

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 20, 2010**

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

**Also attended by:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger, and Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

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

**Public Hearing for the Fremont County Fire Code Official**

Commissioner Romrell called the hearing to order at 9:03 am and welcomed the public.

Commissioner Romrell introduced those in attendance. He reviewed the schedule for the hearing. He asked the clerk if notice was given in a timely fashion. She stated that it has.

Commissioner Romrell asked if any of the commissioners have a conflict of interest. Commissioner Miller responded no; Commissioner Romrell responded no; Commissioner Hurt responded no.

Planning & Building Interim Administrator Stephen Loosli gave an opening statement explaining the proposed position, the resolution and the fees attached to this.

Commissioner Hurt asked if this would be required for a class one permit and he stated that it does not.

Commissioner Hurt asked if there are any other counties that have this position and he stated that he does not know.

Commissioner Miller asked about fees and Mr. Loosli stated that it could change if they felt the need.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Romrell asked those that signed in if they would like to comment. All in attendance stated no.

The hearing was closed at 9:07 a.m. by Commissioner Romrell.

Commissioner Miller requested changes to the fee schedule.

Commissioner Hurt would like some clarification on the first chart in the resolution. Single family residences are not included in this.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-05 for the Fremont County Fire Code Official with the approved recommended changes to the fee schedule. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

### **Development Company 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 9:15 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 9:51 a.m.

### **Tamra Cikaitoga RE: 25 MPH Dual Use Resolution/Grant Request**

Ms. Cikaitoga presented to the commissioners the resolution for the 25 mph dual use on roads in Island Park. The commissioners will review this and discuss again on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion was held on the Jim's Boat Dock ramp grant. She is requesting \$5000 in equipment and labor and \$5000 in cash.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to authorize \$5000 in cash and \$5000 in equipment and labor. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

### **EMS Bob Foster & Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey RE: Extrication Agreement**

Mr. Foster presented the extrication agreement to the commissioners. If the fire department does extrication at a scene they can pay them up to \$350. The sheriff's department will need to call Island Park Fire for that area, North Fremont Fire for the area that is covered by Ashton EMS, and Madison ALS for the St. Anthony area. Mr. Foster will be meeting with them again hopefully soon. Discussion was held on what type of equipment there is and what units it is available at. They have cars available for training on extrication. There will be certain individuals responsible for the upkeep of the equipment. Discussion was held on training.

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

Ms. Vik had asked Mr. Loosli if Blake Bowman could plow the Planning and Building parking lot. This incurred overtime (comp time) for Blake. Discussion was held on where the overtime would come from and who should be responsible for it.

Questions regarding the cabin rental ordinance are starting to come up. The ordinance requires 150 sq ft not cubic ft. Rick Egin asked Mr. Loosli to express his appreciation to the commissioners for this ordinance. He has received calls from contractors that appreciate extra business.

He has accepted fees from Marv Smith on the cabin violation. It goes to the Planning & Zoning on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He is getting ready for the public hearing on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He is glad to have the fire code official in effect. There is some training for him to go to.

### **Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report**

Commissioner Miller read an email to Ms. Vik regarding how nice the roads were in Island Park. Discussion was held on the roads. Two cars had collisions with snow plows this morning.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b). Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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 her complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student at 11:07 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 11:20 a.m.

Ms. Vik updated the commissioners on the water testing that is being done at the Landfill. She will be contacting the INL to assist in monitoring the water sampling. DEQ can come on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Vik gave the commissioners an update on protocol for changing the speed limit on county roads. Discussion was held on choosing an engineering study or choosing the speed limit that is within an 85%. She does not recommend that we change the speed limit for winter conditions on the Old Kilgore Road.

The commissioners complimented Jim Miller on the landfill and the great job he is doing. He updated the commissioners on landfill issues. Loads are being covered.

Discussion was held on the consent order. The remediation plan was discussed. The water has frozen and will be moved when it thaws. The leachate investigation plan was discussed. There will be a clay cover but they will have to ask around and find that type of clay. Commissioner Romrell talked to Brett Mackert about the old oil barrels still at the old Road & Bridge Shop and would like them removed. The contents will need to be tested. The ground water monitoring plan should be ready next week. Waste disposal alternative was discussed. It is within budget to start transporting to Rexburg. Costs for this were discussed. We have approximately 10 ton a day that we will transport. The approximate cost is going to be \$220,000 year.

The costs for the repairs to the damaged well were discussed.

Discussion was held on clearing the parking lot of snow.

Ms Vik will be out of town the first week in January.

**Public Works Director Marla Vik & DEQ RE: Landfill**  
Postponed until January 10, 2011.

**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 1:55 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 2:10 p.m.

Commissioners signed two releases of liens.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve cases #G2011-30, #G2011-31, #M2011-08 and deny cases #M2011-05, #M2011-06 and #M2011-07 and. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Laurie Augustine RE: Concerns with Combined Planning & Building Administrator/Economic Development Director**

Ms. Augustine did not show. Commissioners reviewed a letter with her concerns.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Planning and Building Administrator. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Two applications have been received and reviewed. Discussion was held on whether or not Commissioner Romrell should be recused because of his knowledge of one of the applicants.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to hire Stephen Loosli as the Planning & Building Administrator/Economic Development Director. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the part time clerical position that is open in Planning and Building.

Mr. Loosli reported that there are four candidate businesses potentially coming to Fremont County.

**Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes from 12/13/10 with changes. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The commissioners will meet on January 31<sup>st</sup> and the meeting for February 7<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

Clerk Mace read a letter of appreciation received from a soldier stationed in Iraq.

Clerk Mace presented information to the commissioners regarding the HRA VEBA. There is a technical error in the federal law. The change would clear up who can be the beneficiary for the participants. They would like us to join in a joint letter to the Senator Crapo asking for his support to change this so that it will go to beneficiaries. Commissioners agreed to join in the letter. Clerk Mace will take care of this.

There is a law change effective January 1, 2011. It allows law enforcement officers the ability to have their name removed from documents in the courthouse. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blake Hall has written a directive on how to implement this. A fee can be charged for this. Clerk Mace would like to charge \$25. Commissioners agreed to the fee.

Commissioner Hurt gave an update on his meeting in Idaho Falls with BLM.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to approve and sign the annual road report. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on money from the sale of the old St. Anthony Road & Bridge Shop to Fremont County Search and Rescue. Clerk Mace will transfer the money to the Road and Bridge for this. Commissioners also directed her to talk with the sheriff about the contributions from Search and Rescue on the remodeling of that building.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b). Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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 her complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student at 2:29 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 2:54 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed the committees they are serving on in behalf of the county.

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