

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 201~~1~~2

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jeanie Chavez, Sheriff Len Humphries, and Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh

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

Sheriff Humphries offered the prayer and Clerk Mace led the pledge.

Elected Officials

Sheriff Len Humphries reported 13 inmates in custody, 2 being held in Madison County. A lot of slide offs in Island Park occurred over the weekend. No injuries, just vehicle damage. Winter Fest in Island Park was a big event over the weekend. There was a parade Friday night that had a large turnout. Sheriff Humphries stated snowmobile trails are groomed well, but stay on the trail.

Prosecuting Joette Lookabaugh reported her office quite busy right now. She is working on paper work for an emergency guardianship, and other issues.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported she was in Bonneville County all day Friday. She was interviewing candidates for 7th Judicial Court Assistance Officer. There were 26 attorneys apply. There will be another round of interviews take place. Legislature starts session today; she will be in Boise to attend and IAC Legislative Committee Meeting on Wednesday. Business is as usual in her office.

Commissioner Lee Miller reported BLM and Forest Service will meet tomorrow. He will attend a meeting in Idaho Falls regarding the Sage Grouse issue. East Idaho State Fair Board meeting is January 27th. He stated there is nothing new to report regarding the waste plant. County trucks were busy working on Sand Creek Road hauling gravel. High Country RC&D will meet this week.

Commissioner Jordon Stoddard reported there is an organized board that is working on the project of upgrading the Senior Center in Ashton. He stated the downstairs hall in the Courthouse is cold, and may have to install an electric heater. He has not started bids for this yet. The EMS building in Ashton had a leak and is now repaired. This may have been caused from shoveling off the roof. The front of Annex building is now repaired and water should not run down the face. Elevator signs are being posted at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Skip Hurt reported he is spending a lot of time on the phone regarding Tri County Probation, and the drug testing lab. There was a discussion regarding the lab staying open. Commissioner Hurt will attend a meeting on the 24th regarding the issue.

Ed Hess (766-6512) RE: Road Plowed (N 3850 E)

Mr. Hess introduced himself to commissioners and thanked them for allowing him to speak. He has been residing at 3850 E 700 N for about 9 months. Mr. Hess is requesting that Fremont County to plow the road he lives on. He has been able to maintain it so far this winter. He stated this road can get snowed in quite easily if the wind blows. Mr. Hess stated he works out of town most of the time and gets concerned about his family. There was a discussion with Marla Vik regarding the plowing criteria that needs met to maintain a road. One issue is this road could not be plowed with a sweep, it would require a grader. The condition of the road is not stable for County Plows. Steve and Phil Hawks also spoke regarding the road being plowed. Steve stated the county has plowed the main road twice so far this winter, but not the half a mile stretch Mr. Hess is requesting. Ms. Vik stated there a lot of public roads located in Island Park that are currently not being plowed. Ms. Vik will report back to Edward Hess with results regarding this issue.

Sheriff Len Humphries RE: Radio Communication

Sheriff Len Humphries thanked the commissioners for meeting with him. Sheriff Humphries is suggesting using a sole source for radio equipment. He stated he prefers not to change vendors. He is requesting to commissioners to use Teton Communications as the provider for the Radio Communication Project. Teton Communication is the provider of the 700 MHZ that the state currently uses. There are a couple of companies who could install the equipment such as Fairpoint Communication and Microwave Link. Mr. Humphries believes Teton Communications is a fair and a reliable company. Teton Communication is well established, and local if equipment needs to be repaired or modified. Sheriff Humphries stated Teton Communications really stands behind their work. Sheriff Humphries will present the contract at a later date. There was a review and discussion regarding being compliant with State Jail standards. There was a discussion held regarding a roof installed over the exercise area at the jail. They discussed PREA and meeting standards. Sheriff Humphries thanked his staff doing a great job at the jail with inmates.

Commissioner Miller made motion to go sole source and use Teton Communications for the radio equipment project which complies with Idaho State Statute 67:2808.

Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Planning & Zoning Committee Interviews RE: Executive Session IC 67-2345(a)

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to go into Executive Session by IC 67-2345 paragraph (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member of individual agent. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office; at 10:51 a.m. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Miller voting "Aye", Commissioner Stoddard voting "Aye", and Commissioner Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Hurt declared the meeting open at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Miller made motion to appoint Kim Ragotzkie, Tom Howell, and Lila Gold to be on the Fremont County Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Social Services – Debbie Adams RE: Executive Session IC 67-2345 (d)

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 1:04 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 Skip Hurt voting "Aye". Commissioner Hurt declared the meeting open at 1:10 p.m.

Planning and Building Administrator Stephen Loosli RE: Department Report

Administrator Stephen Loosli discussed FEAC with commissioners. Mr. Loosli presented a map of the county property by the Fun Farm Bridge to commissioners and proposed an easement agreement from Frank Vandersloot. This would be no cost to the county. Mr. Vandersloot would be doing this strictly as a courtesy. Fremont County would receive a 50 foot wide road from 700 north to the river located at Fun Farm Bridge. This would be easy access to the property Fremont County already owns. There was a discussion regarding a Challenge Grant available to us if he can find someone to match it 1:1. Fremont County qualifies for an Urban Waters Grant. This funds research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. Mr. Loosli is currently looking for grant to replace a couple of snowmobiles for Parks & Recreation. Mr. Loosli attended the Idaho Rural Partnership Meeting. He reported

there is an organized committee he would like to volunteer to serve on that committee for the Idaho Association of Counties. This organization offers programs for rural communities. There was a discussion held regarding groomed snowmobile trails in Island Park.

Carlos Aponte RE: Insurance Update

Carlos presented run out reports from Meritain Insurance to commissioners. There was a discussion regarding the run out costs of processed claims the end of FY2011. He presented a Pacific Source report to commissioners regarding prescription costs and the costs of claims submitted for October and November. He gave an update and reported things are going well with Pacific Source. He has received a few phone calls from employees with questions that were easy to resolve.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept and sign the agreement with 5 County Juvenile Detention and Badger Medical Services. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Safe Haven Mental Health Facility. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Prosecuting Attorney Joette Lookabaugh stated she would recommend using Safe Haven if we have a mental health patient that needs committed. This option would definitely be a savings to the county to utilize their services. There was a discussion about involuntary committed patients. They also discussed prices of Mental Health Facilities and the procedure to admit the patient.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for December 19, 2011. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

~~Commissioner Hurt made a motion to pay claims as submitted for January 9, 2012. Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. 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.

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Skip Hurt, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk