

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 07, 2011

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Cathy Conger, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Deputy Sheriff Thad Garner and Joe Powell, Assessor Kathy Thompson, and Treasurer Patricia McCoy

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

Commissioner Skip Hurt offered an opening prayer.
Assessor Kathy Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials

Clerk Abbie Mace – Discussion was held on the levy rates for the taxing districts. Budget and levy training is May 10th at ITech. We had meetings on election consolidation. We have six elections in May. We have to change all election laws on how we run primary elections. Every voter in the state has to re-register and they have to declare their party. This will create a lot of discussion. She will be in Boise tomorrow afternoon and Wednesday. She will be back on Thursday. Blake Hall is the hearing officer for the public hearings on Thursday. Values overall did go down a little bit. She sent out reminders for online training for ICRMP. If we don't meet the expectations we will not receive almost \$10,000 in savings. She reminded department heads that Kristen from Meritain will be here March 15th-17th. Welfare conference April 19th, 20th, 21st. Joette Lookabaugh will not go. Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Stoddard and Commissioner Hurt will go.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy – She gave the January cancellations in the amount of \$340.77 to the commissioners. Boise County has filed chapter 9 bankruptcy. The county was sued by a developer for \$4 million. She won't sign the industrial park plat for St. Anthony until the taxes are brought current. They are doing a second amended plat but there are delinquent taxes owed. She is talking with Rich Crapo and the title company. If they have filed bankruptcy the county needs notification. They can't record the plat if Ms. McCoy hasn't signed it.

Sheriff Deputy Thad Garner – The sheriff is gone to a conference. The search and rescue is sponsoring a statewide conference at the end of June. To schedule the building in Island Park they need to talk to Randy Gravat. They have 19 inmates in custody and 5 females in Madison County. They have ordered 3 new vehicles. The replacement for the wrecked vehicle should be here this week. We have received the check for this from ICRMP.

Assessor Kathy Thompson – She has hired a new appraiser. She is trained and completely certified. She is familiar with computer arts software. Ms. Thompson is going to move back to her old office in the assessor's office this week. She feels that the old GIS office would be good for storage or for Keith Richey. Mike Jones loves his vehicle. Bruce Hill continues to improve.

Prosecutor Joette Lookabaugh – Her office filed a couple of drug felonies last week. They filed fraud charges on an internet scam. There is a lot of fighting at the schools. One of our more prominent citizens had their elderly father victimized by a credit card/work at home scam. There needs to be a warning to older people that there are a lot of scams like this out there. It is up to adult children to help with vulnerable parents finances.

Commissioner Lee Miller – He went to a meeting on the 24th in Dubois for the Eastern Idaho Waste Management District. They had a public hearing on judicial review. No one showed. They met last week at public health. There has been a million dollars allocated for Fremont County to build two transfer stations. Judicial review is early April and then we wait for approximately two weeks. We have had a lot of input from the bank regarding ownership. We are unsure of the revenue that it will generate at this point. We are of the opinion that we want to have ownership. This should not change the fees on tax notices at this point. We will end up with two transfer stations ultimately. We will meet with Madison County to establish a secondary option should the landfill be closed sooner. There are only 3 plants being built. He went to a grizzly bear meeting last Friday. He apologized to Joyce for not communicating the time. They did not get anything resolved but

communication was good. There was discussion on the wolves at this meeting as well. Senator Risch is very encouraged by this. They support management of the bears. He is excited about the public hearings this week. It will be good for the county to work through these.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard – He went to Island Park and took a tour of the sewer system. They do a really good job. He went to the Lincoln Day banquet. They need to start doing something about the education system.

Commissioner Skip Hurt – He had a meeting with new GIS/Planner II Greg Newkirk and some of the department heads. He feels that Greg Newkirk will be a true asset. Stephen Loosli will have day to day supervision of GIS. There are public hearings on Wednesday at 1pm for Noskire, Wednesday at 2pm for Sawtell Estates, Thursday at 3pm for Draper/Horner and Thursday at 6pm for Stoddard Brothers.

Parks & Rec Tamra Cikaitoga RE: Golf Course Contract

Brad Mockli's contract had run out and she presented the renewal contract. Ms. Cikaitoga enjoys working with him and feels that he is very mindful of expenses. He has the appropriate insurance that indemnifies the county. The outside assistance has usually been provided by the work camp. This has become a challenge. Rather than hire a work camp employee he would like to hire an outside person as his employee and he would provide the workman's comp insurance and their wage. Discussion was held on expenses for hiring a helper. All the equipment is paid for. The fertilizer bill will be a little high. Discussion was held on the parking lot. Discussion was held on how the budget works for the golf course. The contract will be amended to include an addendum. The outside labor will be reviewed yearly. His contract would remain at five yearS.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to sign the contract with Brad Mockli for management of Fremont County Golf Course and accept the addendum to changes for one year agreement for outside help and to include Fremont County on the indemnity insurance. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Emergency Medical Services Bob Foster RE: Department Report

Mr. Foster presented an operations report to the commissioners. The run volume is at about 8 ½% increase over last year at this time. This is somewhat unusual. He has a 90% collection rate. He has had a great deal of success in his collections. He has completed the updated ICS 300 course. This is a required course for our grants. He has implemented the ICS command structure. We did have to use it last week on extrication. ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 training can all be done online. Spring training started last Thursday. There are 24 students enrolled. Typically we lose 50% on the EMR through the course. The 24/7 online training has allowed us to hold 3 classes simultaneously. Community CPR/First Aid/AED classes are every third Wednesday of the month. 108 course hours have been completed on the 24/7 EMS in February. We have completed 2 grants – CHC, HRSA, and working on 2011 EMS bureau dedicated grant. Cardiac fatality in the field is almost 11% because of being in a primarily rural area. A big part of the grant is community education. We are trying to get funding for masimo rad-57 pulse oximeters. Discussion was held on the MOU for South Fremont Fire District. He reviewed a schedule for maintenance and repairs for equipment. It will cost approximately \$7000 for maintenance and repairs. Extrication training went very well. We have 62 EMT's on board and more candidates in training. He is taking a "working vacation" from March 18th to April 3rd. Life flight program can be purchased for \$50 a year for families.

Weed Department Supervisor Bryce Fowler RE: Amended MOU for Boat Washes/Inventory/New Policies

Discussion was held on the inventory regarding search and rescue. Mr. Fowler presented the cost share to the commissioners.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard made the motion to accept grant money Henry's Fork CWMA. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The state wants the boat washing and inspecting to be moved to the highway for a wider range of protection for the area. The state has provided a new MOU to address this. Discussion was held on where it would be moved to.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the MOU with the State of Idaho for boat inspections. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The criteria for spraying chemicals are changing. As long as you are spraying your own property you do not need a license. If you spray chemicals on property that you do not own you must be licensed or under the supervision of a licensed person. Our staff will need to be licensed. Most people need to take the test 3 times in order to pass. It is a difficult test.

For the next federal budget there is no RC&D council. We may need to expand on the secretary's role to help with the extra paper work that this will create.

Discussion was held on where he will have his office. He will be updating the commissioners monthly on his program.

Social Services – Debbie Adams Re: Indigent Claims

Commissioner Skip Hurt 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 1:00 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 1:15 p.m.

Commissioners signed one new lien, one release of lien and an order of dismissal

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard made a motion to approve cases #G2011-54, #M2011-15, and deny cases #G2011-51, #M2011-13, #M2011-14, #M2011-17. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. Commissioner Miller recused himself from voting. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Report

Road & Bridge: The Ashton crew is working 4 10 hour days. The St. Anthony crew will be going to 4 10 hour days next week. Commissioner Miller spoke to Mr. Siddoway. He will make sure that the barricade is put back up after feeding. They are working on the bridges and on target for completion at the end of March.

Sewer System: Mr. Karling and Mr. Randall asked for the capitalization worksheet. They have also talked to Forsgren. The public hearing for the increase in sewer hookup fees will be on April 4th at 2 pm.

Landfill: Dennis will be in charge of the pits and heavy equipment and Calvin Kraus will be in charge of the office.

Ms. Vik is really appreciative of having Mr. Newkirk on board.

We have received the water rights on the Maupin pit.

Ms. Vik is meeting with an HR professor from ISU. Discussion was held on Veterans Preference.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to amend the agenda to hear comments from Kathy Thompson regarding Rich Greenwood's GIS Contract. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Assessor Kathy Thompson RE: Rich Greenwood Contract

Angie never came last week nor did Mr. Greenwood call her to say why. When she called him he explained that he is unhappy with the new GIS development. He is not going to send Angie over until he has figured out what is going on. Ms. Thompson would like to schedule a meeting between Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Newkirk. Mr. Greenwood is not very cooperative. He feels that he may want to bow out altogether. There were problems in the map layers that prevented the maps from printing quickly. Discussion was held on the contract with Mr. Greenwood. He has done some projects behind the scenes and Angie has been helpful. He is currently being very uncooperative. If the contract were to be interrupted the

map server could be down temporarily. Ms. Thompson will draft a letter to Mr. Greenwood and have the prosecutor's office review it.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-09 for Destruction of Records for Planning and Building. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

An IAC committee has been formed for records retention that will hopefully assist us in being able to destroy records when needed.

Planning and Zoning commission are meeting tonight to finalize the development code. We have public hearings Wednesday and Thursday. Discussion was held on using the score chart when we make a decision on an appeal. Ms. Lookabaugh doesn't feel that the commissioners need to do that. Discussion was held on the appeal public hearing process and submitted written comments. Discussion was held on the hearing officer's role. The commissioners feel that it would be a good idea to start having an officer at the hearings. The hearing on the 15th for the land use map is legislative. Jim McNall will be here on March 29th at 6pm to do training.

Miscellaneous

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

Commissioner Skip Hurt made the motion approve the minutes from 2/14/11 and 2/22/11 with designated changes. Commissioner Lee Miller seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The discussion on per diem/credit card use will be held in April with the department heads.

Discussion was held on the extension building. Realty Quest did a market value estimate on the property. The auction will be done in house. The auction will be held on April 4th at 2:40pm at the courthouse and possession may take place on or about June 1st. Payment will be due within 5 days with 10% down. Title insurance will be paid by the county.

Discussion was held on janitor position for the annex building. The commissioners would like to get a quote from the company that does the prosecutor's office.

Commissioner Lee Miller made the motion to approve the claims for March 7th as submitted. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

The quarterly jail inspection was completed.

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

Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk