

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 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, Sheriff Len Humphries, and Assessor Kathy Thompson

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

Sheriff Len Humphries offered an opening prayer.

Commissioner Lee Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Assessor Kathy Thompson – Things have slowed down to some degree. Re-appraisals are being done. The map server has been very helpful in dealing with questions about appraisals. The new GIS Tech Eli Hubbard has been doing a great job. GIS office has been going very well.

Sheriff Len Humphries – We have 15 inmates in custody in our facility and 7 at an off sight facility. We had a call out to the Sand Dunes. During this call they lost one tire on the Sand Rail. It will be down for a couple of days to be repaired. The code red program is up and he will be doing some press releases on that. Working with QWest to get it uploaded. The sheriff's office was at the fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday giving out identification kits.

Clerk Abbie Mace – Ms. McCoy asked Clerk Mace to present the quarterly report for her. There is \$14,814,417.13 in the county bank account. There are cancellations in the amount of \$17,019.64 for the month of July. Commissioner Romrell commented that the quarterly amount has dropped. We had talked about putting in the swipe card entrances in the court house – the Omni security bid is \$8300. Keith Richey thought that he had about \$10,000 to put towards this project. Commissioners would like to table it until next year.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh – Her office is investigating a felony and they have 3 jury trials coming up. There have been a lot of civil issues and personnel issues as well as issues regarding faulty notices. In Island Park she had several people approach her about the cabin ordinance and have stated that when they called Planning and Building it did not appear that they knew anything about it. She went to the Eastern Idaho District Health meeting with Commissioner Hurt. She will know soon if her Chief Deputy will be the new Bonneville Magistrate Judge.

Commissioner Skip Hurt – He met with the Eastern District Health Department on the cabin rental ordinance. He had a Planning & Building meeting in Island Park. He talked with the Forest Service about timber that needs to be removed for the new Road & Bridge Shop in Island Park. He has an airport meeting this week.

Commissioner Lee Miller – He spent some time at the fairgrounds. Saturday was a success. The pig wrestling was very successful. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Tomorrow they are touring Targhee with RAC. On Wednesday there is a budget meeting in the morning and in the

afternoon a Waste District meeting. Acceptance and cost agreement with flow control ordinance was received. Mr. Faucet clarified some of this for him.

Commissioner Paul Romrell – He went to the fair and handed out awards on Friday. He recognized the fair board and the 4-H leaders. He spoke Wednesday at a Republican Women’s Dinner, had an RC&D meeting, and accepted the 5 year plan for RC&D. One of their missions is to raise money for communities and their projects in which Fremont County has had a few projects. On Friday there was a 5-C Board Meeting and appreciation picnic. It appears that 5-C will finish the year in the black. Director of juvenile justice Sharon Harrigfeld was there. She stated that the state needs us but their budget cuts have been horrendous. They have 11 federal kids and 1 state kid. They are hoping to negotiate a new contract with the feds for an increased amount. The federal audit was at a 93% rating. Complimented staff and was able to associate with them.

Open Bids for Island Park Road and Bridge Building

Discussion was held on contractors submitting their bids to include the name/address of the sub-contractors. Commissioner Hurt addressed this issue. Ms. Lookabaugh read code 67-2310 “the general contractor is required to list on the bid the subcontractor by name and/or address”. There was at least one contractor who was with Ms. Vik at the time of the deadline and that bid will be accepted.

Bids for Island Park Road & Bridge Building

3-D Decker Construction	\$242,479
Bloom Construction	\$202,025
Doug James Construction	\$198,574
Harold L. Harris Const., Inc.	\$207,129
J&S Construction	\$245,600
Ovard Construction, Inc.	\$242,573
SE/Z Construction, LLC	\$184,935
Shook Construction Co., Inc	\$221,410

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to award bid on the Island Park Road and Bridge building to SE/Z Construction, LLC in the amount of \$184,935 pending Ms. Viks’ review of the bid. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Lori Lewis, Patricia McCoy & Marla Vik RE: Landfill Bills

Ms. Lewis presented landfill bills to be cancelled and/or added to tax notices.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to apply these landfill bills to the property taxes. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to cancel the presented bills for landfill. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report & Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b)

Discussion was held on the possibility of a pay increase for those that fill in when the foreman takes an extended vacation. The idea of establishing a pay for a lead man that would go into effect when they take over for the foreman was discussed. There was also discussion on having an assistant foreman. This will be reviewed again later in the day.

Agreement with the Forest Service regarding Red Rock Road was discussed. A 60 foot right of way would be deeded to the county. The commissioners are in agreement with this.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to sign the Forest Service Cost Share Agreement after Ms. Vik makes the adjustment to the document. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the sewer ordinance. Some changes were made including how it would be billed – square footage versus equivalent dwelling units. The dates for the hearing will be September 1st. This is the only day Blake Hall can do the hearing but Ms. Vik has an open house and won't be attending. The hearing will be scheduled for September 1st at 6pm in Island Park. The home occupancy ordinance has a conflict with the sewer ordinance. Ms. Vik and Ms. Lookabaugh will meet this afternoon to review this. September 1st from 4p-7p is an open house for Stone Bridge held in Ashton.

Island Park bag fees were discussed. There is one rental agency that already has cards for their buildings rather than being charged based on the ownership. Discussion was held on the best way to handle the cards. Ms. Vik would like to implement this at the end of summer. Ms. Vik would like a notice to be sent out with the tax notices.

The parking lot across the street has never been finished. Ms. Vik will have this completed.

Ms. Vik will be gone from the 11th to 13th.

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 11:01 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 11:13 a.m.

Executive Session IC 67-2345 (a)

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office; at 11:13 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 11:43 a.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to appoint Stephen Loosli as interim director of Planning & Building. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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 12:58 p.m. Commissioner Miller 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 1:66 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve case #G2010-120, and deny case #M2010-37. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Abbie Mace RE: Budget

Current claims were presented and approved with adjustments. Clerk Mace presented to the commissioners the progress that she has made on the budget. The discussion on the budget will continue on Wednesday, 8/11/10.

Administrative Judge Shindurling & Trial Court Administrator Burt Butler RE: Review Drug Court Budgets

Judge Shindurling and Mr. Butler discussed with the commissioners the various aspects that they have to consider with their budget. They discussed cancelling the Patron Access. There was some discussion on the law library budget. They had assumed a 5% increase. Westlaw has considered a 4% increase over the next five years. The law clerk is the one position that the judge uses every day. There was discussion on the law clerk position and how to budget for that. They reviewed the handout that the Judge and Mr. Butler presented to them. They reviewed another hand out on juvenile probation. Public defender is a red flag in this county because we are cost efficient. Court security is minimal. The camera cost will increase this amount. Misdemeanor probation was reviewed. The other three programs that were discussed were court assistance, family court assistance and drug and mental health courts. These programs could be the next ones cut. They had a county paid people model and Bonneville and Bingham Counties were asked to participate. When the state wanted to make them state employees it didn't really fit in with our model. This does reduce our drug testing dollars. Reviewed how the Supreme Court looks at drug and mental health courts. Patterns with District Court case loads were reviewed. There was a question as to why so many were listed as other. Infraction collections are doing really well. Misdemeanor collections are a little lower. Judge Shindurling encouraged them to look into these issues.

Carlos Aponte Insurance Renewal Updates

Mr. Aponte discussed the insurance renewal options with the commissioners. Commissioners instructed Mr. Aponte to continue to discuss options with Meritain and Delta Dental. As of October 1st dependents can stay on until they are 26 years old. There will be no lifetime maximum caps. In 2011 there will be a \$2500 cap on the Flex Program.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to approve the 3 Junior College applications. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion that we accept and sign the Findings and Facts on road vacation in Chester. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the July 19th minutes with noted changes. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to accept Resolution 2010-16 Safe and Secure Rural School Funding allowing 80% into Title I and 20% into Title II. 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 accept the election results for the 2010 South Fremont Fire District. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Paul Romrell signed the deeds for the tax deeded property.

The commissioners will hold a meeting on August 30th to pay bills.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the Resolution 2010-17 for a 5% increase in landfill fees effective October 1, 2010. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded. 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