

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting
Minutes
October 29, 2007

Present for the meeting were Commissioners Paul Romrell, Don Trupp, and Skip Hurt.

Also present were, Deputy Assessor Bruce Hill, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Deputy Sheriff Dave Fausett, Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open. He stated Commissioner Trupp will be coming later this morning.

Commissioner Romrell offered the opening prayer.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Fausett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Fausett stated that there are currently 21 inmates in county custody. There are several things in the jail that need renovation and they will be working on that this week. He enjoyed the retreat and found it very helpful. He talked about fire safety within the Courthouse. This could be very expensive. The architect that was hired several years ago recommended that a separate building be built to store records in that would be attached to the courthouse. He recommended the commissioners phase in fire protection over several years to help defer costs.

Treasurer Patricia McCoy gave commissioners cancellations in the amount of \$106.94 for the month of September. She also stated there is a gentleman who owes back taxes for homeowner's exemption who will not be able to pay. Treasurer Patricia McCoy would like to put a lien on the property parcel #RPA0002003001B in order to be able to collect the taxes sometime in the future. This couple cannot make the current tax payments, and do not have the ability to pay for it, but this would insure payment of the taxes when the property is sold.

The retreat was discussed and the need to do it again and to invite all employees was discussed. Commissioner Hurt stated that there will be lots of changes and they will need to know that.

Deputy Assessor Bruce Hill reported that BTA (Board of Tax Appeal) was successful, and we are now waiting for the decisions from the State.

Clerk Abbie Mace reported that the budget and levy training class that she gave last week went well and lots of counties were in attendance. She reminded the commissioners of a meeting tonight in Ashton Growth Management Training by Will Herrington sponsored by the Idaho Department of Commerce. She stated ICRMP has hired Valuations Northwest to appraise all the county owned buildings that are worth more than \$250,000 in the next two days.

Clerk Mace stated the 5-County will need to address some interest issues that will be coming along. Commissioner Romrell and Clerk Mace will be working together on this issue and they will keep commissioners informed.

November 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. will be a Special Commissioners Work Meeting with the City of St. Anthony at the City Building to discuss County City issues.

Commissioner Hurt thought the retreat that was held in Island Park was very productive and would like to go over the thoughts and ideas that were presented in a special work meeting. He would like to have a retreat approximately every 6 months, and eventually have all employees attend. If they are going to do some things that the employees want they are going to have to possibly hire a Human Resource Officer.

November 7, 2007 Commissioners would like a Commissioners Special Work Meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss employee issues and ideas that were discussed at the retreat.

Commissioner Romrell attended the Grizzly Bear Meeting in Jackson and thought it was very helpful and informative. He felt that Fremont County had more media publicity than any other county pertaining to grizzly bears.

Commissioner Romrell will have another Cloud Seeding Meeting tomorrow and they will continue to generate more dollars.

Items to Discuss:

Commissioners discussed the holiday schedule. Commissioners discussed closing the Courthouse for ½ day the day before Thanksgiving and a ½ day the day before Christmas. There will be a person on call for any time sensitive documents or recordings and court filings that need to be done.

Commissioner Romrell read the following liquor license for Hungry Bear Market Inc. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the license for Hungry Bear Market Inc. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to release one Last Chance Sewer LID Lien and five Mack's Inn Sewer LID Liens. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented commissioners with the levy's that were certified by the state for the FY 2008 Budget.

Clerk Mace presented commissioners with a Human Resource agreement between the State of Idaho Department of Correction and Fremont County. This agreement would allow the county to use work camp inmates. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the Human Resource Agreement. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented a copy of the letter wrote by County Attorney Karl Lewies to the Idaho State Board of Tax Appeals on the Thomas Appeal. This was to inform commissioners that Mr. Thomas felt that he did not receive a date and time of the county Board of Equalization. Attorney Lewies letter indicated that Fremont County takes the position that the proper procedure to follow at this point is for Mr. Thomas's appeal to the State Board of Tax Appeals to be decided. That Fremont County will await a decision from the State Board of Tax Appeals.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the letter requesting a retraction to the Island Park News in reference of the Sewer re-write. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the letter responding to Mr. Val Winn's request for a road abandonment in Grand View Estates Subdivision. Mr. Winn was given a letter in reference to Idaho statutory procedures to vacate public roads. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with both commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace received a letter Idaho Association of Counties Public Lands Committee asking commissioners for a letter of support in requesting training from Department of Environmental Quality to establish training for county Solid Waste Personnel on safely hosting such an event and to allocate groundwater and pollution prevention funds for household hazardous waste transportation and disposal. Commissioners will have Public Works Director Marla Vik review this and report to them.

Mr. Housley sent commissioners a letter and commissioners will have Public Works Director Marla Vik review it and report.

Brad Amen, Jeff Harrigfeld, Joni Amen and Curtis Parkinson all submitted Applications for the Fremont County Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioners would like to schedule interviews for November 7, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Clerk Mace received a letter from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and is once again asking for \$1,000.00 donation. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to donate a \$1,000.00. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented a request from Tri-County Probation Board which approved the following budget opening and requesting Fremont County open the budget to make these changes: Increase the Utilities-Cell phone line from \$800 to \$2500 and move \$1750 from one salary line to another. She also presented a request from 5-County Detention Board will need change the attorney for the center from a contract to an employee with an annual wage of \$5000 and to change the part time therapist into a full time position with benefits which will be paid for by a grant for the state. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the opening of the budget for 5-County Detention and Tri-County

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

Commissioner Romrell asked for permission to sign loan papers for the truck renewal at Bank of Idaho. This will eliminate having to sign the papers annually. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to allow Commissioner Romrell to sign the loan papers. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace read the contract from Dr. Eric Strauss; she stated Attorney Lewies has reviewed the contract that would retain Dr. Strauss and Associates to assist the county with its land planning issues and training. Commissioners will review this at a later date.

Janice Stimpson would like to have permission to clean the carpet during the week of Thanksgiving in the Extension Office. Commissioners agreed this would be acceptable. She also presented the proposed job description of the Agricultural Agent and would like commissioners to look over this. She also presented the job description for a Consumer Sciences Educator in Fremont/Clark County. Commissioners agreed that these job descriptions would be acceptable. She asked for additional staff if the state approves these positions for hiring. The commissioners stated they would address that if we get the two new positions in the Extension program.

IT Administrator Lisa Turner came before the commissioners to discuss the cell phones plans available to the county. Commissioners will discuss this further. Commissioners would like Lisa Turner to have a cell phone policy. Lisa will look into this further and submit this for commissioners to review.

Juvenile Probation Officer Darin Burrell came before the commissioner to discuss bids for a new used vehicle for his department. The money to pay for this vehicle would come JAIBG grant in the amount of \$6,500 and the trade in amount would be between \$6,500.00- \$6,800.00 only leaving the county to fund about 1/3. He submitted the following bids:

Stone's bid \$12,695.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
St. Anthony Motors bid \$13,300.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
St. Anthony Motors bid \$13,100.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
St. Anthony Motors bid \$ 18,400 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
Taylor bid \$ 18,550.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
Taylor Bid \$18,495.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the purchase a Toyota Camry for \$13,100.00 from St. Anthony Motors. Commissioner Romrell seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Darin Burrell expressed to the commissioners he appreciated the retreat. He felt that is was beneficial for him and that he was happy to be here in Fremont County.

Public Works Director Marla Vik came before the commissioners to give department reports.

Road and Bridge:

Salem Bridge Project: The south side is paved. They will be paving the north side today and tomorrow and they are finishing up the approaches on Wednesday.

Commissioners discussed Mr. Wynn's letter on Grandview Lane. Commissioners signed this letter and it will be mailed to Mr. Wynn.

Russ Ader and Blair Jones have been working on an equipment list for Road & Bridge. It is anticipated that these items could be purchased in 2008. They will bring figures into the commissioners for requested purchases. Commissioners want some numbers to review before any decisions or purchases are made. Road & Bridge would like to purchase two road graders before winter. Clerk Abbie Mace suggested they wait until February to make these purchases for cash flow purposes. Marla Vik will see which lending institutions have the best interest rates and report back to the board.

Sewer System: Bryan Phinney of Keller Association is asking for a copy of the signed letter to the Island Park News clarifying items in the article pertaining to the Sewer ordinance.

Dan Lostutter and Marla Vik will be working to establish written easements for sewer lines that currently don't have them.

Landfill:

Marla Vik talked about doing away with most of the gate fees at the at the landfill. This would be designed to help residents. Marla Vik will look into resending the resolution.

Marla Vik gave commissioners some information on landfill revenues.

Parks and Recreation:

Preparations are going on to prepare for the winter season.

Marla Vik will be in Boise on October 30, 2007 to attend training on Road and Access Laws. She will also be attending the Annual conference of the Idaho Association of Highway Districts will be held in Boise on November 13- November 16, 2007.

Social Services Director Debbie Adams asked to meet with commissioners in executive session to review indigent claims. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session by Idaho Code 67-2345 paragraph (d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3, title 9, Idaho Code at 12:57 p.m. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Trupp voting I, Commissioner Romrell voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:07 p.m. Commissioners signed one new lien and one release of lien. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve case G#2008-07, deny case #M2008-01, and deny case # M2007-32. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioners reviewed the quarterly financial report presented by the Clerk and Treasurer.

Emergency Management Director Keith Richey came before the commissioners to discuss the federal requirements to change all our emergency communications equipment to 700 MHz. He stated we have received a grant of \$450,000.00 for radios. He stated Teton County has received a grant for \$700,000 for a new repeater that will benefit our county as well. This will be a state repeater and should be up and running in about four months. A master list has to be submitted to the state for approval to purchase before the money can be spent. Bonneville County will also be putting up repeaters and that will be a big help for Fremont County. We will be looking at new dispatch consoles and they are hoping that the old radios can be resold. They would like to have one console for 450 MHz and one console for the 700 MHz dispatch.

Commissioner Romrell asked if he had put together a projected cost to make the change. Keith stated that he had not done anything until he heard from the State that our plan has been approved. He will start working on this. There are grants available and they must have an 80% pass over to the county. We hope the prices on the repeaters eventually drop.

Keith Richey and Law Enforcement Officers gave all school teachers in District 215 training today in the schools.

Economic Development Coordinator Cathy Koon came before the commissioners to discuss the Fort Henry Historic Byway grant that was received. They need to have the money funded through a fiscal agent. Clerk Mace stated that there was no reason that they would not do this. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to run the money through the Counties Auditor Trust Account. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

The Free Clinic was discussed and it should be up and running before the first of the year.

Sharon Staeb came before the commissioners to ask for a recorded easement. They live in Wilford and would like to get an easement. Marla Vik will work with Sharon Staeb to look into this further.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to amend the minutes dated April 12, 2007. These should have been dated April 13, 2007 instead of April 12, 2007. Commissioner Trupp 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 meeting was adjourned.

Paul Romrell, Chairman
Fremont County Commission

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk