

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2010

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, and Sheriff Len Humphries

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

Commissioner Hurt offered the opening prayer.

Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials:

Commissioner Romrell: He asked Commissioner Miller to write a letter to the public about the importance of the residents participating in the Census.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh: Reported that they have had illness in her office. She reported her office has several cases in her office are being resolved.

Sheriff Len Humphries: Reported that we have 19 inmates in county custody. The deputies made 500 snowmobile contacts this last weekend and issues 4 tickets along with several warnings. He met last week with the Jail Standards Committee; they will reevaluate our jail and see what we need to do to come into compliance. The deputies have been using the new weight room at the Studmill.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy: She reported that she met with Computer Arts last week and has made progress on the issues with the computer system. She reported on the CAMP legislation. It appears there are problems which will hold up this legislation this year. She reported on the tax deeding process changes she will be making.

Clerk Abbie Mace: Reported on the Election Consolidation and concerns with the funding for that from the state. Commissioners would like to send a letter to the legislator's requesting this not be implemented without the funding. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to allow him to sign a letter on the election consolidation concerns. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. She updated the board on the filling of vacancies in her office with Reeca Marotz and Cathy Conger and also the appointment of Lori Lewis as her Chief Deputy.

Commissioner Miller: Reported on the department of lands meeting from last week. They discussed the Secure Rural School Funding. He reported on the wolf situation in the state; it is having a huge impact on the livestock in the state they were able to pay claims at \$.48 on the \$1.00 on livestock losses. They paid on about 500 head of loss. That did not include the claims that went to the defenders of wildlife. The sage grouse population is increasing. They discussed biomass programs that are available. Waterways committee have been established they are Eli Langford, Mel Sadecki, Kim Ragolzki, Ron Larsen with Bryce Fowler and Tamra Cikaitoga. He attends the state fair board meeting things are tight with budgets.

Commissioner Hurt: Reported on the meeting from last week. He enjoyed the breakout sessions with like counties. We are doing well. He sits on the Capital Crimes Defense Committee and reported on that meeting. He reported on the meeting the commissioners had with Governor Otter and the Governor agreed to will write a letter to keep Mount Jefferson open to winter use.

Commissioner Romrell: Reported he enjoyed the meetings. He reported on the public lands secure rural school funding, there is a great movement to get this funding to be extended. He suggested we participate fully with this effort as a county with financial contribution and possible fly in sessions in Washington DC. He would also like to support fully funding of PILT. He reported on meeting with the Governor and was very positive on the Parks & Recreation issues on the state level. He does not want to see the closure of Harriman State Park. They also discussed several other issues in the county and feel that he was receptive. Reported on the revenue storages at the state level and the hard time the legislator has this year. He reported on the renovations of the Statehouse.

Review of Home Occupancy Ordinance Public Hearing Commissioners reviewed the information that was presented on the proposed Home Occupancy Ordinance. Commissioner Romrell reviewed the history of this proposal. Commissioner Hurt stated it was recommended to the board with a do pass from the Planning & Zoning Board. The changes that were proposed were renewal every 2 years and a change to the fee structure of the ordinance.

Commissioners discussed the restrictions this proposed ordinance would have if passed. Commissioner Miller brought up the request of individuals to form a committee to review and help draft this ordinance. Commissioner Romrell has thought about the committee also and questioned if a committee could put recommendations together in our 60 day time frame. Commissioner Hurt is concerned with some of the exemptions. Commissioner Hurt reviewed the implementation dates if this was passed. Commissioner Hurt questioned if Attorney Lookabaugh had had a response from the realtors attorney prior to this. She stated that does not have anything to do with this proposal. Commissioner Romrell stated he was surprised with the number of people who agreed something needs to be done on this issue, but has yet to see anything proposed from the public. Attorney Lookabaugh stated that the purpose of this proposal is to address water and sewer issues. She liked the previous proposal to regulate the rentals stronger. Commissioner Romrell restated he is not against cabin rentals he just wants to see regulations for safety. This is not his proposal, but that something needs to be addressed to deal with public safety. Commissioner Hurt reviewed the first public hearing he attended that they heard a mix of some testimony both in favor and against regulation; not like the hearing in January with only hearing testimony against this ordinance. Commissioner Miller is concerned with septic system inspection laws now.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance with changing the new option from 1 year to 2 years and that the fee schedule be brought into line with the current fee schedule for a Class I permit as Ordinance #2010-01. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session of IC 67-2345(b). Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter Re: Comp Time Commissioner changed this to be an executive session.

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 10:35 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 10:46 a.m.

Public Works Director Marla Vik Re: Department Report / Ashton Road & Bridge Phone System Gave her department reports:

Road & Bridge: Commissioners signed a revisal to the refusal to accept the deed from Cordingley's and Bowman's deed to the county. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to have Commissioner Romrell sign the affidavit of acceptance of deed. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

She also reported on the phone system for the Ashton Road & Bridge Shop. The proposed cost would be approximately \$2,043.47. The board would like them to explore radios first.

She questioned if spouses were required to take the health assessment on the wellness program; and would like an extension. Commissioners will allow an extension.

She updated the commissioners the Ora Bridge replacement.

Commissioners discussed the request from the Eastern Idaho State Fair for improvements to the state fairgrounds for in kind work to use our equipment.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to renew the loans with Bank of Idaho: Loan #55003249 for two graders and Loan #55003875 for a Case front end loader. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Sewer System: They have processed 5.2 million gallons of wastewater through the Mack's Inn snow making system. The Last Chance snow maker hasn't been started yet. They have made some improvements to 2 lift stations. They have made repairs to the compressor at Mack's Inn.

Landfill: She updated the board on the BOR property near Island Park Landfill. This property has shared jurisdiction of this property with the Forest Service.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert Re: Department Report He updated the commissioners on the Planning & Zoning meeting on the development code amendments. He sent the Appendix K recommendation. The board will need to schedule this for hearing. He gave the commissioners a planning and zoning workshop by Jerry Mason & Will Herrington information. He and Jon Laux have been invited to a seismic training in Idaho Falls. He gave a year to date financial update of \$41,000 just \$4000 under last years revenue. He will need to purchase licensing for the permitting system. Commissioner Miller made a motion to give Commissioner Romrell authority to sign the amended Basic Gov agreement. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. He updated them on the Desert Oasis violations. He also updated the board on several other violation letters. Several have complied.

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

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 1:00 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 1:21 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien and four releases of liens.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #G2010-49, approve case #G2010-55, approve case #G2010-52, approve case #G2010-58, approve case #G2010-59, approve case #G2010-50, and deny case #G2010-53. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Review of Human Resource Position Commissioner Romrell stated over the last several months the board has been reviewing this position. This is not about a person it is about the position. Options are to transfer the position under the Clerk or eliminate the position and go back to the way the county was before the position was made. Commissioner Hurt agreed that these are the options. Ms. Skoy questioned what will happen with the responsibilities that have been being done. She feels that no one is qualified to handle these responsibilities. Commissioner Romrell asked Clerk Mace if her department could handle the responsibilities of the Human Resource Director. Clerk Mace answer yes her department could handle the duties. Ms. Skoy explained some of her responsibilities she handles. Commissioners reviewed the annual budget for this department is approximately \$90,000. Commissioner Miller made a motion to eliminate the Human Resource position. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve seven Junior College applications. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners Romrell received a request from the City of St. Anthony to combine the fire fighting into the South Fremont Fire District. They would like to have a letter of support from the county. Commissioners feel that the county should not take a position in this issue.

Sheri Poulsen Re: Annual Audit Review Ms. Poulsen presented the draft annual audit for FY2009. She stated the cash balance has increased by about \$1,000,000,000. The investments are in good financial shape. She feels the county has had a good year financially. The county is in good condition.

Ms. Vik asked how we build up funds for large expense items and should they be interest bearing accounts. State statute only allows for certain funds to be interest bearing.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to amend the agenda to include EMS Director Bob Foster Department Report/Executive Session IC67-2345(b) and Extension Agent Lance Ellis Department Report. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

EMS Director Bob Foster Re: Department Report / Executive Session IC67-2345(b)

Mr. Foster presented his department report. The run data in comparison from last years to this year is up 62%. The billing data is up also from last year. The AED is installed in the Annex Building. He updated the commission on the BYU-I Internship agreement. They are now doing AEMT's lab draws for the Sheriff's Office. He updated them on the CPR/AED/First Aid operations. He updated the board on the status of grants for the EMS Department.

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 3:25 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 4:10 p.m.

Extension Agent Lance Ellis Re: Drainage on the extension building Mr. Ellis asked the commissioners if they could put heat tape and rain gutter drainage on the extension office. The commissioners agreed to do this. They directed Mr. Ellis to work with Carey Daniels.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk