

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

September 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, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Parks & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga, Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler, Extension Office Dana Miller, Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey

Commissioner Romrell opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Department Heads & Elected Officials (Budgets)

Clerk Abbie Mace presented a printout of the 2010 budget.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert:

Mr. Hibbert reported that building permits are approximately \$185,032 with next month included it will be approximately \$200,000.

Parks & Recreation Director Tamra Cikaitoga:

It has been a very busy summer – the numbers at Frome Park are astronomical – they are approximately 6,000 above last year. They bought a mower at the golf course – and are holding their own. The numbers are up from last year. They will be closing the Johnny Sak Cabin on September 15th. There are many school field trips planned for this fall. They have been working with the Forest Service on permanent posts at the right of ways for snowmobiles.

Sheriff Len Humphries:

Sheriff Humphries provided an agreement with the Forest Service for signature. Commissioner Miller made a motion to authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign the agreement with the Forest Service for reimbursement of \$23,000. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Sheriff Humphries provided a brief overview of the progress of the reverse notification system. There are 18 inmates in custody. Sheriff Humphries asked the Board for consideration of installing a walk in freezer for the jail at the studmill while they are in the process of remodeling the studmill. The current freezer holds approximately a weeks worth of food. Commissioner Hurt questioned if it would be possible to piggyback on the school district and utilize their freezer. Sheriff Humphries will check on that.

Sewer System Supervisor Dan Lostutter:

They took in a million gallons of septage last week. Both systems are now equipped with cameras. Brief update was provided. He reported no issues with the budget.

Public Works Director Marla Vik:

Parking lots are scheduled to be paved this Friday. The Yale-Kilgore road project is complete – they have received a lot of compliments on that road. Update was given on the canal bridge projects – they will begin around November 1st. There will be seven bridges built. The funding application for the Ora Bridge was rated at the top for the state. We should be hearing from the state to begin in selecting an engineering firm. She was fine with the final budget numbers. They have received a lot of interest in the open positions.

Discussion was held regarding the tire baler from Lemhi County – they will rent it for approximately \$41.

EMS Director Bob Foster:

Run volume was down somewhat last month. All ambulances are complete and in good working order. He will begin make sure that they are ready for winter. They have had a very busy training schedule. Updates were given.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy:

Ms. McCoy reported that everything is going okay in her office. There are over \$11 Million dollars in investments.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner:

A brief update for Computer Arts, Inc. property management program was given. Nothing else was reported.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey:

There have been two wildland fires in the county – this is significantly down from last year. Updates were given. No problems were reported with the budget.

4H Director Dana Miller:

Everything is slowing down in their office. Canning has been very important in the county this year. They have tested a lot of lids. She will be at the state fair in Blackfoot this week.

Weed Supervisor Bryce Fowler:

Mr. Fowler reported no problems or issues with the budget. They have had a very busy summer. Henry's Lake was very big with 600 boats being surveyed. They moved into their new building last week.

Assessor Kathy Thompson:

Ms. Thompson reported no issues with the budget. Everything is going well with the new CAI program.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh:

Ms. Lookabaugh reported that her budget increased slightly this year. Expenditures for outside counsel will be reduced significantly from the past. An update was given on the complaint for ordinance violations. The school district has asked her to put together a presentation on "sexting" to give to their students. The Dogs at Large are still a huge problem in the county. Updates were given.

Commissioner Skip Hurt:

Commissioner Hurt reported that the Road & Bridge building is complete – they can move in anytime. They have begun the office remodel at the studmill. The sprinkler man will be here today to begin installation on the sprinkler system for the courthouse. They will also begin working on the fuel station at the studmill.

Commissioner LeRoy Miller:

Commissioner Miller visited with the Fairboard and they have received bids for the bleachers. He appreciates everyone and their tremendous work on their budgets – compliments were given.

Juvenile Probation Director Darin Burrell:

They have been very busy as always. There is an increase in gang activity in the schools – this has flatlined over the past years but is increasing once again. Brief updates were given.

Clerk Abbie Mace:

Clerk Mace reported that she has been winding up the budget process. The taxing districts have been turning in their L-2 forms. She has been at the fair this last week.

Commissioner Paul Romrell:

Commissioner Romrell extended his sympathies to Clerk Mace for the loss of her grandmother. He attended the Public Health Department meeting. There is great concern over the Swine Flu. Update was given.

Budget Hearing for Fremont County & Fremont County Ambulance

Commissioner Romrell questioned Clerk Mace if proper advertisement had been given. She stated that it had. One clarification needed to be made – the budget year was incorrect. It should have been 2010 instead of 2009. The rest of the numbers are correct throughout the rest of the report.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Fremont County Budget by Resolution 2009-15. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Fremont County Ambulance Budget by Resolution 2009-16. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner RE: Fairpoint Communications Contract / Remote Access Charges

Discussion was held regarding remote access charges. The current rate is \$500 for title companies and \$250 for realtors. No changes were made.

Discussion was also held regarding Fairpoint charges – a handout was given. It was recommended with the aging analog lines to go to a year contract. The other lines to go to five year such lines as in IT office.

Discussion was held on the replacement of the phone system – handout was given. Preliminary bids have been coming in around \$65,000 for replacement. Keith Richey has some grant funds in the amount of \$35,000. 911 Funds could also be utilized to do this.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to move forward with the new ShoreTel Phone System with grant funds and 911 funds. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Kristina Taylor RE: Planning & Zoning Issues

Ms. Taylor gave an explanation for their appearance before the Board. They have property that was given to them as inheritance, but due to the current standards for land/lot splits anyone who purchases those lots that they would like to sell cannot get a building permit. They stated that they did have a buyer but lost them because of this situation. This situation is not unique and very common. Discussion was held.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Kurt Hibbert RE: Department Report

Overview was given of changes for the short term rental and gravel pit mining hearings. The Board gave approval to move forward the scheduling of these hearings. Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh recommended to the Board and Kurt Hibbert to make a legislative decision on a grandfather date. Discussion was held.

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 11:46 a.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 at 12:14 p.m.

Social Services Debbie Adams RE: Executive Session IC67-2345(d)

There were four new liens signed by the commissioners.

Gary Nicoletti RE: Building Permits

Mr. Nicoletti read from a handout stating the reason for appearing before the Board. Mr. Hibbert concurred that the easement language is intrusive and recommends that this is changed within the development code. Discussion was held.

Carlos Aponte RE: HRA Veba

Mr. Aponte came before the Board to answer any questions regarding the HRA Veba. Clerk Mace had some questions on the paperwork to set this up. Discussion was held regarding on how the money is put into that account. Clerk Mace stated that she would like for the possibility to make a monthly contribution. Discussion was held. Different scenarios such as someone quitting shortly after that money is deposited were discussed. Clerk Mace questioned the Board on whom they would like to fund this – because it will be advantageous to the employee they will fund this one time each year. These options will be gone over with the employees later in the month. Mr. Aponte questioned the Board regarding going in the direction of BPA for employees for five sessions for the mental health.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to move forward with the BPA. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt to sign the HRA/Veba agreement by Resolution 2009-17. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the personnel policy regarding the HRA Veba by Resolution 2009-18. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign an agreement with Rehn & Associates to manage the HRA/VEBA employee accounts. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

James D. Fisher & Jerry Lynn RE: Trailer Removal Off of Property at 577 North 2800 East

Discussion was held regarding the trailer removal off of the property at 577 North 2800 East.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report

Discussion was held regarding the trailer removal on the Lee Property. Asbestos removal is an issue – discussion was held. Jon Laux of Planning and Building will look into taking the necessary classes to be able to do removal.

Road & Bridge:

Ben Peterson from the Fall River Canal Company stated that they want the two #7 bridges to have a 14ft span instead of the proposed 12ft span. Butler Engineering has stated that they could make that change. Cannon Builders have also questioned if the county would consider replacing the bridge to the landfill next year. He would honor his bid price regardless of any changes in material prices. Reasoning for the request is the amount of time it would take to design and review the temporary shoring for bridge since it will be built one lane at a time – this could also held with the water reuse flow challenge. He did also state that they would press forward and construct the bridge if that is what the Board would like. Brief discussion was held and they stated that they would like them to continue as planned.

Ms. Vik stated that we need to order a truck lift the new St. Anthony shop. This will take the place of building a grease pit at the new shop, which would have required an exhaust system for the pit as well as implementing other safety measures to meet current standards. A four post lift capable of lifting 40,000lbs would cost \$16,999 – it is 30ft long and 13ft wide. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the purchase of this lift in the amount of \$16,999. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

The gas bars for both the weed shop and the road and bridge shop were installed last Friday. Rexburg Plumbing & Heating then will need to finish some connections then Intermountain Gas will be back to set the meter. After that, the mechanical system can be fired up and the crew can be trained on the system. Shook Construction is pushing for completion on Friday – they will then meet with the crew on Monday morning to check out the system.

They would like permission to ask for bids to crush chips for next years seal coat work. \$260,000 is in the crushing budget for next year. This will most likely be done in the Maupin Gravel Pit. The Board gave their approval to proceed.

Landfill:

Jim Miller who is the St. Anthony Landfill foreman came with Ms. Vik to request the purchase of a magnetic sweeper. This is a large 6ft wide magnet that can be pulled behind a vehicle to pick up nails and small bits of metal. Vehicles get numerous flats – in the past two years we have spent just over \$3000 in tire repairs. Not all of these could have been avoided using the magnet, but most of them would have. Ms. Vik and Mr. Miller believe the magnet would work the best and is less expensive costing \$4100. Commissioner Miller made a motion to purchase the magnet for \$4100. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Sewer:

Discussion was held regarding the septage proposal from JUB Engineers. There are a couple of new topics to include in the study since they were here to present it – the geotube dewatering system and details on other for profit sites they have helped develop in the past few years. Ms. Vik felt that it's important to look into this issue and see if there

is a more economic alternative to the \$500,000 estimates that were previously offered. \$11,600 would be spent on the study – Ms. Vik will look for funding sources.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey RE: Grants & Generator

Commissioner Miller made a motion to sign the MOU between the Idaho Department of Lands and Fremont County implementing the National Fire Plan for Hazardous Fuels Treatment in the amount of \$51,250. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held regarding the generator and a proposed placement location.

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 3:58 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 at 4:21 p.m.

Executive Session IC67-2345(f)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated by imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement at 4:22 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 at 4:43 p.m.

Items to Discuss

The Board reviewed the Recreation Gas Tax letter. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign the Recreation Gas Tax letter. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve liquor licenses for the following:

- Outnorth LLC / Rough Riders Saloon
- Broulims
- Worldcast License LLC / Worldcast Anglers Island Park Restaurant
- Maverik 155 / Maverik Inc.
- Bottlestop / BJ Holdings LLC
- BJ's Corner / BJ Holdings LLC
- Timberline Golf / R. Carl & Bonnie Bates
- Lakeside Lodge / Ron Larsen & Carl Hansen
- Elk Creek Station / Gordon Zollinger

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Junior College applications. Commissioner Hurt 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