

**FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 6, 2011**

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

**Also attended by:** Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Len Humphries, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli, Probation Administrator Darrin Burrell, Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, Public Works Director Marla Vik, 4-H Coordinator Dana Miller, IT Administrator Lisa Turner, Chief Deputy Clerk J'lene Cherry, and Ambulance Director Bob Foster

Commissioner Hurt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.  
Commissioner Hurt offered the prayer.  
Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh led the Pledge.

**Elected Officials & Department Heads**

Sheriff Len Humphries reported there are 17 inmates in county custody. There were some Ambulance calls at the Sand Dunes this weekend, same as last year. There was a couple who were lost and rescued last night. Some cattle were reported shot last week. There are no suspects at this time. Sheriff Humphries stated there have been reports of people looking in windows in the Salem area. A Neighborhood Watch Program has been started in the Salem area. Some gas was reported stolen, and some puppies came up missing. He will have some County employees returning from the Armed Service in the near Future. He stated some City Officers will return home this week from the Military.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli reported that the State of Idaho has Community Block Grants we can apply for. There are several different categories that would apply to us. The grant is \$8 million dollars. We had a golf project about a week and a half ago with JCC kids doing community service. He will be posting a couple of job openings for seasonal snowmobile groomers.

Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter reported that the Forest Service will have an open house this Thursday that he will attend. His crew is getting ready for winter. He has been working on troubled lines. The pressure lines will be worked on next.

Public Works Director Marla Vik reported the State Department of Lands closed the Meadow Creek Gravel Pit for slash. People are upset. Some like around the clock access. There has been a big problem with people taking more than just slash and dropping it off. It will be open with an attendant on site Wednesday mornings. Someone from the landfill resigned. The position has been filled. Ms. Vik stated she has a full time split shift available. This would be at the Landfill and Road and Bridge. Residents are concerned about the St. Anthony Landfill changing to a transfer station. She is hoping DEQ will allow them to put a temporary cover on the landfill with a final cover to be applied next summer.

Ambulance Director Bob Foster reported it was busy at the sand dunes over the weekend. They had four people transported by air. The amount of runs was about the same as last Labor Day. We are at 92.4% on collections for fiscal year. The next project will be the side of the building being fixed, and also a new addition on the St. Anthony Ambulance building. A new supply room will be added. Starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup> all instructors will need to recertify with I.S.U. in order to teach. It may take about 3 months to get all staff where they should be. There will be some training

challenges in the future. All EMS staff will have a chance to upgrade their skills. We have 55 EMT's at the moment.

Juvenile Probation Administrator Darrin Burrell stated today is the first day of school. This will make a difference in some areas. The state asked Mr. Burrell to attend a meeting in New Mexico to make a new protocol on dealing with Juveniles in the State of Idaho. Mr. Burrell stated juvenile sex offense crimes are on the rise. The new camera equipment will be installed soon for Juvenile Arraignments. There was a bust for spice and other synthetic drugs. They are still seeing those issues very strong in the community.

Chief Deputy Treasurer J'lene Cherry reported they are updating information to get ready for tax drive. They have been working with Dan Lostutter on this project to update sewer and landfill rolls. IT Administrator Lisa Turner reported she is also working with the Treasure's office preparing for tax drive.

4-H Coordinator Dana Miller reported the EISF has started. There has been Fremont County kids participate and place with their animals. There were about 600 kids who had projects to be displayed. Idaho Falls Wal-Mart donated \$250.00; Rexburg Wal-Mart also donated \$250.00. Ms. Miller has applied for another grant through Wal-Mart to try to receive another \$750.00. She would like to purchase some Lego Robotics for a new program next year.

Assessor Kathy Thompson reported things are going well in her office. She has been working with Stephen Loosli on cabin rentals and personal property. She has been receiving a lot of calls from people who own cabins. They will no longer be renting them out.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh has spoke with people in Island Park who are upset with neighbors. There have been complaints of kids driving ATVs on roads and making ruts. She has given residents a complaint form to fill out and maybe publish it in I.P Newspaper. She stated that there should be phone numbers posted to get in touch with homeowners on rental cabins to address these types of complaints. Ms. Lookabaugh stated there are a lot of seniors being victimized with credit card fraud. They receive phone calls from companies who ask for personal information. She wants elders and their children to be aware. She is working on proactive information to try to get the word out. Divorced couples have complained that they are being harassed with text messages from their former spouses. Regarding juvenile sex offenses, there have been a lot of reports. Some parents don't want to press charges on the juveniles that commit the crime. There has been a lot of drug use reported. She has seen people with deterioration of the brain from using spice. The drug can completely ruin the brain after very few uses. People need more education so this may be avoided. She is waiting for the decision from the Supreme Court on the Huckleberry Road closure case.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported that the Budget Hearing will be today. It is time for taxing districts to turn in L-2's. The 29<sup>th</sup> day of August was the first day to file for elections that will be held in November for cities, fire districts, and cemetery districts. The new FY starts October 1, 2011. October 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day to submit claims for 2011 budget. She gave report regarding the IRS Audit. There was a concern with employees taking county vehicles home who are not officers. Clerk Mace had to send in a lot of information regarding this. The other area was an issue with 2009 calendar year and 1099's. We need to be careful when bidding out projects. If someone provides a service more than \$600.00 they must fill out a W9 and be issued a 1099 form. She thinks we did quite well overall.

Commissioner Lee Miller thanked all department heads for their hard work and efficiency. He attended a meeting with the Public Board of Health and discussed septic tanks on properties for sale. He attended a Waste District meeting last week. Bonneville County decided not to participate in taking garbage to the plant. The board has down sized the plant and isn't sure if the

plant with be able to go forward. We are still working on this. He is leaving today to attend the national health district meeting this week. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard reported he has been working with the construction crew over at the Sheriff's Office. He has been working with Bob Foster on the EMS building. He is working on repairs of the Courthouse roof. The metal roof is leaking, and he would like to restore the original look of the roof.

Commissioner Skip Hurt reported he has been very busy. He has been meeting with people in the county, and has received good reports. He thanked those who helped with the picnic. He thought it turned out excellent.

### **Public Hearing on Fremont County Budget followed by Public Hearing on Fremont Ambulance District Budget**

Present were Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller and Jordon Stoddard.

Also in attendance were Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Sheriff Len Humphries, Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh, Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter, Planning & Building Administrator Stephen Loosli, 4-H Coordinator Dana Miller, IT Administrator Lisa Turner, Ambulance Director Bob Foster, Juvenile Probation Administrator Darin Burrell, Chief Deputy Treasurer J'Lene Cherry, and Public Works Director Marla Vik

Commissioner Hurt welcomed those in attendance

No public comment was offered

Commissioner Hurt closed the Hearing at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Fremont County Budget for FY2012 as Resolution 2011-23. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt opened the Budget Hearing for the Ambulance District.

Present were Commissioners Skip Hurt, Lee Miller and Jordon Stoddard

Also in attendance were Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez, Assessor Kathy Thompson, and Ambulance Director Bob Foster

There was no public comment.

Hearing was closed at 10:19 a.m.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the budget for FY2012 for the Fremont County Ambulance District as Resolution 2011-24. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. A full voice was heard with all Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller was then excused. He will be out of town to attend a Public Health Conference.

### **Public Works Director Marla Vik RE: Department Reports**

Road & Bridge:

Public Works Director Marla Vik stated the department has planned to order two Road Graders for 2012. Fleet Manager Justin Wickham presented the bids to the Commissioners. They discussed

the different options on graders. The low bid was a piggyback on Clark County. A 2 Wheel Drive Cat purchased from Western States Equipment would be \$257,131.51. To purchase an All Wheel Drive at Western States Equipment would cost \$ 280,941.00 each. The difference between the two Graters is \$24,000.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to purchase two 160M 2 wheel drive Road Graters from Western States Equipment at 257,131.51 each. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Public Works Director Marla Vik stated Jeff Silvers has some questions regarding the maintenance of Snow Creek Road. He would like the road to be plowed. A discussion was held about the agreement of where the county will be plowing. The County agreed to plow to the turnaround intersection (Southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 18).

Ms. Vik met with Pocatello Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the necessary clearance for the Stone Bridge Project.

Ms. Vik updated the commissioners on the Meadow Creek Gravel Pit. The big issue is that The Department of Lands is requiring us to put a fence up around the Gravel Pit that we lease.

Commissioner Hurt is concerned about the injuries the fence may cause this winter. That area is busy with snowmobiles.

Ms. Vik will purchase a new propane tank from Double H Gas for \$2400 at the Island Park Road & Bridge Shop.

Ms. Vik presented the release of funds to Mike Vickers on the Fish Creek Road. The agreement was for them to pay 40% of the cost of reconstruction of Fish Creek Road. He has prefunded the money to the county.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the release of road improvements. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

Sewer System:

There will be a public meeting on September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Island Park EMS Building on the spray field expansion.

Landfill:

Ms. Vik presented a quote from Clearwater Geosciences for more work on the landfill groundwater well network and tests for assessment monitoring \$3,920 and the other work with data logger will be \$3,092 and \$4,000 for a total of \$12,000. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the agreement between Fremont County and Clearwater Geosciences for \$12,000. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. . A full voice was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to amend the agenda for an executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(c). Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC67-2345(c) to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye" and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Hurt declared the meeting open at 11:24 a.m.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to purchase 39 acres of land from the Lenz Family Trust/Estate for \$205,000 with the contingency of the easement through Roy Stegelmeier's property.

Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion and the motion passes. A full voice was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

### **Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report**

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli has been meeting with Mr. Shaw of ITD regarding on and off entrances of Hwy 20. A discussion was held about the changes that could take place. In October there will be an open house with ITD to inform residents in Chester the only access to US Hwy 20 will be at the 800 North Intersection. Mr. Loosli had a golf project about a week and a half ago with JCC kids doing community service. Mr. Loosli has had civil complaints from property owners who have issues with neighbors building things that require a permit. He processed 230 permits for cabin rentals through the first season. Planning and Building will review Cabin Rental rules with owners. The Planning and Building Committee will have some vacancies this fall. Cindy Miller, John Nedrow, and John Harrington complete their second term. Also Steve Trafton, Sam Davis, Jim Gerber, and some other 1<sup>st</sup> term members will expire. He would like a functional committee, an odd number from 7-9. The number of committee members can be adjusted by resolution if the commissioners choose to make changes. Also Mr. Loosli stated he did not get the support he was hoping for from the Health Department of Sewer for inspections. A discussion was held regarding challenges and funding with the Health Department inspecting sewers at the time of sale to meet code. The county could find Authorized Licensed Qualified Inspectors, or just state as a county, that we have no support or cooperation from the Health District. The board will have to look at appendix W of the Development Code and decide if they want to repeal it. There will soon be a video posted on the county website of Johnny Sack Cabin. Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli will be posting the snow groomer seasonal positions available through Clerk Abbie Maces office.

### **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 1:02 p.m. Commissioner Jordon Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Jordon Stoddard voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Skip Hurt declared the meeting open at 1: 06 p.m.

Commissioners signed two new liens.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard made a motion to deny case #G2011-108 and case #M2011-30. Commissioner Skip Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

### **Quarterly Jail Inspection**

Commissioners performed the quarterly jail inspection.

### **Miscellaneous**

Commissioners reviewed the liquor licenses of  
Harold F. Lenz as Lenz Electric & Liquor  
R. Carl bates and Bonnie Bates as Timberline Golf  
Bradley C and Dion Smith as Grub Stake Mountain Market and Deli  
Idaho Dunes RV as Idaho Dunes Holdings LLC  
Roberta H. Goe as Go C Goe Teton Junction LLC

Valley Wide Co-Op Inc. as Valley Wide Travel Plaza  
Betty Stevens as Bottle Stop  
Betty Stevens as BJ's Corner  
Maverik Inc as Maverik Inc # 155  
Jesus Ramon Nunez as El Jaliciense # II

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the above listed liquor licenses. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-25 for the FY2011 Election for National Forest Service Related Safety-Net payments. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the liquor catering permit for Island Park Lodge. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hurt made the motion to approve the claims as submitted. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both Commissioners voting in favor.

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

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Skip Hurt, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Abbie Mace, Clerk