

## FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

June 08, 2009

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

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

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Sheriff Len Humphries offered the opening prayer.  
Commissioner Hurt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Elected Officials**

Sheriff Len Humphries:

Sheriff Humphries gave a brief update – they have been busy. There are 21 inmates currently in county custody.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy:

She presented requests for two credit cards for employees at Five County Detention for the Commissioners to approve. Discussion was held. The credit limit will be \$2500. The Treasurer's Office has collected twice as many taxes as they did last month.

Assessor Kathy Thompson:

It is protest time for property appraisals - everything has been going well so far. She thanked the sheriff's office for their response to the incident in her office last week.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh:

Ms. Lookabaugh provided a brief update of issues in the prosecutor's office. She also updated the Board on the intervention regarding the "sexting" incident at the high school. There was discussion on possibly putting together a presentation in an assembly for them in the early fall.

Clerk Abbie Mace:

There will be an Open Meeting Law presentation by ICRMP on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00p.m. at the City of St. Anthony city building. She provided an overview of topics and issues covered at the IAC Commissioners & Clerks Conference in Post falls. Some topics covered at the conference were health district funding, problems with the boat stickers, local option tax, EMS licensing, problems with necessary and ordinary county purchases, tax deeding, election consolidation, and possible reauthorization for secure rural school funding and PILT formulas. Budgets were also a hot topic.

Commissioner Lee Miller:

The Board met with the City of St. Anthony this week and that was very beneficial and a great opportunity. The boat dock issue at Frome Park is still not resolved. There are still some concerns with the racetrack at the fairgrounds. Discussion was held on elected official and county employee participation in the Sawtooth Stampede, July 4<sup>th</sup> in Island Park. He would like to see representation from the county.

Commissioner Hurt:

The repairs to the front of the courthouse are complete. The amount to do these repairs came in under what we thought. There are some issues with the cement / concrete. The plans are in for the Ashton Road & Bridge Shop. He will be meeting with Clerk Mace to advertise the bid opening. Updates were given on the progress of the buildings at the studmill. Plans for the fuel station at the

studmill are ready to go – he will also meet with Clerk Mace to advertise this as well. There was still question if the school district is going to participate – if they do, the Board would like some document of this agreement. Commissioner Hurt will get a hold of their legal and will work with Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh.

Commissioner Romrell:

Robert Foster has been hired as the new EMS (Ambulance) Director for Fremont County. He holds thirteen certifications, is a paramedic, and is qualified to train others. He begins work on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Romrell received an email from the Aquatics Plant Director congratulating the county on their efforts in their direction of milfoil prevention. They washed 500 boats their first week in operation.

### **GIS Department Presentation (Eric Smith Introduction)**

Bonnie Moore introduced Eric Smith. Mr. Smith gave a presentation on Enterprise GIS. Data quality and integrity and cooperation across county organizations are areas for improvement. The benefits of centralizing data were discussed.

### **Henry's Fork Foundation (Steve Trafton – Surface Ground Water Study / Introduction of those performing the study)**

Steve Trafton from the Henry's Fork Foundation gave introductions. Rob Vankirk, Mark Baker, Yvonne Everett, and an intern who will be staying in the area throughout the summer. This study is funded from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They will be studying surface / ground water interaction – in the past and future with the focus on quantity and not quality. They would like to get an idea of what the public's knowledge is and develop education and outreach information on water conservation.

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

#### **Road & Bridge:**

Ms. Vik contacted Sawndy Withers at the Bank of Idaho regarding granting the county five feet of the property west of the bank so the two parking lots can be equal size. She was supportive of the idea and will take it to the bank board this week.

Brad Hill submitted a bill for \$10,965 for snow removal on 700 North for the past two winters. There has never been an agreement with him to remove snow on that road. The county will not pay this bill.

Ms. Vik has reviewed the updated design of Fish Creek with Forest Service Employee Randy Tate last Tuesday. It was determined that the improvements could be completed within the 60ft right-of-way and therefore could be classified as maintenance work. Mr. Tate indicated that Adrienne Keller agreed with his assessment. Forest Service Employee Adrienne Keller requested that Ms. Vik prepare a letter that describes the work and sent it to those who commented on the project during the initial project discussions.

Butler Engineering has submitted a quote to perform the surveying and plan preparation for the southern portion of Salem Road. These plans will identify if there is a need for additional right-of-way, but will not fully meet requirements for a federally funded project. For federal funding, we would have to complete a concept report and an environmental review, but having the initial plans in place will speed up the process.

Brent Singleton has been asking for an update on the status of his proposed gravel pit. Due to the proposed purchase price, The Board is not interested at this time.

#### Sewer System:

Dan Lostutter is requesting permission to use a portion of his part-time worker budget to pay down a portion of the comp time his employees have accumulated over the winter, or let them carry the extra comp time until later when the work load is less than right now. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of hiring another full time position.

#### Landfill:

There is a need to update the mapping at the St. Anthony Landfill. Butler Engineering performed the original survey for the Operations Plan and has submitted an estimate of \$1,365 to complete the field work and provide a file of the map updates. This update is needed to update our Operation Plan, estimate the remaining life of the household waste area, and to prepare an erosion and control plan which is a new requirement for landfills.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Butler Engineering to perform the survey at the St. Anthony Landfill. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### Miscellaneous:

Keller & Associates sent their proposal for the 2009 water sampling in Island Park. Sampling for 14 sites, three times each totals \$9,030. Using the microbial sourcing test technique to identify human DNA is an additional \$1,725 – reporting and presenting the test results is \$4,206 for a total of \$14, 961.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept the proposal as submitted from Keller & Associates for the 2009 water sampling in Island Park in the amount of \$14,961. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**District Seven Administrative Judge Shindurling & Trial Court Administrator Burt Butler**  
Judge Shindurling thanked the Board for giving them time today. Burt Butler presented a check for Millennium Fund and drug testing. There will be some reduction in the drug testing funds in the future. Different funding and expense of those funds were discussed. Discussion was held regarding Five County and the troubles there. Counties commitment will almost double. Points of interest in the hand out were identified. Law clerk funding , distribution of case loads, public defender costs, new budget item (CASA), the county does not currently contribute funds to them, \$500-\$1000 would be very beneficial.

#### **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 12:57 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 1:22 p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to deny cases #M2009-26 and #M2009-27 and to table #G2009-94. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **Parks & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga (Department Report)**

##### Golf Course:

There was 20 participants in the youth golf clinic. Individuals on the waiting list are being contacted. The May financial report was included in the handout given.

### Recreation Bridge – Henry's Lake Outlet

Ms. Cikaitoga gave a brief update on the Recreation Bridge. They have proposed an 8' X 72' concrete bridge with railing. They have also contracted with Butler Engineering for the plans and specifications. The timeline for the funding is challenging. It will cost approximately \$90,000 with a 20% county match. Discussions are being held with the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho Parks & Recreation Department regarding specifications, funding etc.

### Snowmobile Crossings:

Ms. Cikaitoga is working with ITD to authorize each of the 11 crossings. There is no standardized signing expected on US 20. She is requesting permanent sign posts at the crossings.

### Frome Park:

There is a meeting with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. regarding the placement of the fishing docks. Discussion was held regarding removal of concrete pads and placing them at the Vernon Access.

### Miscellaneous:

Discussion was held regarding water samples at Frome Park, Stone Bridge, and the Groomer Shop (two general/off system tests – one nitrate). The permit for a permanent toilet installation at Stone Bridge was granted. Installation will be sometime in July. Clean up at Johnny Sack Cabin is underway – it will tentatively open June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh (Junk Cars)**

Ms. Lookabaugh is looking for guidance for an overall enforcement policy regarding junk cars. The ordinance is in place and she would like to know if the board would like her to begin enforcement. Letters that have been sent out to the offenders have been ignored. It was decided that if she receives complaints, at that time we will act upon those complaints.

### **Gale Schenk (Cherry Butte Road Maintenance)**

The easement has been granted to the County as previously agreed. Ms. Vik proposes that they blast the rock on this road when they are blasting the rock on Fish Creek. This is on Cherry Butte Road. This probably will occur sometime this fall.

### **Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b)**

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 2:23 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 2:47 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 3:02 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 4:46 p.m.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Commissioner Romrell opened the Board of Equalization at 4:32 p.m.

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, Chief Deputy Assessor Barbara Hirschi

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to grant tax exemption to the Upper Valley Bible Church (RP501800366461A). Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to grant tax exemption to the Old Faithful Christian Ranch (RP14N44E). Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to accept the Homeowner's exemption roll in the amount of \$438,593,197. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to accept the Circuit Breakers in the amount of \$36,253,202. There was 418 total. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell closed the Board of Equalization at 4:58 p.m.

### **Amended Agenda Items**

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to add Parks & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Romrell 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 the liquor catering permit to the Trout Hunter. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert to apply for a Homeland Security Grant. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept and approve the work agreement with the St. Anthony Work Camp. 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.

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk