

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2009

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

Also attended by: Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Public Works Director Marla Vik, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert, GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Romrell offered the opening prayer.
Joette Lookabaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Chief Deputy Sheriff Kurt Hillman:

Mr. Hillman gave a brief update for the Sheriffs office. They had a busy weekend with various calls.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy:

The Treasurers Office turned over 50 warrants of distraint to the Sheriff's office. They came back with four that were not resolved. They continue to work on taxes.

Assessor Kathy Thompson:

They had three groups of kids that toured the courthouse and jail. She is busy working on assessments. Those assessments will be sent out today. Discussion was held regarding older groups of kids coming to the courthouse.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh:

Ms. Lookabaugh provided brief updates on civil and criminal issues within the county. There is a new victim witness coordinator (Kim Muir) that is shared with Madison County. With the new scanning machine, they are implementing a new filing system for the prosecutor's office. This will begin from the present time backwards and will enable them to scan documents specific to each case. Ms. Lookabaugh attended a GIS presentation on a program for flyovers to photograph the county. This system has the capability to detect failing septic systems. Ms. Lookabaugh provided a brief update on the cabin rental ordinance. They requested input from several organizations that had interest in this ordinance, including the Smart Growth Coalition and National Association of Realtors. Smart Growth had some wonderful ideas – NAR is not interested in this kind of ordinance and indicated that they will sue the county if this ordinance is approved and implemented.

Commissioner Skip Hurt:

There is a contractor looking at the prosecutor's office to fix steps going down to the basement etc. in an effort to remedy vandalism problem there. The front of the courthouse should be completed by the end of the week. Footings at the Road & Bridge shop needs to be inspected, after completion of the inspection, they should begin pouring concrete sometime this week. The R&B shop in Ashton is currently in design. Commissioner Hurt attended the meeting in Island Park regarding the proposed EMS building, there was no opposition.

Commissioner Lee Miller:

Commissioner Romrell stated that he received a complaint from Jim Farris regarding Frome Park boatdocks – it was decided to close those docks to fishing. There were some issues between

fishermen and boaters. They are taking up four additional ramps today. On opening weekend they washed 500 plus boats. They have been very busy with this project. The Golf Course generated \$46,253 dollars in revenue - this is the largest revenue in any two month period.

Commissioner Paul Romrell:

Commissioner Romrell gave a brief overview of his weekend in Kellogg and Wallace. They had raw sewage going into streams as late as 2000 and high levels of lead poisoning. He had an opportunity to further discuss the issues at Buffalo River with our Public Health Officials. They are supportive of the county and this issue.

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 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I" and Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Miller voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 10:10 a.m.

Island Park Chamber of Commerce President Connie Funkhouser (Island Park Fun Run & Hospitality Tours)

An overview was given of the All American Sawtelle Stampede to be held in Island Park. With teams of five or more, you will receive \$5 off of each registration fee. The Fun Run will be held July 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and is 1.7 miles on Sawtelle Peak Road. She requested that flyers be inserted to employee pay checks – this was approved by the Commissioners.

Larry Timchak Introducing Brent Larsen (Targhee Forest Service)

Mr. Timchak introduced Brent Larsen as the new Caribou-Targhee Forest Director. Mr. Timchak's last day will be this Friday. Brief overview was given with present issues between the forest service and Fremont County.

Public Works Director Marla Vik (Department Reports)

Road & Bridge:

The ITD HQ requested a letter from the Commissioners regarding the single sidewalk on the new Stone Bridge. Ms. Vik prepared this letter and it was signed by Commissioner Romrell. The crew is removing the Stonegate/Sawtelle berm at the west end of the Huckleberry Loop.

Sewer System:

Mr. Lostutter is submitting a press release about the sewer line cleaning they plan to do this summer. This will warn property owners that if vents are plugged, cleaning the lines can force water to splash out of their fixtures.

Landfill:

Ms. Vik questioned if we charge the city for tires or does that fall into the agreement for the dumpsters. The Commissioners felt that there is no way to determine if those tires are generated from city vehicles or from city cleanup. It was determined that we will charge them for the tires. Commissioner Hurt questioned if they have dug the pit for burn barrels. She stated that they had not. Brief discussion was held. Discussion was held regarding garbage from construction sites. The Board would like to revisit this issue and review how it was done before. Commissioner Romrell called Planning & Zoning and they stated that this stopped because it was viewed as a double taxation issue because they are charged through their property tax.

Miscellaneous:

Brief overview was given of various projects including the Fish Creek road, parking lot projects etc. The property lines are slightly narrower in the lot by the bank. Discussion was held. She will talk with Sandee at Bank of Idaho and will develop a Memorandum of Understanding. There is approximately five feet in question.

Scott Christensen with Greater Yellowstone Coalition (Update on Bear Proof Container Project in Island Park)

They are continuing their project with bear proof containers in the Island Park. Presentation was given. They have been doing forums in a few of surrounding communities on living with nature to help educate homeowners on the storage of garbage. They can purchase one of these containers for \$50 and sign an agreement to take proper care of these bins. They will hold another event in July at Flat Ranch. Discussion was held.

Diego Bautista (Land Dispute)

Mr. Bautista gave an overview of the issues with his land in Wilford. This is to do with Fred Barring property. The Commissioners stated that he does not know of anything that the Board can do at this time and feel that this is a civil issue. Question was heard as to why was there building permits issued when this was an illegal subdivision. Attorney Joette Lookabaugh questioned the Board if they would like her to take Mr. Barring to court. They stated that if he is violation of the law, that she should do so.

Social Service Director Debbie Adams (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 12:49 p.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. 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 at 1:06 p.m..

Commissioners signed one new lien. Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny cases #G2009-93, and #M2009-25, to table case #G2009-94 until next week, and to approve case #M2009-20. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Juvenile Probation Director Darin Burrell (Quarterly Report / Updates)

Mr. Burrell presented a handout for his quarterly reports. There has been a reduction in female numbers and an increase in males. This is just a one day snapshot and he would like to come back with more firm numbers. Trends are remaining steady. There has been a slight increase in sexual offenses.

Discussion was held regarding juvenile probation and the county vehicle usage policy. Mr. Burrell asked the Board for approval to continue to use the vehicles as usual. The Board indicated that the juvenile probation department is an exception.

Discussion was held regarding the victim/offender – parent/teen mediation program. Mr. Burrell asked if the Board would like to continue with their contribution to this program. There was a question on where this money comes from. He will discuss this with the clerk.

The new Tri-County Juvenile Drug Court Coordinator has been hired as of last week.

Mr. Burrell will be attending the APPA Conference that is in his budget in Anaheim, August 23-26. He will be the only one going.

AT&T – Edge Wireless Tony Wilson (Lease 70X70 pad by Chester Gravel Pit – Conference Call)

A conference call with Tony Wilson from AT&T was held regarding the lease of a 70X70 pad near the Chester Gravel Pit. There would be \$500 paid monthly for rent with a yearly 3% increase – they would sign a twelve month lease. The day they would start construction would be when they begin rental payments. They would hang other things on the towers such as the 700 mhz radio program that is being implemented statewide. Different options were discussed. Commissioner Hurt stated for to not obstruct the view of the Tetons, he would recommend building it at the furthest southeast corner and to be a monopole and not the lattice style. Mr. Wilson will send a template form of their rental agreement to Clerk Abbie Mace. They are in agreement of the building location.

Terry Mortensen (E1 Pump Grinder Sewer System Presentation)

Overview given of the product and a handout was given. This is a transportation device, but needs a distribution or central receiving point to empty to.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (a)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office at 2:54 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. 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 3:33 p.m.

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 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "I" and Commissioner Hurt voting "I", and Commissioner Miller voting "I". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 4:03 p.m.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (a)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office at 4:06 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. 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 4:40 p.m.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (a)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office at 4:45 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. 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 4:50 p.m.

Amended Agenda Items

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b) and discussion on proposed demolition of three buildings in Teton City. 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 a Liquor Catering Permit for the Island Park Lodge. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the demolition of buildings in Teton City. Commissioner Romrell received a phone call from the city mayor on this issue. They have been working with former Commissioner Bill Forbush and they would like a building inspection prior to demolition.

Discussion was held regarding the Dogs At Large Ordinance. This originated from complaints from citizens and law enforcement.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Jody Flores, Deputy Clerk