

## FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 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 Miller offered an opening prayer. Kathy Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Elected Officials**

Chief Deputy Sheriff Kurt Hillman: He reported that the Sheriff is out of town at meetings. He reported that we have 24 inmates in custody, 18 on site, 5 in Madison County and 1 in Jefferson County.

Assessor Kathy Thompson: Reported on the Circuit Breaker Applications, the deadline to file is April 15, 2010. She reported on the Home Owner Exemption deadline of April 15, 2010. She also reported that her office is in compliance with the State Ratio Study. She reported that they will be making some adjustments on the commercial properties in the county. There will be some adjustments on a few of the high end cabins in Island Park.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh: Reported on property taken on forfeiture in drug cases. Reported on the upgrades to her office's web site. She is waiting for input from Public Works Director on the Sewer Ordinance. She has filed two felonies on Friday and another one this morning.

Clerk Abbie Mace: Reported that election filings have begun today and will go through March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Reported on the response of employees to signing up to meet with Meritain for Tuesday and Wednesday on insurance issues. Reported on the leak in the Motor Vehicle office.

Commissioner LeRoy Miller: Reported on the Census and how things are progressing. He reported he visited with Senator Risch about his support on keeping Mount Jefferson open to snowmobiles. He reported on the commissioners being thanked for putting in the Cabin Rental (Home Occupancy) Ordinance.

Commissioner Skip Hurt: He reported on the construction of Island Park EMS building. He reported on a meeting he attended last Thursday for the proposed Waste Disposal District. He reported that we need more information on liabilities before a final decision can be made.

Commissioner Paul Romrell: He reported that Judge Walkers father passed away last night. He stated that he would not have any problem with Fremont County participating in sending waste to the proposed incinerator, just had some concerns with joining the proposed district. He has also had some positive comments from people that are supportive of the cabin rental ordinance.

**Juvenile Probation Director Darin Burrell RE: Quarterly Report**

The commissioners thanked Mr. Burrell for his letter of recognition on Deputy Sheriff Dave Fausett. Mr. Burrell presented his quarterly report on the Juvenile Probation Department. There is a continued increase in males compared to females. It has been a challenging six months with sex offenders, the prescription drugs problem, and parents of his probationers. He continues to work with the community on the smaller offenses. Integrity, boundaries and professionalism are stressed in their department. Mr. Burrell believes that they are doing a good job and are one of the best in the state. They discussed suicide issues with the youth in out county. He emphasized how important probation is to the taxpayers and the community. Last year alone 9/08 to 9/09 his department collected \$6,888 in restitution and 985 man hours in community service. They discussed the specialty courts and the cost of operation fro those and the success that those programs are having. He asked the commissioners to be mindful of his department with wage increases when developing the upcoming budget. He discussed and article on heroin and prescription drug abuse and how it is relating to our area. He requested to attend a conference this summer in Washington DC; he would also like to have Judge Walker attend. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Burrell to thank those that attend the RACE meeting and work with the youth of our community.

**Assessor Kathy Thompson RE: Executive Session IC67-2345 (b)** 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 10:37 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 11:05 a.m.

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

Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement at 11:06 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 11:25 a.m.

#### **Assessor Kathy Thompson RE: County Logo**

Ms. Thompson presented a small logo of the commissioners. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to move the supervision of the GIS Department to the Assessor. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

#### **Treasurer Patricia McCoy RE: Bill from City of Island Park**

Ms. McCoy presented a bill from City of Island Park for \$269.86. She suggested the funds come out of her education line. Commissioners agreed to pay the bill from the treasurers budget.

Commissioner Miller is excused at 1:00 p.m.

### **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 1:0 p.m.

Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve case #G2010-74, case #ML2010-19 and deny case #G2010-75. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

**Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report** Ms. Vik reported on the settling around the new bridges. She also reported on the affect this has on the flooding. The commissioners asked about a bridge out by Todd Browers and if she could look at that. She reported on the Island Park Landfill that is scheduled to crush the concrete at the landfill next week. The crew will also crush at Wilford and the Overhansley pit. She reported on Teton City and gave an update on the proposed gravel pit there. This still needs to go to Teton City to be approved. Kurt will follow up on that with Teton City. She reported on a discussion with Industrial Hygienist Company out of Idaho Falls regarding the moisture problems in the new Road and Bridge shop. She requested permission to submit a grant application for signature next week. The commissioners approved that.

Commissioners called Shook Construction about the ventilation problems. They spoke with Greg Shook who stated that the problem is not air flow but rather a moisture problem. He stated that lack of ventilation will cause this. He stated that baffles are there per code. He stated that there has to be some air circulation inside the building. The only ventilation is from the top of the insulation. The doors in the trusses will need to be opened and maybe even extended. Carey will follow up on that.

Commissioners asked about the appendixes for the sewer ordinance. Ms. Vik will get them to the attorney.

Commissioners asked about moving the trailers on Gwen Lee's property and Lynn Hossner's property and one in Island Park. Ms. Vik will follow up on these. Commissioner Miller will contact someone for a bid on moving the trailers. He will work with Ms. Vik on this.

Ms. Vik asked about how the commissioners felt regarding the progress of the bridge replacements; and if they wanted to move forward with the next phase of bridges. Commissioner Romrell suggested doing a tour next week. They will continue this discussion at their work meeting next week.

Ms. Vik reported on working with the Wet Lands Development mitigation projects.

Commissioner Miller returned to the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

### **Parks & Rec Director Tamra Cikaitoga RE: Department Report**

Ms. Cikaitoga asked about a piece of county owned property that is approximately 2.5 acres on the North side of the river on Fishermans Drive. She would like to look at wader parking for access to the river not a full boat ramp. Ms. Cikaitoga will look at grant possibilities to add ITD's property to this area Commissioners agreed to use the property for this. Commissioner Hurt explained that we have a 2 acre spot for parking or whatever use is deemed appropriate on the south side of the river. Commissioner Romrell suggested using a grant for this type of project. Ms. Cikaitoga will follow up. Ms. Vik's department will do snow removal at the golf course.

Ms. Cikaitoga reported on the Island Park ponds and applications for restrooms. She reported on trail grooming. She reported that the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> is the expo in West Yellowstone. They will groom Wednesday through Sunday. She also reported that part of Yellowstone Park closed today. She reported on the Yellowstone Scoping meetings. There is some questions about a proposal for plowing all the way to Old Faithful and down through Mammoth. She is planning on going to a Scoping meeting in Cody, WY.

She reported on a Waterways Committee meeting. She reported on MOU and lease with Rocky Mountain Power.

Commissioner Romrell asked that Ms. Cikaitoga take on the responsibility of economic development grant projects for the county. Commissioner Miller suggested that Ms. Cikaitoga go to some grant writing training.

**Planning & Building Director Kurt Hibbert RE: Department Report** Mr. Hibbert reported on the proposed gravel pit site in the Teton City impact area. Clerk Mace will set up a meeting for the Commissioners to attend the City Council meeting for Teton City and Parker City to discuss the gravel pit ordinance.

Mr. Hibbert presented the commissioners a copy of the City of Parkers Impact Area. March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Planning & Zoning will meet. We have the final say on the area that will be affected. Mr. Hibbert discussed the rules that apply to that boundary and getting clarification on that.

Mr. Hibbert reported on ITD US Highway 20 Corridor Study. He gave out a preliminary draft and discussed. He also reported on a meeting that he attended on Friday for state traffic signage. They are having issues with their sign ordinance. City of Ashton has asked Mr. Hibbert to attend their meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Hibbert reported on the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting scheduled for tonight to address Chapter 5.

He reported on his financial revenues. He reported an increase in revenue over last year at this same time. He stated that it is due to number of permits and not a raise in fees.

Commissioner Romrell told Mr. Hibbert that he has received some compliments on him and his work.

**IT Administrator Lisa Turner RE: Surplus Supplies** Ms. Turner reported on the surplus supplies. Commissioners assigned Ms. Turner the task of taking care of any surplus supplies however she sees fit. Ms. Turner reported on carpeting her office.

## Miscellaneous

Clerk Mace reported on the Flexible Spending Administration. We are cleared to move forward to make the transition from our current provider to the new one. This will take approximately two weeks and cards will be inactive during that time.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve signing the contract for with Integrated Benefits for the Flexible Spending Administration and authorize Commissioner Romrell to sign the contract. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners have been invited to attend and "After Hours" event at Island Park at 6:30pm on March 24, 2010.

Commissioners reviewed the calendar for the month of March and agreed to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> until noon.

Commissioner Miller gave an update on the bleacher replacement at the fairgrounds.

Previous minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Previous minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners discussed the request regarding the Computer Arts and a two page summary for the county. Clerk Mace will continue to work with Computer Arts on this request.

Previous minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup> and Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve resolution 2010-08 regarding forced blood alcohol draw restitution. Commissioner Hurt 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.

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk

