

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2010**

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

**Also attended by:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Chief Deputy Sheriff Kurt Hillman, Assessor Kathy Thompson and Treasurer Patricia McCoy

Commissioner Romrell called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioner Skip Hurt offered an opening prayer.  
Chief Deputy Sheriff Kurt Hillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Elected Officials**

Chief Deputy Sheriff Kurt Hillman – We have 17 inmates in custody – 16 here and one in Madison. The jail is still waiting for the life scan fingerprint machine to be on board. We need to have that available for the public. We really appreciate Bob Foster and the ambulance crews for all their work and how well everything is going. The employee evaluations have been started and are going well. All of the open positions have been filled. The recent accident involving a fatality is being reviewed per policy. Joette Lookabaugh expressed her appreciation for the help that she has received from the sheriff's office in the sex offender case.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh – The first spice arrest in the county has happened this past week. Her office filed another felony last night. The Natural Guardian law suit has been dismissed. We will be continuing with the public hearing tomorrow. Lisa Turner sent a web site developer to her office about improving their website. Ms. Lookabaugh wants to have additional links for domestic violence victims. This would be a support to what the newspaper currently runs.

Assessor Kathy Thompson –GIS is working with different departments and it is going well. New construction is at 9 million for FY2012. She thanked the commissioners for having the appraiser's room painted and new carpet. The carpet in the hallway in the basement needs to be cleaned.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy – Ms. McCoy thanked Commissioner Miller for coming in and helping to stuff envelopes. There is a lot of work that goes into the yearly tax notices. Lisa Turner was able to fix the program. She thanked Ms. Lookabaugh for the letter. This is the letter for the property that we sold for 2005. We will be sending those out. Ms. Lookabaugh asked what happens to those funds if they do not respond. Clerk Mace keeps them in a line item for three years and then they go to indigent fund however that changes the levy for that. Ms. McCoy presented cancellations in the amount of \$878.57 for the month of October. Most of it was specials and fees.

Clerk Abbie Mace – She has the annual Juvenile Justice Financial report completed. This includes a variety of monies received from different state and federal sources. It is time to pay the Macks Inn Sewer LID payment. This will leave us with \$121,000 left to pay on it. We are closing out last year's financial books on Computer Arts, Inc. software. Clerk Mace thanked her staff for the elections and the hard work that was done. She also thanked the commissioners for coming in Friday to canvas the votes. She received a letter and a children's book from First Lady Otter for the county, it will be kept in her office if anyone wants to review it. The state insurance fund has some recommendation for us regarding a safety policy. The commissioners feel that this is the risk manager's job. Clerk Mace will work with Ms. Lookabaugh to see if this can be placed in a resolution state. Fremont County was a pilot county for the ICRMP online and we almost made the quota however supervisors did not do a lot of the trainings. Clerk Mace will be sending out information on this in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion that he be authorized to sign the juvenile justice financial report.  
Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller – He met with Butler Engineering and Cannons Builders on the Henry's Lake Outlet Bridge. The project is moving forward. It will probably be early summer when it is completed. He met with the Squirrel Meadows Cattle Association. They want to meet with the commissioners. Next week is a busy week. He has a meeting in Dubois on the Solid Waste Management District. That is moving forward. He had a lot of phone calls and e-mails regarding the waterways. This has turned into a large issue.

Commissioner Skip Hurt – He attended a pre-work meeting with Mr. Beck on the 3 canal bridges we will be replacing this fall. We discussed the bidding process and seem to have reached an understanding. He went to Island Park to look at the new building. They should start back hoeing today. There is a public hearing at 2:00 pm on Tuesday. On Wednesday there is a meeting in Rexburg. On the 12<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> District Elected Officials annual meeting in Jefferson County at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Paul Romrell – He attended the cloud seeding meeting. They are ready to start. Idaho weather is anticipating a wet season this year. Don't turn the generators on unless they benefit our target areas. We don't have any expense with remote generators. Wyoming is almost ready to be on board with this. They have a lot of money to add to this and would like to take it slowly. He had a lot of emails on the waterways. The decision was made to not approve the proposed ordinance and extended the invitation to the public to bring forth a revised ordinance. The impression to the public is that the decision was final however the decision was made to continue to discuss this problem and review any ordinances that come through. This is not an easy decision and it will not be taken lightly. There is a public hearing Tuesday at 2:00 pm, a meeting in Madison County on Wednesday at 3:00 pm, and a meeting on Friday for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Elected Officials annual meeting. Monday commissioner meeting ends at noon. There is a public hearing on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There will not be a commissioner meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a commissioners meeting scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EMS Director Bob Foster RE: Department Report**

Bob Foster updated the commissioners on how the new payroll system is working. They reviewed where they are at for the monthly budget. They reviewed accounts receivable. Commissioners would like him to develop a list of debts that are likely to not be paid off. They reviewed the Teton Communications Inc. quote to re-locate the repeaters to their building. Discussion was held on having the school help with the cost. Mr. Foster will meet with the sheriff to see how many of these are connected. He is meeting with Dr. Curtis next Wednesday and will be reviewing with him the training requirements and scope of practice. He would like to focus on spending training dollars on skills that can be maintained. Commissioner Miller passed on the comments made by Kurt Hillman and how much he appreciates all of their work. There have been 7 fatalities in a two week period. These have been needless deaths caused for the most part by inattentiveness.

#### **Development Corporation Ted Hendricks RE: Executive Session IC 67-2345 (c)**

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency at 10:30 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 11:15 a.m.

#### **Butler Engineering Bob Butler RE: Fun Farm Bridge**

Bob Butler updated the commissioners on the progress with the Fun Farm Bridge inspection. There were no serious defects to the bridge. He found some minor things that need to be repaired but nothing serious. He commented that after measuring the depth of the river in that area it is highly dangerous to be jumping off of the bridge. The truss is in good condition. Repairs to the bridge were reviewed.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to allow Butler Engineering to move forward with the minor repairs on the Fun Farm Bridge. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **IT Lisa Turner RE: Fairpoint Contract**

The contract with Fairpoint communications was reviewed. There is some savings with the contract.

Discussion was held on the security cameras and where the monitors are located. The commissioners were under the impression that the monitors would be stationed at the sheriff's office. Josh Warnke will review the cost of moving them from the IT room to the sheriff's. They can install the program on the sheriff's machine so that if something happens they can focus their attention on where the problem is. The commissioners would like the sheriff to have a map of the courthouse and where the cameras are.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion that we sign the contract with Fairpoint Communications for another year. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent 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 1:01 p.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 1:14 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien and one release of lien.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #G2011-09, case #G2011-14, case #2011-15, case #G2011-16, case #G2011-18 and deny case #M2010-47. Commissioner Hurt rescued himself from voting on case #M2010-47. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **Planning and Building Interim Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report**

We need to schedule a time for the adoption of the 2009 building codes public hearing. The new building code requires residential fire extinguishers and the state have exempted Idaho from that. The difference between 2007 and 2009 is that there has been some relaxation in some of the rules. The date for that hearing is December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 pm.

Staff has scanned into the archive a list of building permits and would like to destroy the physical copies. He will have the resolution for this drawn up by the prosecutor's office. Ted Hendricks and he went to visit city of St. Anthony regarding economic development. Mr. Loosli is looking into grants to try to get help to fund a position in his office. He was invited to attend a meeting in Madison County regarding economic development that was very informative. Discussion was held on how small communities are impacted by recruitment of new businesses. We have a subdivision application coming up. We are processing gravel pit applications. They have scheduled the public hearing for Stoddard Brothers Gravel Mining application remand on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was held on the various types of fence that are available and appropriate for gravel pits. He received last Friday the new copier for the annex building. The new contract is much less than what it was previously. His office has shut down the majority of the old building permits that were still open. Mr. Loosli reported on the following building violations: Nick's now has half of a gate built however the fence is not completed. They received a letter from the "Chester Trailer Park" that there is no one living there however they have witnesses that people are living there full time.

#### **Fleet Manager Justin Wickham RE: Vehicle Bids**

Justin Wickham presented bids to the commissioners for vehicles for the assessor's office and for the EMS. Commissioners feel that any time we can buy locally we should.

Bids submitted for the Assessor's vehicle are a 2011 Chevrolet Colorado for \$18,867.20 from St. Anthony Motors, and a 2011 Ford Ranger for \$20,665 from Salmon River Motors.

Bids submitted for the EMS vehicle are 2011 Chevrolet Truck for \$22,480.41 from St. Anthony Motors, a 2011 Ford Escape for \$21,907 from Smith Ford, a 2011 Dodge Journey for \$23,000 from Stones and a 2011 Jeep Patriot for \$21,000 from Stones.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the bid from St. Anthony Motors for a 2011 Chevy Colorado for \$18,867.20. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the bid from Stone Motors for the 2011 Jeep Patriot for \$21,000. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

### **Miscellaneous**

Discussion was held on the proposed waterways ordinance. There is a 2 ½ page ordinance that has been prepared. The commissioners read through the specific areas that are mentioned in the document. There is a news release to go with it. We will advertise this and have the public hearing on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Bridge Street meeting room (south annex building). There was discussion about adjustments that they will ask Mr. Loosli to make to the document.

Commissioner Lee Miller made a motion to approve one junior college application. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion that he be authorized to sign the snowmobile groomer building annual promissory note. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to have Commissioner Paul Romrell sign the contract for engineering inspections on the 3 canal bridges on the Salem highway and the enterprise canal bridge. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the quote from Hill & Sons for \$86,800 for the Fish Creek Road rock removal project. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the election consolidation fund.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-01 creating the election consolidation fund. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the CASA Program and the contribution that we have given in the past.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to donate \$1000 to CASA. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the Squirrel Meadow Cattle Association and certain concerns that they have. There was some discussion on how the wolves are affecting certain areas.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to have Commissioner Paul Romrell sign the Henry's Fork Cooperative/Noxious Weed Management grant. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to sign two releases of liens for Macks Inn and Last Chance Sewer LID's. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on a letter that Commissioner Romrell received from ICRMP regarding the EMT and IRS situation.

Claims were reviewed and submitted.

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