

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2005

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Donald Trupp, John Hess and Paul Romrell.

Also in attendance were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Clerk Abbie Mace, and Deputy Suzanne L. Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner reviewed the status on acquiring the ML Technology Building. Attorney Karl Lewies will review the contract and give the commissioners a recommendation on Wednesday of this week.

Attorney Karl Lewies stated that there is a possibility that the Rasmussen Cattle guard lawsuit against the county will be dismissed.

Commissioner Hess invited Island Park Sewer Supervisor Dan Lostutter to be in attendance to let Dan Lostutter know that Commissioner Hess would like the Sewer Advisory Board be more active in what goes on with the sewer. Dan Lostutter will contact the existing Sewer Board to see if they are interested. Dan Lostutter will notify commissioners on the 24th of October, whether the Advisory Board is even interested there has been some question as to whether or not the individuals that are currently on the advisory board would even be interested in serving. Dan Lostutter felt that there seemed to be a lot of disinterest, and if the current members were even willing to serve.

Dan Lostutter commented on the rising costs of the sewer and how it will impact the budget.

Dan Lostutter commented on the growing need to charge the users for the Bed & Breakfasts and Lodges. They discussed the impact this has on the Landfill, Sewer, and Zoning.

Commissioners will have to review the comp time issue. Clerk Abbie Mace and Attorney Karl Lewies will need to determine which department heads are eligible for comp-time and then report back to commissioners as soon as possible.

Commissioners discussed the request of a handyman at the fairgrounds. Commissioners will address this request in the FY 2007 budget.

Commissioners will review names to replace Pam Davis from the Fair Board, who has resigned verbally.

Commissioners discussed names of individuals to replace outgoing board members on the Planning & Zoning Board, so they will be able to attend a couple of meetings before their term starts. Commissioners would like Karen Lords to recommend four names for Planning & Zoning members as soon as possible, so that they can review the names, so that they can familiarize themselves with some of the issues.

Judge Keith Walker met with the commissioners and stated that there is some concern with the 5-County Detention Center and Tri-County Probation. Commissioners will address these concerns at the respective board meetings.

Weldon Reynolds talked with commissioners regarding the potential Railroad crossing access at the fair grounds. Weldon Reynolds has stated that he has not heard back from the Railroad, but will keep trying to make contact.

Commissioner Romrell has been contacted by Mr. John Dexter from Salem has a tree that may fall onto the county road, and would like to have Road and Bridge help take the tree down to insure safety. Weldon Reynolds will contact Mr. Dexter to schedule the removal of the tree.

Commissioners discussed with Karen Lords Planning & Zoning Administrator the Cost of Services Study. They contacted Jennifer Boyer and Randy Carpenter from the Sonoran Institute via phone conversation. Commissioner Romrell stated that he felt the study was very well done, but questioned why all State and Federal monies were excluded from the revenue side the Cost of Services Study. Commissioner Romrell would like to know why these monies were left out, and yet they were included in the expenses. Randy Carpenter stated that one way to handle this is to use a set back or fall back ratio. Commissioner Romrell stated that it can not be excluded. Mr. Carpenter stated that it is not accounting purposes, but to get a handle on the different revenues and costs associated within the county. This is an incomplete picture, but would be willing to help Mr. Hill with maybe using fall back ratios.

Commissioners feel that at this point it is no good to the County, until it has these monies added to the revenue side of the study. The Sonoran Institute will work with Mr. Hill and Karen to address this issue.

Clerk Mace talked to commissioners about election precincts. Commissioners decided to not make any changes this year.

Bonnie Moore asked to meet with commissioners to ask for remote access and temporarily working three days a week from her home for five weeks. There would be Felicia Perottie in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Thursday and Friday Bonnie Moore would be in the office for the public. Commissioner Hess made a motion to allow remote accessing and the permission to work from her home for five weeks due to a family Medical Emergency. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners would like to meet with our area legislators to discuss upcoming legislation during a working lunch on the week of November 1st to 4th.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11, 2005 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Hess seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell would like a letter sent to the Department of Lands clarifying their request to of the county to purchase easement on endowment lands.

Economic Development Specialist Lacy Ekberg sent commissioners an e-mail asking them to replace to Mayor Tom Jewel on the committee of six. Commissioners will review a few names and review this at a later date.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the following liquor license:

- Relay Station
- Imperial Club

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

Treasurer Patricia McCoy visited with commissioners regarding the leases at the Stud Mill to date there are 6 individuals using the facility.

Patricia McCoy has certified \$331.66 on three parcels for the Weed services that have not been collected on.

Patricia McCoy stated that there are attaching properties for non collected Landfill fees for the amount of \$1,083.53. Patricia McCoy suggested that cash or credit card should be the only way to take care of fees at the landfill. Commissioners will start sending all delinquent bills to a collection agency after three months. Commissioners are tired of the delinquent bills that are not being paid, and will become aggressive on the collections.

Commissioners received three bids for two new leased vehicles for the Sheriff's Department from the following:

St. Anthony Motors bid \$66,150.00 for two leased 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe's Taylor

Chevrolet bid \$67,000.00 for two leased 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe's

Monte Wight bid \$67,500.00 for two leased 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe's.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to lease two vehicles from St. Anthony Motors.

Commissioner Hess 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.

Donald Trupp, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

ATTEST: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk

