

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2011

Present for the meeting was: Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller and Jordon Stoddard.

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger

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

Cleve Rice RE: Veterans Memorial Funding Distribution

Mr. Rice discussed with the commissioners the American Legion's payment. He is questioning the payments that have been received. He is unsure as to where those payments are. Last fall the state decommissioned the Ashton VFW and the commissioners decided to award the payments to St. Anthony VFW. He feels that it should be divided up between VFW and the two American Legions in the county. Originally the payments were divided into four and split between the four programs. Mr. Rice is asking that the funds that come in be divided between the three remaining programs. Discussion was held on the difference between VFW and American Legion. VFW is Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion is any that serve during times of conflict as designated by Congress.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion that we split the veteran's money generated by property taxes three ways into the Ashton American Legion, St. Anthony American Legion and the St. Anthony VFW. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Carlos Aponte RE: Insurance Updates Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b)

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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 9:22 a.m. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 10:08 a.m.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to modify the current employee insurance plan. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting against & Commissioner Skip Hurt and Commissioner Lee Miller voting for the motion.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to eliminate \$30 co-pay on wellness testing that applies under the new Federal Healthcare Reform Act. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Sewer User Response

Commissioner Hurt handed out the drafted response regarding the sewer system concerns. Discussion was held on requirements for employees who manage the system. This is budgeted however not advertised yet. Should someone with the qualifications come through, the process

can start. Discussion was held on the legalities of an independent group taking over the system. Discussion was held on each point made in the letter. A feasibility study and business plan have not been submitted at this point. Discussion was held on election requirements. The county is not required to provide a sewer system. Discussion was held on how fees are collected.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Greg Newkirk starts next Monday, GIS Employee Trevor Perkes is moving to the annex building today. Starting next week the GIS office will be physically located in the annex building.

There is a color change to the preferred land use map. Dale Swenson called and some were concerned with the previous colors.

Mr. Loosli sent a letter to some of the residents in Chester clarifying how a lot split is done. The rule does not require more than a document to show where it was split. If someone meets the standards of the law then their request is approved. A lot of effort is put into clarifying if a lot split is acceptable or not.

We have a lot of public hearings coming up and have started the process of putting the binders together for the commissioners. The binders contain all of the documentation that has led up to the pending appeal. The development code is nearing completion. The planning and zoning commission would like to begin wrapping this up on Monday. There have been some questions that were addressed and corrected.

Commissioner Hurt received a message from the neighbor of the Shoot Out Barn. The neighbor believes that they are still out of compliance. Mr. Loosli would like any future complaints to be directed to his office. Mr. Loosli was notified by the owners that they intended to lease the property out for five weeks. Clerk Mace reminded the commissioners that any emails that they receive regarding public hearings need to be forwarded to her so that they can become a part of the record.

Discussion was held on Jacobs Ranch. Mr. Loosli updated them on the lack of response. They are ready to move onto the next phase.

Mr. Loosli updated the commissioners on the sand issue. They may need a class one permit.

Discussion was held on Ard's Landfill and him extracting gravel.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report

Discussion was held on the sewer hookup fees. The newly calculated capitalization review fee is \$6,124.05. With a 5% increase it would take five years to cover this cost. Discussion was held on what the options are for fee increase. A hearing would probably be in the best interest at this point.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to have a public hearing to increase the hookup fees to \$6,124.00. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Ms. Vik received phone calls from Josh Rydalch from Fish & Game and Bill Boggs from BLM regarding Mr. Siddoway's property being open. Discussion was held on the closure. They are seeing the leftover elk kills. They would like Mr. Siddoway to keep the road barricaded and notice up that it is closed. Commissioner Miller will talk with Mr. Siddoway about doing this.

There is a landfill past due bill for Pond's Lodge. There is a new owner and the past due amount is from the previous owner. Ms. McCoy feels that the current owner needs to pay it and Idaho code states that when buying property the new owner is responsible for all liabilities. The commissioners would like to attach it to the previous owner taxes. The current owner is current on all of their bills. Ms. McCoy will put it on the 2010 taxes as an out of cycle addition.

Discussion was held on the response to DEQ requests with the monitoring wells at the St. Anthony Landfill. They want certain tests done on the wells to help determine if they are connected. We can agree to some testing to be completed by mid-April. The professional training for water sampling also has to be completed. The commissioners are fine with this response.

The commissioners would like to meet Monday, February 28th at 1:00pm with Clerk Abbie Mace, Public Works Director Marla Vik, Parks and Recreation Administrator Tamra Cikaitoga, Assessor Kathy Thompson, GIS Employee Trevor Perkes, Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, Planning & Building Administrators Stephen Loosli and new GIS/Planner Greg Newkirk to discuss what GIS priorities will be. Deputy Clerk Conger will send an email to all involved requesting their attendance.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion to amend the agenda to include Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b). Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 11:53 a.m.

Sheriff Len Humphries RE: Dispatch

Discussion was held on the dispatch equipment and overhaul of the work area. Discussion was held on whether or not anything can be done by a local cabinet maker. Various companies were discussed for replacement of radio equipment. Discussion was held on radio cooperation with other counties.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve a contract with Xybix to make the requested changes to the dispatch area in the amount of \$17,642.44 to be taken from the 911 fund. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Assessor Kathy Thompson RE: Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b)

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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 1:29 p.m. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", Commissioner Lee Miller voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 1:49 p.m.

Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims

Commissioners signed two new liens.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion that we amend the agenda to discuss the letter from Fort Henry Mosquito Abatement. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on the Fort Henry Mosquito Abatement district. They are struggling to keep a full board and they are asking that they start over with five individuals from the list submitted. A five year, a four year, a three year and 2 one year terms are needed. Everything south and west of the Salem Road and the Snake River is the boundaries for the district. Discussion was held on who to place in which term.

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion that Richard Roberson be appointed to a five year term, Audra Mason be appointed to a four year term, Kevin Clay be appointed to a three year term, Jason Sorensen be appointed to a one year term and Eldon Clawson be appointed to a one year term for the Mosquito Abatement District. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to release the Macks Inn Sewer LID for John Bryner and Last Chance Sewer LID for Tucker Roy & Cornelia Nipko. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Discussion was held on per diem use.

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

Discussion was held on Extension building. Commissioner Stoddard will meet with Clerk Mace to review procedures for getting this done. Discussion was held on if an auction would be better than accepting bids. An amount for the building was discussed.

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

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk