

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2010

Present for the meeting were: Commissioners Paul Romrell, 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.

Executive Session IC 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 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 9:31 a.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 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting "Aye", and Commissioner Miller voting "Aye". Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #G2010-130. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Carlos Aponte RE: Health & Dental Insurance Update

Carlos Aponte reported on progress with county insurance. A Child Assessment Bill was passed a few months ago stating that the State of Idaho will be charging insurance groups a fee for immunizations. It is a yearly fee and due September 24th. Our fee for this is \$6800. Meritain will pay it and then put a claim in the counties account. It will be taken out of the VEBA funds. This is state mandated.

Next year Meritain is updating their disease management program. Healthy Merits will reach out to any employee that has been flagged with a chronic disease and will offer them a kit. Instead of charging the fee to the employee it will be charged to the county. The cost of the program can be tied to the premium. Mr. Aponte is unable to get a firm amount on that because it depends on how many people are diagnosed with a disease.

Mr. Aponte encourages the wellness testing and would pursue the incentives with the program. He does not however recommend doing the disease management. The commissioners decided to pass on the disease management program.

Discussion was held on the Cobra programs. With all the changes Mr. Aponte recommends that someone else manage the Cobra because of the timelines that are mandated.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to contract with Integrated Benefits to manage the cobra accounts. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the dependent medical coverage changes with the Health Care Reform. This starts on September 26th. Mr. Aponte received a call from an employee where an employee's dependent is turning 25 in the time frame between the change and they would be kicked off the current insurance.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion that we cover dependents up to the age of 26 as of June 1, 2010 to cover the gap. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the dental coverage and moving to Delta Dental. This will be discussed on September 7th.

Mr. Aponte gave them the reports on current medical expenses and aggregate expenses.

Executive Session IC 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 10:05 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 10:11 a.m.

Miscellaneous

Attorney Joette Lookabaugh reported on the Wilford Townsite road vacation progress. She has met with the Assessor and Mr. Behring. She recommends that we vacate the roads that are in question. This prevents the county from getting in the middle of a civil lawsuit.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to vacate the requested roads in the Wilford Townsite between blocks 5&6, 6&7 and 7&8 and adopt the findings and facts. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Carol Jensen asked about a forfeiture that is being done and the processing fee to have the person served. It was recommended by Clerk Mace that the funds be taken out of the drug funds through the sheriff's office.

Claims were reviewed and submitted.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the following liquor licenses:

R. Carl & Bonnie Bates "Timberline Golf"

JJ&J Inc "Dave's Jubilee Market"

Rocky Mountain Lodges, Inc "Henry's Fork Lodge"

Bradley C. & Dione L. Smith "Grub Steak Mountain Market Deli"

Jesus Ramon Nunez "El Jaliciense II"

Barking Bass Equities LLC "Phillips Lodge/Lodgepole Grill"
Harold F. Lenz & Stacey Steele "Lenz Electronic and Liquor"
Jonathan Stiehl "Truthhunters"
Richard and Deborah Frei "Stagestop"
Maverick Inc "Maverick Inc #155"
Jackson Food Stores, Inc "Jacksons #72"
Ronnie & Kay Fullmer "Outnorth LLC" "Rough Riders Saloon"
Hawg Golf "Hawg Golf"
Gary and Bernadine Cook "Shotgun Grill Bar & Store"
Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the EMT volunteer issue and the letter received from Attorney Karl Lewies.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion with Public Works Director Marla Vik about a reconditioned bailer and a lease for space at the studmill property. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Ms. Vik discussed with the commissioners a company that would like to lease some space at the studmill. Commissioners are concerned that by leasing this to them there is business being taken from private enterprise. The commissioners are going to allow the company to lease for 2 months only.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to sign the lease agreement for two months at the stud mill property. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of a bailer for \$7920 for the Island Park landfill. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Ms. Vik gave the commissioners some background information on the sewer committee.

Clerk Mace talked about a deferred compensation program that is voluntary for the employees. There is some question as to changing companies for that.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to amend the agenda to include Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Assessor Kathy Thompson and IT Administrator Lisa Turner about Urban Renewal Base Tax. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

When exemption was given to the Ashton Nursing home the base tax was included. It is Ms. McCoy's understanding that we can't do that. Base tax will need to go onto a separate notice and they will need to pay that. The base market value will go away so the exemption will have to be done differently so that the base remains. It would only leave a small amount for the base tax. Ms. McCoy will continue to review this and get back with the commissioners. The question is

whether or not the land shows up on a tax report even though the property is exempt. They are still responsible for fees but not taxes.

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

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to approve the Sewer System LID releases for Donald and Gloria Dixon and Dell and Marcella Watts. Commissioner Lee Miller 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