

Fremont County Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes  
October 9, 2007

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

Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Karl Lewies, Assessor Kathy Thompson, Treasurer Patricia McCoy, Sheriff Ralph Davis, Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley was present to take minutes.

Commissioner Trupp offered the opening prayer.

Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bagley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sheriff Ralph Davis** reported that he would like to purchase 12 cameras for the patrol cars along with a server from Advancing Surveillance Technology. The total cost would be \$56,741.52. This would be done with a piggy back bid from Wyoming State Police. He reported that due to an accident in Island Park Deputy K-9 Deacon is still reported missing. Officer Derek Boyle was taken to the hospital and later released.

**Assessor Kathy Thompson** reported that she has been working with Access Idaho and has some agreements that she would like to have commissioners sign, she will bring them back later today.

**Treasurer Patricia McCoy** gave commissioners cancellations in the amount of \$1,273.79 for the month of September. She stated that the monthly billing for the Island Park Sewer has been sent out and some folks have not been happy about the monthly billing.

**Clerk Abbie Mace** reported that today is the last day to get bills turned in if you want to have them paid from last year's budget. She reported that Computer Arts will be here on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October to close out the books for the year end. She reported on recording training in Pocatello, she took Deputy Recorder Claudette Miller, Suzanne Bagley, and Lori Beard.

**Attorney Karl Lewies** attended the Woodlands at Bills Island mediation and reported that nothing was settled. The homeowners have a filed an injunction. The developers must submit engineered plans to the court. As soon as that happens; the homeowners then have 48 hours to respond. This should happen before Friday of this week. He stated will send a draft answer to the City of St. Anthony regarding their lawsuit.

Commissioner Hurt had nothing to report.

Commissioner Trupp had nothing to report.

Commissioner Romrell had nothing to report.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session by Idaho Code 67-2345 (f) at 9:26 a.m. to consider and advise its legal representatives to pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation to discuss Smart Growth Lawsuit and letter received from Keller and Associates. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 10:15 a.m.

**Ashton Mayor Ted Stronks, Tom Howell, and Tom Hess** came before the commissioners to discuss the Hess Museum. Inventory will be taken of the items at the Museum.

Tom Hess reported that they have had several donations from farmers in the area, and would like to raise a half a million dollars to help off set some of the costs of relocating the museum and donating it to the county. Others have expressed interest in donating. Mr. Hess stated that they are working on fundraising.

Mr. Tom Howell stated they still want to acquire the building in Ashton. Mr. Howell stated that there have been lots of individuals that would also like to contribute.

Mr. Howell talked a little about a taxing district, and if this would be possible. Mr. Howell would also like to see St. Anthony, and Island Park included in this taxing district.

Mr. Hess stated that BYU-Idaho is very interested in the Museum collection, but the Hess family would like to see the Museum stay in Ashton as one collection.

Commissioner Romrell stated that there are a lot of questions, like maintenance, and stated he does not want this to be a burden to the taxpayers. The tax payers must also be committed and this would have to go before the voters.

Tom Howell asked commissioners if a half a million were raised could the possibility of a levy be done.

Commissioner Romrell said the voters would need to decide if this is something they want.

Economic Development Specialist Cathy Koon asked if a mail survey or phone survey would at all be possible.

Clerk Abbie Mace stated that she was waiting to hear from Idaho Association of Counties to see if a new taxing district could be formed.

Mayor Stronks stated the people of Ashton would like to like to see the Museum stay in Ashton.

Commissioners will discuss this at their work meeting next week.

**IT Administrator Lisa Turner** came before the commissioners to discuss contracts for Computer Arts, Inc. for software. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to sign the software and support license agreement for Computer Arts, Inc. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

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

Road & Bridge: Foreman Russ Ader and Marla Vik are meeting with ITD and Gale Lim later today to discuss issues about paving the Salem Road. The girders were set in place last week. It will take about six to eight weeks to pour the diaphragms and the deck.

Back in August Marla Vik brought up the issues of whether the County intends to remove the flashing light at 200 North on the Salem Highway and moving the power pole at the NE corner that didn't get moved when the rest of the utility poles were moved. Apparently, the power company had wanted to move it to the west side along with the other power poles they moved, but the property owner wanted to move it to the west side along with the other power poles they moved, but the property owner on the west refused to agree to grant the right of way needed to move the pole. Marla Vik asked Jerry Flatz from ITD if this could be included in the project. He stated unless the power company has a specific easement to be in the County right of way, they are required to move the utilities. Commissioners agreed to leave the light as is, and to require the power company to move their utility pole.

Sewer: Dan Lostutter received the following quotes on a new pickup for the sewer system crew:

- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$22,793.88 for a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$22,301.29 for a 2007 Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$23,411.29 for a 2007 Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$24,966.09 for a 2008 Silverado

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to allow the sewer crew to purchase a vehicle in the amount of \$22,793.88. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich** presented an agreement with Craig Johnson from the University of Utah for a consultant to put together a scenic beauty study for the rewrite of the Comp Plan. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the agreement. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

He presented commissioners the second Amended Final Plat for Twin Rivers Ranch Division #1. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the Amended Plat for Twin Rivers Ranch Division #1. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

He also presented commissioners the Final Plat for Conant Creek Estates. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Conant Creek. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) at 11:44 a.m., to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, to consider a Planning & Building personnel issue. Commissioner Hurt seconded them motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Romrell voting I, and Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 11:47 a.m.

**Social Services Director Debbie Adams** asked to meet with commissioners in executive session for indigent claims. Commissioner Romrell 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 Trupp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Romrell voting I, Commissioner Trupp voting I, Commissioner Hurt voting I. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 1:12 p.m. Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve case #G2007-108. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented commissioners with a request for nomination for ICRMP Board of Directors. Seth Beal was nominated for this position. Commissioner Romrell made a motion to nominate Seth Beal for this position. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Sheriff Ralph Davis** talked about ordering 12 cameras in the patrol cars. Sheriff Davis would also like to order a server for the total amount of \$56,638.26. The Idaho Department of Transportation will refund some of the amount received from grant monies for DUI stops during Labor Day weekend.

He presented the following four bids for a vehicle they would like to purchase to replace the vehicle damaged in accident this weekend:

- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$29,364.00 for a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$28,952.00 for a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$30,060.00 for a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado
- St. Anthony Motors bid: \$29,811.00 for a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle in the amount of \$ 29,811.00. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Assessor Kathy Thompson** presented commissioners with contracts for Access Idaho. This on-line service will be available starting November 1, 2007. Commissioner Hurt made a motion to sign the contract with Access Idaho. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

**Public Hearing  
October 9, 2007  
Proposed Fee Increase for Planning & Building**

Commissioner Romrell declared the hearing open.

Commissioner Romrell asked if the commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Romrell asked if this proposal would cover the costs in the next year.

Planning & Building Administrator Jeff Patlovich stated that if all goes well, his office would be self sustaining.

Commissioner Hurt asked how these fees compare with other counties.

Mr. Patlovich gave commissioners some examples and some comparisons. A lot of these fees will cover the travel costs. Also they are requiring more money from the developer up front for large scale development studies. They would like half up front from now on from the developer. Currently they are not collecting anything at this point.

Commissioner Romrell asked if Mr. Patlovich has something in writing to compare.

Mr. Patlovich did not have any information available at this time.

Commissioner Romrell stated that this would be helpful for someone to have some comparables.

Attorney Karl Lewies asked why such a larger fee increase for an appeal from the administrator to the Planning & Zoning Board that from the Planning & Zoning Board to the Board of County Commissioners. They both require a lot of work.

Mr. Patlovich stated that the appeal for the staff time is quite a bit. Mr. Patlovich stated that there are a lot of costs on the administrative level.

Commissioner Romrell asked how much it would cost for a transcript.

Clerk Abbie Mace stated that it costs about \$1200 more or less depending on how long the hearing is.

Commissioners reviewed the costs for appeals, and Commissioner Romrell would like to table the decision and have comparisons to look at.

Mr. Patlovich would like to just discuss the zoning fees.

Commissioner Romrell asked if anyone from the public wished to comment.

Pat Sturm of Ashton stated that the fees for appeals are a little too high. Ms. Sturm feels that the developers have unlimited funds, but individuals who own property next to the proposed development do not.

Pat Sturm stated that it could cost a little over \$1,000.00.

Commissioner Romrell stated that it is over a 50% increase.

Jeff Patlovich would like to add these now, and not wait for a month's revenue.

Commissioner Romrell asked how many appeals they had at this time.

Mr. Patlovich stated that we have been having about one a month since January.

Commissioner Romrell stated that today he would like to leave things the way they are.

Commissioner Trupp would like to see a little bit of adjusting.

Commissioner Romrell would like to see some comparisons.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the increase in fees. Resolution 2008-01 amends the fees for administration of the Fremont County Development Code, Repealing Resolution #2006-14 setting forth the fees of the administration of the Fremont County Development Code, setting forth the time that certain fees are due and payable, establishing an effective date hereof, as provided for in section III.F of the Fremont County Development Code. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Clerk Mace presented the commissioner with three bids for the purchase of a county car:

- St. Anthony Motors bid \$18,400.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
- Taylor Chevrolet bid \$18,575.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry
- Taylor Chevrolet bid \$ 18,600.00 for a 2007 Toyota Camry

Commissioner Hurt made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$18,400.00 from St. Anthony Motors. Commissioner Trupp seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard Commissioner Trupp made a motion to take \$10,000.00 out of the general fund and \$8,400.00 to be taken out of Emergency Reserves to pay for the car. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to approve the liquor license for Cougar Corner. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commissioner's Special Work Meeting held August 22, 2007, Commissioner's Meeting held September 10, 2007, and September 24, 2007. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Treasurer McCoy present the commissioner a request on parcel RP 00010000038A. This individual is requesting a discount for paying the Sewer operation and maintenance fee in full for amount for \$733.56, instead of paying this in monthly installment. Commissioners denied this request.

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

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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