

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2010

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace and Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

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

Commissioners cancelled the scheduled executive session.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to amend the agenda to include the Letter of support for CHC Grant Application – Johnny Sack Cabin and Resolution 2010-06 Ordering Destruction of Permanent County Records Maintained by the Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh requested that her office be able to destroy the records from 1998 to 2000 in her office. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-06 Ordering the Destruction of Permanent County Records Maintained by the Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Ms. Lookabaugh discussed a civil issue between Hyrum Erickson, Gary Cook and Eldon Clawson. She has received a letter from Mr. Cook's attorney asking the county to get involved with this matter. The commissioners agreed that they should not get involved in the civil issue.

Ms. Lookabaugh updated the board on pending litigation.

Commissioners have received a request to be members of the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce. The business rate is \$100. Commissioners are not interested at this time.

Commissioners reviewed the meetings they have attended this past week.

**Treasurer Patricia McCoy Chief Deputy Treasurer J'Lene Cherry and IT Administrator Lisa Turner
Re: LID software**

Ms. McCoy updated the commissioners that the new tax software is not showing the LID's on the tax master. Computer Arts is willing to fix this problem for \$4800. We are the only county using the LID system. The treasurer's office has already had a problem with this having one LID missed with change of ownership. Commissioners have agreed to this with a confirmed delivery date. Commissioners would like to pay half up front and half on completion. Ms. McCoy will report back to the commissioners. She reported back to the board that the cost is not as much as they had anticipated and she will report the costs back to the board.

Public Hearing for Open Burning Ordinance

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Held in Commissioners Room

Present were Commissioners Romrell, Hurt and Miller.

Commissioner Romrell opened the hearing and welcomed those in attendance.

There were no conflicts of interest with any of the commissioners.

The commissioners reviewed the proposed ordinance.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Romrell closed the hearing.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-02 Open Burning Ordinance.

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

Geoff Simpson Standard Steam Trust RE: Geothermal Update

Mr. Simpson presented a map of the geothermal area in both Fremont and Madison Counties with the majority in Fremont County. They have applied for a unit permit for this area with the State Department of Water Resources. He showed them additional maps of the wells that were drilled last summer. This gives them an idea of where they feel the resource is. It is on the north side of the river in Fremont County on four different property owners property. They will drill these wells late spring and early summer. They will end up with 12 to 14 wells to plan a plant if everything meets their requirements. This will take several years to get this into production. The plant will take up under 20 acres to build. A 30 mega watt plant will only employ 8 full time employees. The test wells will be about 5000 feet deep.

Public Works Director Marla Vik and Road and Bridge Foreman Blair Jones RE: Ora Bridge

Replacement met with the commissioners to discuss the replacement of Ora Bridge. Ms. Vik is getting a lot of interest from consultants about this project. She would like to put together a memo to give to interested consultants. The commissioners would like to see it be done locally if possible. Commissioner Hurt would like to see the bridge alignment. They would like a firm that has a lot of experience in bridge designing experience. Limit the disruption of vegetation, but still make the road safer. Commissioners asked Ms. Vik to give them some suggestions on what we need.

Judge Keith Walker RE: Executive Session IC67-2345(b) Personnel

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 12:58 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 1:18 p.m.

GIS Administrator Bonnie Moore GIS Technician Eric Smith Re: Department Reports

Ms. Moore stated that we have received a grant to allow Eric Smith to attend a national meeting and hire a consultant to work with the area GIS departments.

She also presented a proposed fee structure for reproducing maps and copies for the county. Bonnie will work with department heads and elected officials to put something that will work with all departments.

She reported that John Pierce who just graduated from BYU-I would like to volunteer 3 days a week in GIS. Commissioners agreed that that would be good.

Eric Smith presented an update on the Pictometry program. The cost to fly only private owned land in the county at a 12" pixel would be \$65,000. He has looked at external partners to help with the cost of this. Fall River is interested along with ITD, engineers, and developers are also another possible source. This can be paid for over a 2 years. They will continue to look for other partners.

Park & Recreation Tamra Cikaitoga & Terry Martindale Re: Park & Recreation Department

Ms. Cikaitoga and Mr. Martindale met with the commissioners. Commissioners would like to change some of Ms. Cikaitoga's duties to allow her to write grants for the county. They would like her to still do the administrative duties along with grants. They would like to change Mr. Martindale to be the grooming and waterways supervisor. Ms. Cikaitoga has some concerns with this. Golf Course would be the same as it is now. Mr. Martindale and Ms. Cikaitoga feel that the scheduling needs to be done jointly by them both. The commissioners have the confidence in Ms. Cikaitoga to be able to help the county with grant writing. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to change Ms. Cikaitoga's duties to administration of Snowmobile, Waterways, Golf Course, Operation of Johnny Sack Cabin budgeting Grant writing for the county and set on all Park & Recreation associated boards. Mr. Martindale as waterways, snowmobile supervisor having hiring, firing, scheduling and day to day operations of the departments, setting on all Park & Recreation associated boards. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to allow Commissioner Romrell to sign a letter of support for a CHC Grant for the Johnny Sack Cabin. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Carlos Apponte - Insurance Updates

Mr. Apponte reviewed the prescription usage of the employees. Meritain will be reimbursing the county \$1300 for problems with prescription charges. They have done an analysis of the prescription usage of the county. The changes the commissioners made to the prescription program have been improving. They reviewed the aggregate report of the fiscal year. They reviewed the time it takes to process claims. They also reviewed the Wellness Program. He stated that we still need to work with the employee's to improve their results.

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 3:05 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 3:11 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien and two releases of liens.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #G2010-57 and case #G2010-61. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Keller Associates Bryan Phinney and Jeff Mansfield RE: Water Quality Study Results

Commissioners reviewed the water quality study for FY2009. They are also including the precipitation in the study. This data is not available yet. There are a couple of things that showed concerns. The Buffalo River is showing an increase in ecoli. They don't know the source. They recommend that we collect more data in that area. Henry's Lake outlet is higher than it should be for ecoli. They want to do more in depth study on the Henry's Lake outlet and Elk Creek. The data says we just need to continue to observe the and not make any changes as of now. They recommended that Island Park Reservoir be tested on the sediment. He would suggest discontinuing some of the parameters we are sampling being phosphorus and nitrates in some locations. The commissioners would like to see a proposal with these recommended changes. The commissioners still want to continue with the study. The commissioners would like to see this report annually earlier than February if possible. They would like to see this by the second week of January next year. Keller will bring back a new proposal for 2010 testing.

Cindy Miller and Deon Davenport RE: Fort Henry Bi-Centennial Project

Ms. Miller and Mr. Davenport are here to recognize bicentennial of (Andrew Henry) Fort Henry. They have a proposal of making a statute of an early trapper on the green belt coming into St. Anthony. They have been working with the Rotary Club. They have several organizations involved in this. They are asking for financial support from the county and along with grant writing to make this happen. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to pledge \$1000 from the economic development fund. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Miller made a motion to pledge \$3000 from the county and \$1000 from the Park & Recreation fund for a total of \$4000 towards this project. Commissioner Romrell 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