

##### Road and Bridge:

Ms. Vik discussed transportation to the Fleet Management conference in Las Vegas. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to allow Blair Jones to take the county car and per diem meals for 3 ½ days, and reimbursement for the fuel for the conference. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. The commissioners agreed to make a change to the subdivision roads standards. She will bring in the proposed changes and report back to the commissioners.

##### Sewer System:

Ms. Vik requested that the Board allow her to rebid the storage shed at Macks Inn; they agreed to this request.

##### Landfill:

Ms. Vik would like to restructure the duties of the landfill; with Dennis Allen as the foreman in Island Park and Calvin Kraus covering when he is not working, and Jim Miller as the foreman in St. Anthony. She would like to give Mr. Kraus more responsibilities in the landfill. This would free up time for Blair Jones to deal with the fleet management responsibilities. Commissioners discussed the options on how to deal with this. Ms. Vik will come back to the commissioners with a recommendation.

##### Park and Recreation:

Ms. Vik reported that the BYU-Idaho architecture class has completed their designs to enclose the concrete patio at the golf course clubhouse. She will report back to the board with the designs.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Vik has been selected to be the vice-president of the Idaho Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors. She will be attending their conferences. She presented a letter of complements to the Road crew.

She reported that East Idaho Railroad will meet with her tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. to review the issues with railroad crossings, weeds, and the storage of box cars. Commissioner Hurt will attend this meeting.

### **Items to Discuss**

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the alcohol catering permit for the Lazy Trout Lodge. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the submitted junior college applications. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve and sign the elevator contract. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve minutes for December 17<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, and January 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The Board reviewed the following bids:

1. Courthouse Paint Project
  - Gerald Humphries LLC / \$7,663.00
  - Joseph Carroll Painting / \$9,136.50
  - Upper Valley Painting LLC / \$17,280.00

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to award the courthouse paint project bid to Gerald Humphries LLC in the amount of \$7,663.00. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

2. Clerks Office Carpet Project
  - Wynn Furniture / \$5,202.80
  - Mountain River Floor Coverings Inc. / \$5,598.19
  - Bingham & Sons Inc. / \$6,317.10
  - Jeff Davis / \$6,575.22

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to award the carpet bid for the Clerks office to Wynn Furniture in the amount of \$5,202.80. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the Design Intelligence contract for designing the proposed new road and bridge shop and weed shop. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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