

## FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2008

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

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace, Deputy Clerk Jody Flores, and Commissioner Elect LeRoy Miller

### **Executive Session IC 67-2345 (b) and (f)**

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (b) 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 at 9:05 a.m. 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 9:16 a.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated, but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement at 9:16 a.m. 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 Hurt seconded the motion. Commissioner Romrell declared the meeting open at 9:29 a.m.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to retain Moore, Smith, Buxton & Turke to represent Fremont County in the Rivers Edge Subdivision appeal; with the stipulation that legal fees will not exceed \$5000. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

### **IT Administrator Lisa Turner (Proposed Policies on Wireless Communication and Printer/Copy Machines)**

IT Administrator Lisa Turner and IT Technician Josh Warnke presented draft copies of the proposed policies for wireless communication and printer/copy machines. Discussion was held. It was felt that the IT Department should be the ones coordinating these contracts. This would ensure continuity. HR Director Cindy Skoy will review these documents to ensure that it is a procedure and not a policy.

### **Social Services Director Debbie Adams (Indigent Claims Executive Session IC 67-2345 (d))**

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC67-2345 (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 3 Title 9, Idaho Code at 9:55 a.m.. 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 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Trupp made a motion to approve case #G2009-21, approve case #G2009-23, approve case #G2009-24, and approve case #G2009-25. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all voting in favor.

### **East Idaho Public Health District Presentation**

Deputy Director Geri Rackow came before the board to thank Commissioner Trupp for his service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Health District and presented him with his picture.

She also gave a brief update on their department. They are proposing that the Fremont County Office be closed on Monday's beginning in January. This would be to accommodate some of the requirements for state holdbacks that were mandated by the governor. Clients would be able to call or go to the office in Rexburg to have any questions answered, or other needs met. Discussion was held.

**HR Director Cindy Skoy (Quarterly Report on Medical Insurance)**

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 10:32 a.m.. 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 11:25 a.m.

**Helena Menning (Removal of Burms at Stonegate on Huckleberry Loop)**

A Memorandum was read from Karl Lewies regarding the request for the removal of the berms on Huckleberry Loop. Commissioner Romrell questioned Ms. Menning as to what she would like the county to do today. Ms. Menning gave a brief overview as to what she would like from the county. She questioned the board as to what they could do in this matter. Discussion was held. The board would like her to obtain a declaratory statement from a judge in this matter, before the board makes a decision. Commissioner Hurt questioned if those involved would be willing to reach an agreement. Discussion was held. Commissioner Romrell stated that he feels that there are three options in which to deal with this matter. One would be to try to reach an agreement between all parties involved, two would be to wait another month until the new prosecutor is sworn in, and third would be to move it through the courts and have a judge make a decision. Commissioner Hurt stated that he would like to see the parties involved to use some sort of mediation and that the county would help in this matter wherever possible. They will come before the board on February 9<sup>th</sup> to revisit this issue with the commissioners.

**Discussion Items**

Assessor Kathy Thompson and HR Director Cindy Skoy came before the board to hold discussion regarding a part time position to split between the assessor's office and human resources. This decision was tabled until January.

Public Works Director Marla Vik presented the Commissioner's with a report providing overall ratings on the bridges in the county. Brief discussion was held.

Commissioner Romrell made a motion to sign the Annual Road and Bridge Financial Report. Commissioner Hurt seconded the motion. A full roll call vote was heard with all voting in favor.

Commissioners performed a jail inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Paul Romrell, Chairman  
Fremont County Commission

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Abbie Mace, Clerk