

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2010

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger, Sheriff Len Humphries, Assessor Kathy Thompson and Treasurer Patricia McCoy; Excused: Prosecuting Joette Lookabaugh

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

Elected Officials Treasurer Patricia McCoy – Reported that no cancellations this month. They will be combined with next months. She is working on the tax deeding process for 2006 delinquent taxes, there are 81 parcels. There are half dozen that are in bankruptcy. Ms. Vik is working with the road crew to get some of the tax deeded trailer issues resolved. Ms. McCoy would like to contract out for help with the title work on the tax deeded properties. Ms McCoy will report back the cost savings. She reported on sending out delinquent reminders on overdue Weed bills. She has sent them out letters in Commissioner envelopes in hopes of getting a more timely response.

Sheriff Len Humphries – Reported that we have 23 inmates in county custody. He will be finalizing the purchase of new vehicles that were approved last week, this week. He attended the Western Regional Sheriffs conference in Las Vegas last week. The BLM was an item of discussion on reimbursements. He will meet with BLM this week to discuss the discrepancies. He encouraged the commissioners to ask our Federal legislators to find funding for the Rimmon Funding that has been cut from his the federal budget, this will affect his budget revenues. National Guard assistance and high traffic drug enforcement funds are also gone. There are 8 regions that are funded through this program.

Commissioner Skip Hurt – He reported that they are moving forward with the installation of the new ventilation system and the heat exchanger at the Road and Bridge shop. Ms. Vik contacted the other people about mold and we will be following their suggestions. We will advertise for the remodel addition of the Search and Rescue Building this week. He gave an update of the new EMS Building in Island Park. He will be meeting with the Island Park Unit this week about their donation.

Commissioner Leroy Miller – We received a \$1500 donation from the Mock Family Foundation to be used towards the recreation bridge grant match in Island Park. He reported on a meeting with BLM regarding boat launch on Henry's Lake, they will be barricading this access. He will be attending a Water Shed Council meeting to discuss the Ashton dam. He will attend the RAC Meeting on Thursday to review the projects that have been submitted. The landfill in Island Park would like to have the commissioner's review where the recycling bins will be located.

Commissioner Paul Romrell – He received a call from a neighboring county commissioner about Clark County's proposed Waste Disposal District. There is a meeting set up for legal council on

March 23 at 1pm at Eastern Idaho Health District. Commissioners discuss their continuing concerns.

Clerk Abbie Mace – She updated the commissioners on the employee meeting with the Meritain Representative. She recommended coming up quarterly to review employee concerns. She updated the commissioners on the change of Employee FLEX Plan. He reminded the board of the last date to file for Candidacy is Friday March 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Items to discuss – Commissioner Miller made motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2010. Commissioner Hurt seconded, a full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made motion to approve the amended minutes from December 7, 2009 to include a motion to approve Appendix J of the Development Code. Commissioner Miller seconded, a full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor. Discussion was held on county owned property that the Commissioners may want to sell one in St. Anthony, one on the Salem Road and one on the Snake River east of the Ashton Bridge.

Clerk Mace reported on the progress of Address Committee.

Planning & Building Administrator Kurt Hibbert RE: Final Plats for Parker Reef, Eagles Nest #3 and Steiner Subdivisions Mr. Hibbert presented the final Plats for Steiner Subdivision.

Commissioner Miller made motion to approve Steiner Subdivision final Plat. Commissioner Hurt seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Hibbert presented final plat for Eagles Nest Ranch Division #3. Commissioner Hurt made the motion to approve Eagles Nest Ranch, Division #3 final Plat. Commissioner Miller seconded. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Mr. Hibbert presented final plat for Parker Reef Subdivision. Commissioners discussed their concern with the Planning & Zoning requirement to have Fish & Games sign off on this subdivision. They agree to using Fish & Games recommendations but not being required by Fish & Game. Commissioners asked that the plat be changed to say Planning & Zonings Conditions of Approval and not Requirement of Fish & Game and remove Item #1. Commissioner agreed to agenda Parkers Reef Subdivision with the changes discussed on March 29, 2010.

EMS Director Bob Foster RE: Patient Payment Plan Requests Reported on the Community Education Income. We are now a AHA and ASHI training site for CPR/AED/First Aid training classes. Commissioner Miller made a motion to open the budget to allow the unanticipated revenue and expense associated with this. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion held on patient payment plans for three patients in light of their current situations. Mr. Foster recommends that we accept the payment plans as stated. Commissioner Miller made a

motion to accept the recommendations of Mr. Foster on these three patients. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Assessor Kathy Thompson County Logo Committee RE: County Logos She updated the commissioners on the clarity of the county logo. Fleet Manager Justin Wickham suggested 12" logo's on large equipment and a 10" on smaller vehicles. They will work with those involved and bring back new samples.

Island Park Mayor Tom Jewell – Supported the new County Logo however recommends that there be some reference to agriculture. Reported on low snowpack. Commissioner Romrell reported on a meeting he had with High Country RC&D with our snowmaking program. Western Wyoming RC&D is willing to put snow generators in their area next year. They would like to join our group with our snow making program.

Idaho Technology Transfer Center Bruce Drews RE: Road Scholar Presentation for Blair Jones, Road and Bridge

Mr. Drews introduced himself and Ms. Denise Shields. Mr. Drews gave some background on himself and the Idaho Technology Transfer Center. They provide highway jurisdictions in the state of Idaho training. They have about 1300 students each year. Most of his funding comes from the federal government. He reviewed the different courses that make up the Road Scholar program and Road Masters program. He helps the locals become more educated and efficient. Ms. Vik also stated that with this training it increases the counties ability to get grants. It gives the counties more points for their grants.

Mr. Drews presented to Mr. Jones a hat, a leather man knife and a plaque for completing the Road Scholar Program. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Jones participation. The commissioners expressed appreciation for Mr. Jones participation and efforts. Mr. Jones is the first one in our county to achieve this.

Ms. Vik reported that we do have others in the programs that are working towards this.

Mr. Drews is working on making this program become a four year program to make it to the Road Master level. He gave the commissioner information on the programs.

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 1:06 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 1:22 p.m.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: DEQ Grant, Bridges and Department Report

Ms. Vik presented her department reports:

Road and Bridge: She reported on an archeological report of the Stud Mill property. Stephanie Crockett can do this for us with an estimate of \$1,204. We need to do this report in order to stockpile the millings from the replacement of Bridge Street and US Hwy 20 business loop through

St. Anthony that will be done this spring. Commissioners agreed to have the archeological study done on the entire property. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the archeological clearance in the amount of \$1,204. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion on sign maintenance policy statement. She recommends that we continue with the State Uniform Traffic Control Devices policy that we are following. Ms. Vik will review this with Ms. Lookabaugh for clarification and report back to the Commissioners.

Ms. Vik updated the Commissioners on the changes to the equipment budget to get the truck replacement rotated in more often. It would be a budget increase by \$20,000 per year in two years. This would make a 16 year truck replacement. Expansion of sanding the roads was discussed. The commissioners would like to see this expand with the sand and salt mixture. This is to be added to the maintenance budget. This was done initially for around \$30,000. This is a road improvement, Teton highway and Parker highway needs to be done. We use reject material rather than the fine sand from the sand dunes. Ms. Vik requested the purchase of a new pup trailer for the second new glider kit truck for approximately \$30,000. This would replace the one that was old.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of a pup trailer. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller enquired about the glider truck kits. Ms. Vik reported that two will be arriving within the next month.

Ms. Vik reported on the crushing will begin at Maupin next week.

Commissioners discussed the bridge replacement projects. She recommended improving all the canal bridges on the Salem Road before trying to replace the whole road. They discussed bridge engineers and what the commissioners would like to do. If they would like to ask for proposals engineering proposals. The commissioners would like to get an engineer on board for the design of the three bridges and alignment. She will report back to the commissioners in their next meeting.

Sewer System: They have started the NEPA process for the Macks Inn Spray field expansion. She updated them on this process.

Landfill: She suggested delaying the process until summer to request expansion of the landfill in Island Park. Commissioners agreed to wait to start this process. She asked the board to sign the corrected legal description on the conditional use permit with the forest service.

She asked for an awning for the attendant building and recycling bins in Island Park. She will work with Commissioner Hurt on this project.

She asked for permission to put up signage for an eagle project for warning signs. Commissioners asked her to talk to the Prosecuting Attorney on this.

Items to discuss

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Winter Closure of Yellowstone National Park. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners visited with Representative from Yellowstone Park about the proposed changes to the winter closure of the Park. He will send information on being a cooperative member of the plan. The commissioners will review this information.

Commissioner Hurt updated the board on the lighting proposal we received from Rocky Mountain Power to install more efficient lighting in the courthouse. The cost will be approximately \$13,000 with Rocky Mountain Power contributing approximately \$5000. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve Commissioner Hurt to move forward with the energy saving plan in conjunction of Rocky Mountain Power. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion held on the improvement of the courthouse steps. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to proceed with the replacement of the courthouse steps. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion held on County property. Any property that is sold at auction needs surveys completed. Commissioner Hurt will meet with Kendall Adams to complete this.

Commissioners would like to attend the Teton City Council. They will also schedule to attend the Parker City Council and Newdale City Council.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to amend the agenda to include a report from Emergency Management Services Coordinator Keith Richey. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Keith Richey

Discussion of homeland security services grant award. Commissioner Miller made a motion to have Commissioner Romrell sign the Homeland Security Services award of \$8000. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed incidents of hazardous materials.
Jail inspection was completed.

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

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk