

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2011

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, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Parks & Rec Administrator Tamra Cikaitoga, Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, Juvenile Probation Administrator Darin Burrell, Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey, Emergency Medical Services Director Bob Foster, Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli, IT Administrator Lisa Turner, 4-H Supervisor Dana Miller, Extension Office Supervisor Lance Ellis, and Weed Department Supervisor Bruce Fowler

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

Tamra Cikaitoga offered an opening prayer.
Stephen Loosli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials & Department Heads

Sheriff Len Humphries – The insurance company officially totaled the patrol car that was in an accident in December. Two deputies had to take a woman to Twin Falls for admittance to a mental health facility. There were a lot of suicides last year; they are looking at what they can do about that. They have 6 in custody. New Years Eve was quiet.

Parks & Rec Administrator Tamra Cikaitoga – This is a busy time on the snowmobile trails. January is grant month. There are three snowmobile activities in a row this month and two in February. They started grooming trails early this year.

Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli – There are going to be some software updates in his office. Complaint tracking is something that we have been working on in the last few months. As of Saturday the Cabin Rental Ordinance is in full affect. We have issued seventeen permits. We will be notifying others at this point. We are pursuing a grant for approximately \$35,000. There are some limitations to this and we are trying to figure out what those are. Next week is the final meeting with Planning & Zoning for the Development Code.

Emergency Medical Services Director Bob Foster – We have finished the year with 572 ambulance runs. We are projecting 630 call outs for 2011. St. Anthony had the majority of calls. We have 61 EMT's and drivers on staff. We are working with BYU to put their students on our ambulance as a student/training basis. Patient billing up to November is \$3200. The new training program is very aggressive to meet the guidelines for the state. The new training program will cost \$27 a year per EMT. We have until the end of March to implement the new CPR protocol. There is AED training this month and it is good for two years. He has talked with the St. Anthony fire department about extrication agreement. The fire department is going to round up the equipment and look at scheduling.

Emergency Management Coordinator Keith Richey – He went to Island Park Village for a chemical spill. The owners self evacuated the building. Three ladies, an 8 year old, and a 5 year old were

transported to the hospital. He is going to start encouraging hazardous material training. The training is free of charge. The courthouse generator is up and running. He got a grant to put a generator on each of the counties fueling stations. Video conferencing system is ready to go. In the next year and a half he would like to get a grant for the fire district and EMS for a narrow band upgrade on radios. Mr. Richey advises that we talk to the canal companies now for a diversion gate or something similar to prepare for flooding. The water in the Salem area is rising.

Juvenile Probation Administrator Darin Burrell – Suicide is a problem state wide. In Idaho Falls on the April 5th there is a free training on suicide. He has committed two kids to the state last month. Spoke to legislatures about what has happened in the last 18 months. Those at the state level are looking at ways that they can let the legislature know what is going on. January 24th there is training with Jermaine Galloway and Jared Olsen at the South Fremont High School at 8am.

Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter – The sewer committee that has formed themselves has sent out letters to patrons requesting donations so that they can get a lawyer in their effort to take over the sewer system. This letter has several misleading statements in it. Mr. Lostutter has received several calls from those that want the county to remain in control of the sewer system.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner – There has been a lot of changes in cell phone plans in the last month. We should be able to see the difference in cost at the end of January.

Weed Department Supervisor Bryce Fowler – The inventory is caught up for now. He wrote 3 grants in December and for January there will be four or five more. He has been asked to help write the strategic plan for the state. Curt Miller came back a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Fowler will be gone January 26th and 27th. Montana has admitted that they have water milfoil and may have mussels. Mr. Fowler is plowing in the mornings.

Assessor Kathy Thompson – The assessor's office is starting to get busy. Circuit Breaker start this week. She would like to do BOE on Second Sub Roll today. We are closing out 2010. There is some new construction happening.

Extension Office Supervisor Lance Ellis – On January 19th the university is hosting a potato school, February 2 there will be a grain school, and a Master Gardener program will start this month. Community gardening classes start next month. He changed his newsletter to gear it specifically to grain grower. The beef school has been cancelled.

4-H Supervisor Dana Miller – This month she goes back to the schools for art and Idaho history. She has been working on the Operation Military Kids program. It is a no cost program for the family. The fisherman's breakfast is getting ready. Her goal is to get more kids to 4-H camp and more 4-H leaders.

Prosecutor Joette Lookabaugh – We have had several mental health cases. She has had meetings with a couple sets of parents regarding the potential filing of criminal consensual sexual charges against their teenagers and we are looking at different ways to handle that. We have sent the letter to the auditor for court claims that the county is involved in. The sewer committee has never brought us a feasibility study. They have not given us any information about who would be

qualified to take over the sewer system. Judge Walker has been giving out some very tough sentencing. She is still waiting to hear from Ted Hendricks.

Clerk Abbie Mace – She is finishing up the final information for the auditor. Lori Lewis has been working on cleaning up the titles for the county vehicles. She is gearing up for election consolidation where the county will be running all elections for the taxing districts. Clerk Mace described how this is done. She has been working with Rich Greenwood for a map to use for election time that will be more user friendly.

Commissioner Lee Miller – The EMS department had a secret Santa project. They found three families and gave them Christmas. RAC committee is meeting this month. They have to have two years worth of separate projects. We budgeted \$30,000 to expand the fairgrounds and we are in the process of getting estimates for those projects. He spent some time on a conference call with the Wolf Deprivation Group. At the end of August funds had been decreased for confirmed kills. They will meet in February to review losses that are out in the state. He thanked everyone for all their hard work in the last year. He expressed gratitude to Commissioner Romrell for his years of service and all that he has done for this county and the community. He looks forward to the New Year.

Commissioner Skip Hurt – There is a new vehicle policy. We are attempting to buy all new vehicles and then rotating them out every 5 years. They will be all ordered white and fleet type of vehicles. He expressed his gratitude to the department heads and elected officials for all of their hard work. He expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Romrell for his work with the county and his dedication to the county. He is looking forward to the New Year. He would like a summary of the minutes into the newsletter. The individuals that we have working within the sewer system are well qualified.

Commissioner Paul Romrell – This is his last day for meetings. There is a tremendous amount of pressure being chairman. The next two to three years is going to be difficult in making a budget work. The state insurance people have told him that the insurance the county has is top of the line. It is an expensive benefit to the county. He read an email that he had received Sunday morning regarding the waterways public hearing. In the last hearing 14 or 15 people recommended that we pass the ordinance. The irrigators have asked for no restrictions. They will be making a decision on the waterways ordinance and some will be angry and some won't even care. The land use map hearing had some from Chester that were very rude and some from Wilford that felt this was a reasonable compromise. We have done some remarkable things in the last six years. A lot of that has brought money into the county. He doesn't claim any personal credit for what has been accomplished over the years but it has been a combined effort from all of the commissioners. He expressed appreciation and gratitude for all of the department heads and elected officials and their hard work. He expressed appreciation for the other commissioners and all those that he has been able to work with.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion that they amend the agenda to include discussion on the letter from the sewer committee; the new building and Board of Equalization for Second Sub Roll. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the sewer letter. Discussion was held on what response to the letter there should be. Ms. Lookabaugh would like to talk with their attorney. A feasibility study must be submitted. There have been no qualifications that have been submitted. They are not following the steps to make this process move forward. Ms. Lookabaugh will compose a legal response. Mr. Loosli suggests sending out a fact sheet to the users. Ms. Lookabaugh will meet with Blake Hall, Dan Lostutter and Clerk Mace to compose the response.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to purchase the ECIPDA building that is adjacent to the Planning and Building offices (Annex Building) for the price of \$315,000 out of line item for purchase of buildings and property sale. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. The following discussion was held. The money the county pays ECIPDA will be put into a Revolving money fund for Fremont County Economic Development loans and managed by ECIPDA. The building was appraised at \$378,000. This building will be used for meetings and additional office space. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Parks & Rec Tamra Cikaitoga RE 25 MPH Duel Use Resolution

Discussion was held on the resolution and whether or not the commissioners want to go move forward with it. Discussion was held on the effectiveness of changing the speed limit. The part in question is on Yale Kilgore Road. It will make a big difference on whether they are legally riding or not. She would mark the roads temporarily and then Road and Bridge would mark them permanently. A violation would be infraction. The prosecutor's office needs pictures of the duel use signs and listing of their locations. Ms. Cikaitoga can put together a flyer that can go into the hotels and cabin rentals informing the public of this change.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-06 for Duel Use Roads. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell opened the Board Of Equalization Second Sub roll hearing at 10:56 am.

Commissioner Romrell asked Assessor Kathy Thompson if there were any records to review. She stated no.

Commissioner Romrell closed the hearing at 10:57 am.

Sheriff Len Humphries RE: Search & Rescue Building

Discussion was held on the search and rescue building and where to take the funds from for the final cost of the building and remodel. It is \$45,229 to finish paying for the Search & Rescue building that will come out of the sale of county property budget line.

A \$1500 bill for a new furnace for this building will be paid for out of Buildings and Grounds.

Sheriff Humphries expressed appreciation to the commissioners for their support to search and rescue.

Brett Mackert gave the commissioners an update on the improvements that they have made to the building. He expressed appreciation to the commissioners for all that they have done. The county will plow that area for him. They are hosting the state Search & Rescue conference in February.

They had a couple of calls over the holidays. The safety video that they developed will be out to the media in the spring.

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 1:04 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 1:10 p.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve cases #ML2011-03, and #G2011-32, and deny cases #G2011-33, and #M2011-09B. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Lori Lewis RE: Establish Election Polling Places

Discussion was held on cemetery and fire districts and sub-districts. Ms. Lewis presented the election polling map to the commissioners. There is nothing that has changed.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion that we approve the election polling places as submitted by Chief Deputy Lori Lewis. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

They have issued for the 2010 calendar year: 187 building permits, 68 class one or two non-building permits and 16 cabin rental permits with 3 pending. We have received notification from one owner from the shoot out barn requesting a permit for 30 people. A cabin rental complaint came in today. They are working with the owner to bring him into compliance. We are sending out letters to everyone that they are aware of regarding the cabin rental ordinance. Education and compliance for this is a priority. We are reviewing and revising all of the permit forms. The building permit form has been downsized to four pages. There is a ten item sheet to help those that want to rent their homes and it has been very helpful.

He met with Joshua Chase and prepared a memo with suggestions of what he advises for the preferred land use map. He reviewed these suggestions with the commissioners prior to the official review of the resolution so that they may have the time to consider his recommendations. Permits are only based on the zoning map not the preferred land use map.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to amend the agenda to include Executive Session IC 67-2345 (c). Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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 not owned by a public agency at 1:46 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 2:00 p.m.

Land Use Map Resolution

Commissioner Romrell explained to the visitors that although the meeting is a public meeting it is not open for discussion from the public. Discussion was held on the recommended changes that they received from Mr. Loosli. Discussion was held on combining the names for the types of designation. The map that significantly matters is the zoning map however the preferred land use map does have relevance. Discussion was held on the definition of the titles given to the designations.

The changes that are recommended require that this return to public hearing. Discussion was held on the petition for the Fremont County Development Code that was submitted at the hearing for the Preferred Land Use Map. This petition has nothing to do with this map. It is talking about the development code not the preferred land use map.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to not make a decision on this map but to make the changes to reduce the number of units per acre and schedule another public hearing with the proposed changes. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Waterways Ordinance

Discussion was held on the public hearing that was held last week for this ordinance. The commissioners feel that the majority of people in the last hearing requested that we pass the ordinance. The commissioners made note that previously the river had no restrictions. This is a compromise between those that use motor boats and those that don't.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve Ordinance 2011-03 Fremont County Waterways. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion that they approve the liquor license for Roberta and Thomas Goe "Go C Goe Teton Junction". Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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

Discussion was held on the BPA insurance option of extending benefits to beneficiaries up to the age of 26. Carlos Aponte has advised against using this plan. The commissioners would like to know the specifics of why he is not agreeable to this. They would like to have Mr. Aponte come to the meeting.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to approve the minutes from 12/20/2010. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The commissioners would like Prosecutor Joette Lookabaugh or Commissioner Hurt to swear in the newly elected officials next Monday.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to have Commissioner Skip Hurt swear in the newly elected officials next week. Commissioner Paul Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Paul Romrell made the motion to sign the agreement of purchase for 101 N Bridge Street, St. Anthony, ID. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

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

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk