

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 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, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Public Works Director Marla Vik, Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert,

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams (Claims)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho code at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioners signed two releases of liens.

Commissioners signed one new lien.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (c)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session by IC67-2345 (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency at 10:20a.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 10:32a.m.

Amended Agenda Items

Commissioner Miller made a motion to include in the agenda the signing of a grant for the ADA bleachers at the fairgrounds and discussion of wolf issues in Eastern Fremont County. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Items to Discuss

Discussion was held regarding the car show parking at the Courthouse Centennial Celebration.

Sheriff Humphries stated that they have begun the implementation of the 700 mhz radio system – training was held last week. Discussion was held. There are 18 inmates in county custody. Discussion was also held regarding the boat docks at the Island Park Reservoir. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to form a recreation committee for Island Park. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik:

Discussion was held regarding the safety of Fisherman's Drive in Ashton. Drake Munson called Ms. Vik last week regarding this issue. Ms. Vik will refer to the amended Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law on this matter. She questioned regarding stickers for the landfill that indicated property ownership in Fremont County. This could possibly make it easier and more time efficient for the patron. They will implement this in Island Park to see how well this will work.

Commissioner Hurt suggested that signs be made to place at the landfills indicating that it will cost \$20 to dump an uncovered load. She gave a heads up that there was a small fire at the landfill on

Saturday. Discussion was held regarding the two new parking lots by the courthouse– they will not be able to be completed before the Centennial Celebration. She received an estimate for new sidewalks and approaches. Discussion was held regarding a load of gravel for Joleen Jenkins – it was remembered by Commissioner Hurt and Ms. Jenkins that it would be dumped at the gate. The Board asked Ms. Vik to formulate a policy in this matter. The Board spoke with Ms. Jenkins and arrangements were made to dump the gravel inside the gate because of concerns of theft etc.

Commissioners discussed the pothole concerns at Macks Inn. They discussed that these are county roads and had agreed to provide the gravel to repair the road. The private contractor's in Island Park had refused to do the work for Mr. Robb and told him it was the county's responsibility.

Ms. Vik gave a brief update on the progress of the Yale-Kilgore road. The base work is still being done – the sealcoat could begin next week.

Discussion was held regarding the studmill property. Commissioner Romrell asked Ms. Vik on the possibility of the potential of this property becoming a gravel source. Clerk Mace stated that the property was purchased with the intention of developing it to a gravel pit. The purchase of the gravel pit from Brent Singleton was discussed – the Board feels as though this is a good resource for the future for gravel.

Discussion was held regarding the Coldwater lease at the studmill. Commissioner Hurt stated that the package for the fuel station at the studmill is almost complete – he will be in to the Clerks office to make arrangements to advertise tomorrow. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to finish the remodel at the studmill up to \$12,000 with funds generated by the rent of the building from Coldwater. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding mailbox setbacks on South River Road. Some mailboxes are directly on the road. There may be some regulation on these –

Assessor Kathy Thompson presented the MLS Agreement for signature – there is no cost to the county. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve signature of the MLS Agreement. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert:

Mr. Hibbert stated that they had a staff meeting regarding the new permit system – everyone is excited about the new program. An update was given regarding the property by the Fall River Café. An update was also given regarding the perpetual yard sale and the encroachment into the state right of way. The property owner has agreed to allow a local church congregation to help him move the items to the back of the property. Commissioner Hurt asked Mr. Hibbert the state of the Chester road abandonment – he stated that he has been working on that and the state agent should be contacting them sometime next week. Discussion was held regarding the Closure Area Ordinance and an update on a pending subdivision. Commissioner Romrell felt that the verbage needs to change in regards to the private land owners section of the ordinance. This would be done through Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh.

Incidental Budget Costs:

Commissioner Miller stated that there are several budget items such as flowers, baby or birthday gifts etc. that he would like to see removed from the budget. He feels that these funds are from the tax payers and that it is not benefitting them and that flowers should only be for immediate family

deaths. He also stated that he felt that each department should organize the collections for these occasions.

Marla Vik held discussion with the Board regarding the Ponca road issue at the Gunbarrel Subdivision. The road was built outside of the 30ft right of way – the developer has built drainage ditches on private property. There was a conference call by Attorney Joette Lookabaugh – she asked Greg Williams the developer to go to the property and look at the site of the issue and then at that time he will call her back.

Discussion was held regarding the AT&T Cell Phone Tower Lease. There were some issues with the deed and whether or not the property reverts back to the property owners (Maupins). Ms. Lookabaugh stated that she feels that it would be okay to sign the agreement with full disclosure to AT&T on the deed issues.

Commissioner Romrell informed the Board that he received a call from Larry Orme regarding the loss of cattle due to being killed by wolves. They are only allowed one kill in the area and that has been done. Fish & Game can authorize more kills. A phone call has been placed to Steve Schmidt at Fish & Game on this matter.

Discussion was held regarding employee donation of personal time. A phone call was made to Jim McNall with ICRMP for guidance – he stated that there is not a liability to the county and that it is okay for this to be at the discretion of the Board. He did recommend for the Board to formulate a policy to allow or not allow this.

Marla Vik presented ITD Title VI Non-Discrimination requirements that are attached to the state and local agreement with ITD. This agreement is for the seal coat on Teton Highway. Discussion was held.

Ms. Vik will have the landfill employees go out and remove mobile home that has been tax dedeed.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk