

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2009

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Treasurer Patricia McCoy,

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Romrell received a phone call from Lloyd Griffel regarding changing the Blanchard Herd District boundaries, or to do away with the district. Discussion was held.

The employee picnic will be held June 25th, 6:00p.m., at the Fremont County Golf Course. Clerk Abbie Mace questioned the Board if the time to golf before the picnic would be on the employee's time. The Commissioners stated that it would be on their time.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh stated that she had received word from Elizabeth Laden that someone had spread thousands of nails on the Stonegate road that the county opened up last week. This is a very dangerous situation – Sheriff Humphries stated that this does not appear to be an accident.

Ms. Lookabaugh and Kurt Hibbert have been working very hard on the proposed Cabin Rental Ordinance. An update was given. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to remand the Cabin Rental Ordinance back to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Kurt Hibbert provided a brief update on the new permitting program. There will be a planning and building side and an enforcement side to the new software.

The new EMS Director Robert Foster begins work today.

Discussion was held regarding a catering permit for last weekend. The Sheriff signed this permit – Chief Deputy Clerk Janice Sharp called the State Liquor Dispensary and they stated that this was okay. The Commissioners would like the catering permits to be submitted in timely fashion (one week prior to the event) in order for the review and approval of the permit.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the Junior College Application. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the Five County Detention. Each County will have to nearly double their contributions in the FY2010 proposed budget.

Discussion was held regarding spraying weeds along the railways. Commissioner Hurt would like something in writing on this agreement.

Commissioner Hurt provided an update on the current construction projects. The process has begun with the City of Ashton for the new road and bridge shop. The invitation to bid is currently open and will close on July 6th. Plans will be available June 22nd.

There was a change order to the road and bridge shop at the studmill for floor heating which would total approximately \$25,000 or a 10% change in the overall bid. Commissioner Hurt made a

motion to approve the change order for floor heating in the road & bridge shop for an additional \$25,000. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the AT&T Cell Tower Contract.

Human Resource Administrator Cindy Skoy (Policy & Procedure Manual Overview)

Discussion and overview of the Policy & Procedure Manual was held. Department heads and elected officials provided input and opinion.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (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 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I", Commissioner Miller voting "I", and Commissioner Hurt voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 12:32 p.m.

Carlos Aponte (Insurance Updates)

Mr. Aponte reviewed the HRA (Health Reimbursement Account). This account is for deductible medical claims and any funds left in the account at years end is rolled over to the following year. If you leave the employer, any accrued funds are lost. Upon retirement, any funds that are in the account continue to be available until the monies are exhausted. This is a promise to pay account.

HRA VEBA – employers actually fund this account and the employees are able to invest those funds. These funds are also rolled over from year to year.

Items to Discuss

Discussion was held regarding access to the basement at the prosecutor's office. They need to pour some new concrete, replace the roof over the stairway, and put on a steel door. Thompson Construction entered an estimate of \$2,675 for these improvements. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept the bid from Thompson Construction for \$2,675. 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: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk